

CHRISTMAS A GOOD HOLIDAY! BE SURE TO USE IT SO

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COMMUNITY LOCALS

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The Community Prayer Service for Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, will be omitted.

Miss Pauline Brining, of Foxcroft, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Brining.

Merwyn C. Fuss and wife, who spent several days in New York, last week, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Nettie S. Angell has left to visit her sister, Mrs. Carrie V. Wagner, 52 N. E. 7th. Street Miami, Florida.

Basil Crapster, of Princeton, N. J., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crapster.

Miss Myrtle Morris and Miss Nell Hess, of Baltimore, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. Elmer Hess and family.

Mr. Harry Crouse, near town, had the misfortune to fall in the barn, last Friday and sprained his left ankle. He is confined to the house.

Richard Mehring of the Dental School, Baltimore, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mehring for his Christmas vacation.

Miss Gertrude Shriner, of Marjorie Webster School, Washington, D. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shriner.

There will be no Rural Delivery Service, next Monday. The office of The Carroll Record will also be closed for the day. Most other places of business will be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Bower and daughter, Miss Virginia, with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bower, are spending the Christmas holidays with Frederick Bower, at Miami, Florida.

Mr. Joseph Witherow, Fort Lupton, Col., and son, Joseph Witherow, Jr., of Catholic University, Washington, D. C., are spending the Christmas holidays at Mrs. J. W. Witherow's and other relatives.

Miss Maxine R. Hess, Westminster, entertained to dinner Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert N. Hess; Misses Isabelle Harman, Louise Myers, Idona Mehring, Virginia Teeter, Audrey Ohler, Ruth Sutcliffe.

Again, last week, we ran out of extra copies of The Record, partly due to the number spoiled in printing and folding, and partly to new subscribers. We try to avoid disappointing our weekly office patrons, but sometimes it can not be avoided.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy V. Putman, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Putman, Mrs. Maybelle Rice, left this Friday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Putman's sister and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Enfield and other friends in Burlington, N. C.

The Ladies' Aid of Taneytown U. B. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Joel Brooks, on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 P. M. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. There may be something extraordinary in store for the ones who are present.

The decorations of the town by the Chamber of Commerce are beautiful and more elaborate than last year—ten strings of bulbs added. The committee urges the citizens to help beautify the town at this season by decorating their homes, inside and out, with things befitting the Christmas spirit, thereby competing with and excelling nearby towns.

It is too much to expect that everybody should be fair, all of the time, because everybody does not know the many problems that confront the other fellow. For instance, the Editor of The Record is criticized for being "slow" in getting all of the local news. But, after all he is trying to publish a "Carroll" Record and can't fill all space with only Taneytown news. Two men's work, we think; and then, we have only one linotype. Try to be fair, please; we are doing our best.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HOLDS ELECTION.

Election of officers were held at the last meeting of the Senior C. E. Society of Grace Reformed Church, as follows: President, Margaret Shreeve; Vice-Pres., Edward Reid; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Alvin Study; Cor. Sec., Mary Study; Treas., Mrs. Carrie Beall; Jr. Supt., Rose Beall.

The society took up a collection for Christmas baskets for needy families. 3 baskets are being made up.

The Junior Society has been meeting one night a week for several weeks, at which time they repaired toys which were contributed and also made new ones. They had a wonderful display of 174 toys when they finished last week. They were contributed to the Children's Aid Society of Carroll County.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Will be Rendered in all of Taneytown Churches.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church services will begin with Christmas Carols by the choir preceding Midnight Mass, with Father Lane as celebrant. The sermon will be by Rev. J. Eugene Gallery, S. J.

At 9:00 A. M., Christmas morning low Mass will be celebrated, and the children will sing Christmas Hymns, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In Trinity Lutheran Church, on Christmas Eve, as follows: Prelude; Hymn No. 215. "It came upon the Midnight Clear;" Scripture and Prayer; "Welcome," by two Primary Children; "Away in the Manger" by three Primary Children; Primary Song; "Little Holly Berries" by Junior Group; "Around the Christmas Tree" by Juniors; "My Gift" by seven Juniors; Junior Song; Dialogue and Tableau, "The Christmas Rose"; Offertory.

Pageant, "If I Be Lifted Up"; Narrators, Doris Hess and Martin Zimmerman; Mary, Mrs. Alice Ecker; Joseph, Franklin Fair; Shepherds, David Erb, Everett Hess, Fred Garner; Three Kings, Henry Alexander, Daniel Naill, Thomas Albaugh; Chorus, Mary Louise Alexander, Dean Hess, Betty Erb, Ruth Hess, Betty Cashman.

Different Nations:—England, Hope Ashenfelter, Phyllis Hess; Germany, Helen Cashman, Catherine Crouse; Holland, Louella Sauble, Paul Sutcliffe; Bohemia, Betty Hess, Mary Catherine Linton; Austria, Margie Cashman, Mildred Carbaugh; Sweden, Vivian Shoemaker, Louise Hess-France, Mildred Ohler, Ruth Jean Ohler, Lois Ohler; Portugal, Glenn Smith, John Elliot, Mary Louise Alexander, Alice Cashman, Kathleen Sauble, Francis Sell; Italy, Dorothy Sell, Letitia Smith; Belgium, Dean Hess; America, Ray Fair, Phyllis Smith.

Hymn No. 210, "Joy to the World"; Benediction.

The annual Christmas of the Sunday School of Grace Reformed Church Taneytown, will be held in the auditorium on the evening of Christmas Day, at 7:30. The program will consist of special numbers by the choir and special groups, readings, recitations, exercises by the Primary Department, and the presentation of the beautiful pageant, "Watchers on the Hills." A special offering for the Hoffman Orphanage will be taken.

The annual Christmas Service, under the auspices of the Sunday School of Grace Reformed Church, at Keysville will take place on Sunday evening, December 24, at 7:30. The features of the program will be special musical numbers, recitations, readings, drills, pantomimes, and a pageant, "Kingly Gifts." The special offering will be for the Hoffman Orphanage.

The Christmas program of the Taneytown U. B. Church will be given on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1939, 7:30 P. M. The program consists of carols by the congregation, recitations by the children and a pageant by the older pupils. The name of the pageant is "Little Town of Bethlehem." The public is invited to this program.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Kiwanis Club, of Taneytown, held their first annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening at Sauble's Inn, at which time the Club was host to 25 children. Twenty of these children were from Taneytown and vicinity, and two from Union Bridge. The Club entertained these young guests to a fried chicken dinner. At the conclusion of the dinner, the children were entertained with carol singing and six reels of comedy movies.

The appearance of Santa Claus was eagerly awaited by all the children. Santa made his arrival, bearing several packs of gifts which were distributed among the boys and girls. Santa next presented a gift to Mrs. Wallace Yingling, who has served as pianist since the Club's organization to Mrs. George R. Sauble, for her hospitality to the Club, and also to the waitresses.

Guests other than the members' wives, present, were: Mrs. Walter A. Bower, Taneytown; Attorney Donald Sponseller, Westminster, the guest of Kiwanian Robert Smith, William Houck, Taneytown the guest of Kiwanian Thomas H. Legg, and visiting Kiwanian William J. Flohr of the Westminster Club.

The selection of these children to be entertained at this Christmas party was made through the cooperation of Mrs. Walter A. Bower, Chairman of Taneytown District of the Carroll County Children's Aid Society, and the Taneytown School. This party was one of approximately 2100 Christmas parties held throughout the United States and Canada by the Kiwanis Clubs.

OUR SALE REGISTER.

Those who will have public sale, this Spring, are urged to let us have the date of their sale for our Sale Register that will begin the first week in January. As yet, but few dates have been supplied to us.

The register is free to those who advertise their sale in The Record, or have posters printed.

"You get out of life what you put in, but it is something like a poor laundry—it is often frayed around the edges."

Christmas presents often return the most pleasure to the seller.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men
Throughout our land at Christmastide ring these words of the heavenly host. They soar from chapel belfry; they echo in hail-fellow shouts down Manhattan's canyons and across the deep water between ships at sea.
Country lane and crossroads set them to the music of tinkling sleigh bells or the whisper of tropical palms.
At last they pulse with every heart beat, for Christmas, after all, dwells within the breast.
Man is not too frail to keep this song surging through the year. Yet in his lesser moments, the Spirit of Christmas must seek shelter from ignoble thoughts and deeds.
But so long as the Spirit can gush forth again at this most sacred season, man has yet the courage and faith to hear the heavenly host.
We extend heartiest, most sincere Christmas greetings!

THREE KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

All Young People Living Near Taneytown.

An automobile accident occurred Monday morning at about 3:30, near the Harry Welty place on the Keymar and Taneytown highway, in which three young persons were killed, as follows: David E. Vaughn, of Harney, and Miss Olga Graham, living east of Taneytown, almost instantly, and Ray Edwin Kiser, Harney, died almost as soon as he was admitted to Frederick Hospital.

Miss Virgie Shry whose home is at the former Crabbs farm, had been an occupant of the auto, but left the party before the accident occurred.

Kiser was the owner and driver of the auto which was almost completely wrecked. Owing to the death of all of the occupants, and as there were no eye-witnesses, exact evidence in the case was difficult to secure.

Apparently, the auto was being driven at high speed, and due to a curve in the road the auto ran into the abutment of a concrete culvert, causing a complete wreck.

Carroll C. Hess, living nearby, took Kiser to the office of Dr. R. S. McVaugh, Taneytown, and the father, Estie Kiser, was notified and the young man was taken to Frederick Hospital. Later, the three bodies were taken to C. O. Fuss & Son, undertakers, and prepared for burial.

An officer of the State Police was summoned and conducted an investigation but did not consider an inquest necessary.

HEARING IN TANEYTOWN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

A hearing was held on Monday night before Trial Magistrate John Wood, in Westminster concerning an automobile accident in Taneytown, Nov. 25 in which 6-year-old Gerald Miller of Keymar, was killed. Dr. Carroll Dern, Taneytown, and Clifton Smith, of York, Pa., were the drivers who had been held following a preliminary hearing, each having been released on \$1,000 bail.

Twenty-five witnesses were heard by Magistrate Wood. Smith testified that he was driving through Taneytown and had swerved his auto to the left in order to try to avoid collision with Dern's auto, and may have pulled past the centre of the road. Dern was not called to testify.

Both Dern and Smith were again released under \$1,000 bond. Dern is accused of drunken and reckless driving, while Smith is under charge of not keeping to the right of the road. A further hearing will be held, perhaps before the session of the next grand jury scheduled for May.

The aunt of the little girl killed, Mrs. Charles Otto, Keymar, who was seriously injured in the smash-up is still under care at the hospital.

"A generation ago a boy would walk ten miles to see a girl. Nowadays if she don't come running when he honks the horn, he changes girls."

"A woman often makes a monkey out of a man, and I insist that sometimes it is an improvement."

DANGER OF CHRISTMAS TREES

And Warning Against Defective Electric Wiring.

State Insurance Commission John B. Gontrum, extends to the people of Maryland best wishes for "A Most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year", and expresses the hope that no disaster by fire will mar the happiness of the holiday season.

Mr. Gontrum issued a friendly warning to all the citizens of Maryland particularly to safeguard against fire from faulty Christmas tree electric wiring and from the dangers involved in electric toys.

"Christmas trees that remain in the house for a few days become very dry and inflammable," he said.

"Defective Christmas tree wiring often causes the whole tree to burst into flames, with resulting damage to property and danger to human life.

"Check up on your wiring carefully. It is better to pay a few cents for the more substantial type of Christmas tree decorations than to have your tree burn up. Also, be sure to see that toy trains are disconnected when not in use, and be sure to remove all inflammable matter from around the tracks. Having operated toy trains for years and decorated many trees, I have considerable first hand information on the subject.

"Let us have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year without the loss and tragedy that so often attend the holiday season."

WILL THE U. S. KEEP OUT OF WAR?

There are thousands who say so—and millions who want it so—but, can it be done, under all circumstances? Suppose the Panama Canal Zone, or approaches to it, are attacked? Then what?

Suppose Alaska should be invaded by Russia—then what? Should the Hawaiian Islands be made unsafe for U. S. vessels, then what? Suppose Cuba, or Virgin islands, are attacked Costa Rica or the Caribbean Sea, be mined and victimized by submarines, then what?

Should our merchant vessels plying their peace time missions, be the objects of German destruction, then what? Suppose Japan, or some other Nation, wants to take over the Philippines, would we fight or let the islands go, as good riddance?

If an attempt should be made by Nazi or Communist influence, to over-run South America would we actually fight out the Monroe Doctrine idea?

Our guess is that peace is a matter of future circumstances.

This country is full of foreign spies, and even these are dangerous to peace. Germany and Russia know as much about our affairs, as we do.

LET US DO IT NOW.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." The author of this fine resolution is said to be unknown; but it should be passed on.

TANEYTOWN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

To be Observed Friday Night and Saturday Afternoon.

The annual Christmas programs staged by the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, and supported by the business men of the town, will begin this Friday evening at 7:30 with a band concert in the High School building, and at 8 o'clock there will be a drawing of prizes, preceded by greetings from Merwyn C. Fuss, president of the C. C., to be followed by an address by Rev. Guy P. Bready. The prizes will consist of turkeys and numerous other gifts.

On Saturday afternoon, at the usual place—Middle Street adjoining Baltimore Street, the main celebration will be held. The program will be as follows: Invocation, Rev. Fr. Joseph Lane Greetings, M. C. Fuss, Pres. C. of C. Greetings, Mayor N. P. Shoemaker Christmas Carols, Junior Band Address, Rev. L. B. Hafer Appearance of Santa Claus Distribution of Gifts, to all Children under 12 years of age.

In case of unfavorable weather, this portion of the program will also be held in the High School auditorium.

The decorations of the town by the Chamber of Commerce are beautiful and more elaborate than last year—ten strings of bulbs added. The committee urges the citizens to help beautify the town at this season by decorating their homes, inside and out, with things befitting the Christmas spirit, thereby competing with and excelling nearby towns.

BRIEF NOTES ON THE EUROPEAN WAR.

The Graf Spee, the German battleship that was last Thursday driven into the Montevideo, Uruguay harbor off the east coast of South America, following a sea battle with British and French cruiser, was ordered by Uruguayan authorities to leave not later than Sunday evening by 8 o'clock.

The vessel was evidently seriously damaged, and as it had little chance of escaping the vessels waiting for it outside the harbor it is reported that on orders from Hitler it ran a few miles out to sea in comparatively shallow water, and voluntarily wrecked and left to sink, after the crew had left for shore in boats and barges, where they will remain until disposed of according to marine warfare in such cases.

At least three British cruisers and one French, remained outside awaiting battle. As the Graf Spee was purposely set on fire, followed by explosions, it is probable that the salvage will be practically worthless, but it will likely be moved as it is in the way of considerable traffic.

Another German battleship, said to be the third largest in the German navy, was scuttled by its crew off the U. S. Coast between Norfolk and New York. The U. S. cruiser Tuscaloosa doing patrol duty, picked up the crew of 579 survivors, and headed for New York.

The German ship, the Columbus, had been in the vicinity of Vera Cruz Mexico, when pursuit started by the British vessel.

The loss of these two of the largest German warships has aroused deep concern among German interests.

1039 officers and men from the Graf Spee will be sent to Argentina's inland provinces to be interned beyond possibility of escape.

The loss of two main German battleships does not necessarily prove that the British fighters are superior, or better manned, but it seems to be the fact that so far, British and Allies ships—mainly merchantmen—have been sunk by enemy submarines and mines.

Reports are that Finland is putting up a strong resistance to Russian forces, and that the women are equal in bravery to men, and doing the heaviest kind of work on fortifications, building hospitals showing desperate determination to save their country.

France and England are preparing to send fighting units to help the Finns, which raises the question of what Sweden and Norway, western neighbors to Finland, are doing in that direction?

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Walter E. Bollinger and Virgie N. Myers, Hanover, Pa.
Thomas A. Blair and Louise M. Brown, Taneytown, Md.
Robert C. Ingram and Bessie R. Behler, Littlestown, Pa.
William J. Kiefer and Rose E. Watkins, Catonsville, Md.
Tilghman J. Brandenburg and Margaret E. Scheel, Damascus, Md.
George S. Bare and K. Jean Harlow, Westminster, Md.
Lawrence M. Schaffer and Marian E. Fritz, Taneytown, Md.
Melvin R. Keener and Agnes Myers, York, Pa.
Thermon E. Gates and Helen G. Murphy, Rockville, Md.
Charles F. Ford, Jr. and Margaret J. Hahn, Mt. Airy, Md.
Robert F. Crabbs and Helena L. Wolfe, Westminster, Md.
Elmo S. Ruby and Mildred M. Basler, Hampstead, Md.
Chester M. Bowman and Anna C. J. Riebling, Hanover, Pa.
Gerard Peabody and Ruth J. Craze, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.
Carroll M. Dorn and Blanche M. Shaffer, Ruxton, Md.
Merton F. Duvall and Pearl M. Wetzell, Gaithersburg, Md.

RID THE HOME OF ACCIDENT RISKS.

Why not a New Year's resolution to rid the home of those accident-producing hazards?

The suggestion is offered by the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, which reminds us that last year the home came within an eyelash of equaling traffic as a producer of fatal accidents.

"We are accustomed to seasonal house cleanings, and even painting and renovating campaigns," the National Conservation Bureau points out in a safety bulletin. "Then why not an equally vigorous cleaning up of those conditions which cause falls, burns, cuts and other injuries, which always result in pain and sometimes in death.

"A better New Year's resolution, and one that is easy to keep, could not be made.

"Fires can be prevented by keeping candles away from the Christmas tree, placing the tree away from the fire-place or other source of flame, and by seeing that electrical wires and bulbs used to decorate the tree or the room are of approved type and in safe condition.

"Are floors slippery, the stair treads worn or cracked? Are there piles of rubbish in the backyard or basement? Are fireplaces protected sharp tools safely stored away? Are poisons kept locked beyond the reach of small children? Are there any loose sockets, frayed electrical wires or leaky gas appliances? Are cleaning fluids and matches used with due caution?

"These are a few of the items a safety-conscious householder will check if she wants to enter the New Year on a safer foundation in the home. Most home hazards can be removed at little or no expense; usually the only thing needed is a reasonable degree of resolution.

"Every family head should include in his or her list of New Year's resolutions one to let home accidents take a permanent holiday."

19th. PRAYER CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY.

This Union Service will be held in the Uniontown Church of God, Dec. 28, Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M. A record is kept each year of those present. The service is denominational, and has the co-operation of the local Churches. The program will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Mr. Ross Heltibrude and wife will sing. Also Betty and Dorothy Hoch will play and sing. A special letter from Dr. Fidelia Gilbert, Missionary of Bogra, India, will be read. Mr. Emory Ebaugh, a student of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, will read the Scripture lesson and offer Prayer.

Mr. Merwyn C. Fuss, Taneytown, will give the principal message.

Mr. Jesse P. Garner, the originator of this Union Prayer Circle, will be present and give a brief message, and give to those present a souvenir for the New Year. Mr. Clarence Staub and his pastor, Rev. Hoch will sing several duets.

Come to hear these fine messages of good cheer, on the last Thursday of the old year, and get the booklet to guide all the days of the New Year.

LIVE STOCK FEEDING SCHOOL.

The following program will be held January 3 and 4, at the office of Co. Agent L. C. Burns, for the benefit of county farmers.

January 3, 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 M. Introduction by County Agent. Dr. Kenneth L. Turk, Relation of good cows and home-grown Forage to successful Dairy Farming. John W. Magruder, Making and Curing Quality Hay.

1:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M., Dr. Kenneth L. Turk, "Using Home Grown Grains in Dairy Rations"; Dr. Kenneth L. Turk, "Methods and Guides in Feeding Individual Cows."

January 4, 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 M. Joseph M. Vial, "Feeding and Management of Farm Work Horses"; John W. Magruder, "Planting the Cropping System for the Maximum Production of Home Grown Feeds."

1:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M., Joseph M. Vial, "Beef Cattle Feeding"; John W. Magruder, "Improving Permanent Pastures."

Random Thoughts

THANK YOU!!!

Yes, we did receive a nice lot of Christmas Gift subscriptions! We did receive many renewals of subscription—some paying \$2.00.

We did have an extremely busy month for job printing—and a record-breaking calendar season. Best of all, perhaps, we received—chiefly by mail—numerous nice messages that we consider too personal to publish. So, "Thanks to you"—all.

Somehow Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day have always seemed to us much alike. If we have the spirit of the one, we have it of the other. And that's the real thing—not the mere days, but the spirit of them. Thankfulness and peace, without make-believe. P. B. E.

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All articles on this page are either original or properly credited. This has always been a fixed rule with this Office, and we suggest the adoption of it by our exchanges.

The publication in The Record of clipped editorials does not necessarily mean that such editorials are indorsed by The Record. In many instances they are published in order to show varying opinions on public topics.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1939.

NO CHRISTMAS IN MOST OF EUROPE.

Who can help but think of the kind of Christmas that will be held this year throughout the greater part of Europe? Even in the heavily armed and generally militant countries over there, it must be that there are hundreds of thousands of the common people who most earnestly wish that they were living peacefully.

We have no evidence of long standing, for instance, that the German people are by nature, warlike. We know but little of Russia, but we do know a great deal of Poland and Finland, and other smaller nations that are being subdued by force, to give up their freedom and self-government.

Under a democracy such as ours, if these people would be given the freedom of the ballot to determine their fate, there is but little doubt as to what the result would be—surely against totalitarianism and Hitlerization and Stanzlation.

We do not closely understand what Nazism, Communism and Socialism may be. These 'isms are reported to be growing in power in the United States. They at least represent the opposite of our Americanism.

If they represent in the slightest, the spirit of Christmas—"Peace on earth, Good will toward Men" we do not know it. Can we not therefore, say that Europe is Anti-Christ, and this being true there can be no Christmas, in Europe?

LOOKING BACKWARD—AND FORWARD.

We well remember the days of the 60's when but few daily papers were subscribed for in so-called "country" neighborhoods. Many of the smaller postoffices received mail service only two or three days in a week.

In Carroll County Republicans received the weekly Baltimore American and the Westminster American Sentinel, and Democrats received the Baltimore Weekly Sun and the Westminster Democratic Advocate.

These papers were in the handed-down class, father to son, as a regular habit, and as the natural thing to do. When families became separated by death or other causes, these papers "went west" with them. It was considered the only right thing to do.

Then along came the daily papers, and instead of two county papers there were mostly three or four more, as towns grew. The city weeklies lost circulation and the home paper more than made up the loss.

It was a sure thing that when young men and women went to Ohio, or to Iowa and Missouri, the home weekly went along. But, there is not so much of this now.

Perhaps this has come about not because of old weekly newspaper customs, but because the home-folks in general are less followed in their old habits. That the younger generation is more self-reliant; more for doing things in their own way—more "on with the new and off with the old" spirit.

Whatever it may be that caused it, the present day weeklies are putting up a fight for life, and benefiting local communities more than they—the communities know, and those having fair consideration and patronage, are going to prove their worth.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN IS IN ORDER.

Why not stop discussing the elephantine public debt of this country until after New Year's day? Why not temporarily forget all about the "third term," increasing taxation, the taking of "polls," and politics in general?

For two weeks at least, let us all be Christmas-minded in the good old-fashioned way, and adjourn all else but being plain serious-minded and Christian-minded.

Let us "take stock," as many merchants will be doing, and be totaling up the results to us during 1939, spiritually, morally and financially. There are many ways in which we can become better citizens, more neighborly, and clearer thinking.

We help to make the world about us, better or worse. And we need to wonder what our record for the year has been, and to make up our minds whether we will make a real "honest to goodness" effort to improve it.

Much can be accomplished in so short a time as two weeks, before starting into a new year. It may be that we have made enemies without just cause. As we help ourselves physically by sleeping at night, we may also bring about a degree of rest—bettered and renewed vigor and clear-minded conscience—by adjourning our habitual manner for a longer time.

And this is a good time, right now to act on the suggestion of a two-week's mental adjournment, except for strictly minding one's own business in a quiet way.

FIRST THINGS FIRST.

This is a pretty big country and is crowded with a lot of interests enough to tax all the time and energy of all those we select to do business for us, and to whom we have delegated the power to so act.

Personally we do not like Strikes and lock-outs. They savor of barbarism, are needless and useless to settle difficulties. Maybe there is enough of the raw devil in the employer class left to demand the check by labor of the right to strike, and again maybe there is not. So long as it remains necessary to permit strikes and lock-outs among individuals in industry, it is foolish to think that bigger issues between nations can be settled without wars.

So long as John Lewis and his C. I. O. can tie up business and put one hundred thousand men on the idle list, and merely for the purpose of gaining some leverage whereby he can compel labor that does not desire to do so, to pay dues into his treasury, so long will we have labor wars.

If the government—those elected to serve the people—had any guts they would tell Lewis and his like to "go to," and would proceed to straighten out the difficulties.

Strikes are not needed, and shouldn't be tolerated. Arbitration should be made compulsory in all disputes, and impartial arbiters should be selected to straighten out the kinks, meantime, the men concerned should be permitted to continue to work.

Millions would be saved to business and labor if such procedure prevailed. This one thing is certain: until people within a nation can so repress themselves that they can settle labor disputes without resolving to strikes, it is useless to think that nations with difficulty can settle their differences without wars. Wars after all are only big strikes, and strikes are but little wars. W. J. H.

FREE—AND SAFE, TOO.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Americans have good reason to put an added ring of sincerity in the familiar old Yuletide greeting this year. We have peace. Therefore, we are still a free people—free to go where we please, free to say what we please, free to manage our government through the representatives of our own free choice.

Of all the major nations in the world, we alone have these things. Let us not underestimate the grave domestic problems which confront us in increasing numbers, some of which in themselves will threaten our liberties if we fail to correct them. But so long as we remain free to think, speak and act as sovereign citizens, we will find the right way out of our home-made difficulties.

We shall retain our liberties and freedom so long as we rigidly follow the way of peace. In the year to come we will be tempted many times to tread the path of war. We will be told that it is our duty to save Europe, save Asia, save the whole world! But if we keep firmly in mind that our first duty is to save America, we will not be tempted by the invitations to war and the surrender of our most cherished rights—freedom and liberty.

We have war enough on the home front. Particularly at this season of the year let us remember the tragic and shameful accident casualty lists of street and highway and the home. Let us resolve, even as we turn our faces from the destructive fire of war to the constructive pledge of peace, that we shall make free America also safe—safe for those who walk and safe for those who ride.

So let the glad tidings ring out, let it be shouted over and over through the length and breadth of our land, and in the joyous Yule season let us pause to whisper a prayer that the blessings of freedom and peace which we cherish and shall preserve in

America, may yet become the heritage of all people everywhere.

Yes, a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous Happy New Year—and a safer America for all.—Clip Sheet.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas spirit walks abroad, mingling with the throng. The keen interest that we all feel, makes it appropriate at this time to explain the origin of Christmas. The December Grade Teacher Magazine, gives an interesting history of the origin of the Christmas celebration.

Augustus Caesar, Emperor of Rome decreed that every subject in his dominion should be enrolled, at the place of birth of the head of the family for the purpose of taxation. In pursuance of this decree, a carpenter named Joseph, with his wife, Mary, who lived at Nazareth in the province of Galilee, journeyed to his birthplace at Bethlehem, in Judea, the city of David, the greatest of Jewish kings. Joseph and Mary, although descendants of the royal family of David, were poor and humble. The village of Bethlehem was crowded. The Inn had more guests than it could accommodate, so the couple from Nazareth found shelter in a stable. This was doubtless one of the caves hollowed out of the soft limestone rock which is common in that vicinity, since such caves are still used in Palestine as stables for horses and camels.

Some months before, an angel had announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus. The time had arrived for the prophecy to come true and there, in the city of David, a son was born. Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes—linen bands such as eastern mothers still wind round and round the body of a little baby—and laid him in a manger.

That night, on the slope of a hill near Bethlehem, a group of shepherds were watching their flocks: "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Certain wise men, called Magi, saw a star in the east and followed it across the desert, over plains and hills. The wise men and the shepherds found the baby Jesus in the manger. The shepherds sang songs of praise and glory. The wise men opened their treasures, and gave Him rich presents, frankincense, gold, and myrrh. The star, the songs, and the gifts are perpetuated in our celebration of Christmas Day.

Although we celebrate Christmas on December 25th, in honor of the birth of the Christ Child, there is no evidence that this was actually His birthday since—on account of certain changes in the calendar and for other reasons—no one knows exactly when He was born.

Why, then do we celebrate Christmas at this time?

Because the winter solstice, which occurs about December 22nd, is one of the great turning points of the year. The days, which have been steadily growing shorter since mid-summer, now begin to lengthen again. Hence this season had been celebrated for thousands of years before the Christian era. Merry Christmas!—The Grade Teacher.

THERE'S A LESSON HERE.

The strike in the automobile industry which broke all endurance records and ended only recently is probably better off as quickly forgotten as possible. But a glance at the vital statistics first should at least be serviceable in proving the futility of trying to solve employer-employee problems on any other basis than mutuality of understanding and the free interchange of opinion—in other words, through the use of the conference table.

Here are the facts on the strike: It lasted 54 days, during which automobiles couldn't be turned out and men didn't work.

An estimated \$102,000,000 in sales went down the drain.

The union was granted wage increases totaling more than \$5,000,000 a year, but the estimated wage loss was around \$15,000,000 for the strike period. In other words, it will take the men three years to balance the books on this particular part of the problem.

And public opinion as reflected in the editorial columns of the country's newspapers has arrived at this judgment on the strike: that it could have been settled just as well, and in a

manner equally acceptable to the men who held the jobs, by arbitration before instead of after production had stalled for a month and a half in the midst of the automobile industry's most active season.—F. P. S.

Election of Directors

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of The Taneytown Garage Company that an election will be held for a Board of Directors at the office of the Company, Jan. 2, 1940, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 P. M.

D. J. HESSON, President.
12-22-2t

Election Notice

OF
St. Mary's Cemetery Association of
Carroll County, Incorporated.

The lot holders of St. Mary's Cemetery Association of Carroll County, Inc., are hereby notified that the regular Annual Meeting for the election of two Directors, to serve for four years on the board, will be held on Monday, January 1, 1940, at 2:00 o'clock, P. M., in the Lutheran Parish House, Silver Run, Md.

Yours truly,
HARRY N. GROFT,
Secretary-Treasurer.

12-15-2t

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Envelopes printed on back unless directed to print on face, in dark blue ink, using small gothic type or the newer type, Roman condensed—three lines of printing the same on paper and envelopes.

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The Carroll Record Co.

I. E. S.
Better Sight Lamps
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a present to take care of the future

I. E. S. BETTER SIGHT LAMPS will provide both young and old eyes with the same restful sight-saving light for years to come.

Look for THIS TAG—it assures BETTER LIGHT BETTER VALUE carried in wide variety of newest style lamps. See them at—

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We have everything you need to make that Xmas dinner a real treat.

Our **CANDY** is priced to suit all. Special Prices on Sunday School orders.

Also a full line of **FRUITS AND NUTS.**

Leave your order for **OYSTERS** early and avoid disappointment.

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PEACE ON EARTH.. GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN..

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YOURS FOR A MERRY XMAS

JOHN T. MILLER
On The Square
TANEYTOWN, MD.

Merry Christmas!

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate Christmas! Betsy was so tired that she could hardly stand. This counter in the middle of the aisle had become a nightmare to her. The crowds hurrying by, pulling the neckties off as their coats brushed against them, fingering them over and then tossing them back on the table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job, even a temporary one. For she had been without work for a long enough time so that she had "eaten" and all her possessions she could borrow money on.

No time to be standing here thinking, though. That fat woman looked as if she was going to buy several ties. "These are very nice, madam. And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece, or three for \$1.00. This is an exceptionally pretty one," and Betsy showed her a navy blue. But the fat woman dropped the ties and hastened away with her friend, leaving a pile of ties on the floor.

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There are, of course, spies and spies. Some are comparatively harmless, poorly paid individuals who do little more than translate what public documents they can get their hands on to justify their existence.

Some on the other hand are of the type loved so well on stage and screen—mysterious fellows with mysterious occupations.

The main difference between fiction and fact, however, is that the best spies don't look like spies. As one Swiss official once said "the dumber and more innocent they look the more reason there is to suspect that they're not only spies but good ones."

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The Swiss themselves are doing their best to make espionage tough for the spies. All their policemen have been turned into spy hunters. The federal police and the military counter-espionage service have been augmented.

Among them they're operating a spy-swatting machine that makes the spy's life in Switzerland not an easy one.

Espionage in general is a delicate subject in Switzerland. The Swiss are great patriots, and it's not much of an exaggeration to say that every Swiss citizen is automatically a member of the Swiss counter-espionage service.

It was Betsy's turn to look troubled. "Sure, I knew how it was. I don't chatter away with every customer this way, either. I'm like you new here, and lonesome for my own people. I was hating Christmas time, with so much confusion and no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at the women's wear counter, and went on with her tie selling. They seemed prettier, fresher and more attractive, than they had before the curly-headed fellow had come along to buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper, then she'd have to work until the store closed at nine. Christmas eve meant lots of last minute gifts to be bought in this big city. As she turned away from her counter to go out to eat, a friendly voice sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sandwich, do you mind if I go along and we learn something more about each other? Your friend told me you'd have just a little while for lunch, and I want to get acquainted, if you'll let me." It wasn't just a "pick-up." This was a homesick boy, wanting to talk with a small-town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesitation before Betsy said, with a grin, "Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch counter. You're no more lonely than I've been. As it is, I really feel like I can say 'Merry Christmas' when tomorrow comes."

Everybody on Hunt for Spies

European Countries Confine Use of Telephone to Nation's Language.

PARIS.—Language has assumed tremendous importance in Europe where everybody is on the lookout for spies—including the spies themselves.

In France you can speak nothing but French on the telephone. In Germany, it's nothing but German. In Switzerland, polite but firm operators frequently break in on telephone conversations between one Swiss city and another Swiss city to say "will you please speak the language of the country?"

That means a choice of four languages—French, German, Italian or the strange Romansch which belongs to the romantic language group and is spoken only in southeastern Switzerland. All four are national languages of the country.

People of foreign descent living in the various countries are having a terrible time, for the ever-present listening ear of the operator or the control board takes no chances.

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City-bred, he didn't know anything about farming. But he did know much about chicken raising. The reason he hadn't had time for diversion of any sort was that there was so much studying to be done. Also saving, that he might purchase that little place upstate on which his wife and he had had their eyes for so long. He had learned in another way also. He hadn't relished the "Greasy Spoon" food. But each day he had met there men who were in the poultry business. So he prospered from the start. And his wife and he agreed that the stars over their little place were far brighter than the lights of Broadway. Those acres were the goal they had set for themselves on their wedding day.

A year passed. They didn't owe a nickel. Their bank book showed a most comfortable balance. There was just one drawback. Doctors couldn't discover why he suffered so severely from asthma. Various pollen tests brought only negative results. He grew more and more ill. So ill that it seemed as if his breath would surely stop, and to get around at all he had to crawl on his hands and knees. Then the doctors sent him to a hospital.

When he came home, he wrote a letter to the office manager inquiring whether his old job was still open. The answer told him he was welcome back at increased pay. Nevertheless, as he read the news, he sighed. He really loved that little place and the freedom that went with it. But it had been found that he was allergic to chicken feathers. (Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Logger Forgets Himself
MARYSVILLE, CALIF.—A display of step-ins was too much for a husky logger, waiting here for the logging season to open. He entered the store where the display was, appropriated two steps without the formality of paying for them, started to step out of the door when the police stepped in and took charge.

Old Coin of India Found in Rhodesia
SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—A bronze coin, 1,800 years old, which originated in northwest India, has been found by a native of southern Rhodesia.

How it got to Rhodesia is a mystery. The coin was identified by British museum authorities as belonging to the Kushan dynasty of northwest India. One side of the coin shows the image of Kushan, ruler of Havisika, who flourished about 150 A. D.

The coin was bought by a passing motorist from an aged native. So far as is known there are no Indians in the district who could have brought the coin in recent years.

WELL, WELL!

Absolutely desperate, Jones went to see his doctor. "Doctor," he said, "I simply don't know what to do. I can't get any sleep."

"What's the trouble?" asked the doctor briskly. "Snoring," said Jones. "I snore so loudly that I even wake myself."

The doctor suspected a leg-pull. "There is only one thing to be done," he replied. "Change your room so that you will not hear yourself."—London Answers magazine.

Fireman Plays as Own House Burns

PARIS.—A fireman playing cards with some friends at Ville d'Avray, near Paris, was so absorbed in the game that he failed to hear the wailing of the alarm siren. It was only when he returned home in the evening that he discovered there had been a fire. His house had been burned.

Elephant Stuck on Stage; Show Stuck

Dancing Pachyderm Dances Herself Into Hole.

CINCINNATI.—Myrtle, a 5,500-pound dancing elephant, had an unforgettable memory packed away in her cranium—an embarrassing memory of 24 hours spent at the bottom of a hole in a theater stage, of coaxings, pleadings and finally her "rescue" with fire hose.

The pachyderm actress broke through the stage at the Shubert theater and found herself at the bottom of a 12-foot pit.

Advice on how to extricate Myrtle came from all quarters, and her trainers and the theater management worked desperately throughout the night and day without success.

Bread slices—the delight of her appetite—and carrots and parsnips were offered the animal performer to coax her up an improvised runway.

But Myrtle, still the actress, was temperamental. She stubbornly refused the tidbits. A curtain was dropped between the hole and the auditorium to no avail.

Adelaide Nelson, Myrtle's trainer, realized that the elephant's feelings were hurt.

"My poor baby," Miss Nelson cooed in Myrtle's ear. "My poor baby. Now, darling, let's get out of here. Up, Myrtle. Up, Myrtle."

But Myrtle just wouldn't go up the runway. Jenny, another elephant in the act, was pressed into service to give moral assistance, but uselessly. Miss Nelson said Myrtle had lost confidence. She wanted to let Myrtle stay in the pit until she got her confidence back.

Henry Sommers, theater manager, tried for hours to convince Myrtle that she should come out, and then he went home to get some sleep.

Desperately, her trainers gave up and turned the matter over to the Cincinnati fire department. The fire fighters at first planned to use a block and tackle but gave it up as too big a job.

They used fire hose and, where delicacies had failed, Myrtle yielded. She came up the runway.

Your call makes it a perfect Christmas



LONG DISTANCE RATES ARE REDUCED FOR CHRISTMAS

The reduced night and Sunday rates for Long Distance calls in the United States and Canada* are in effect between 7 p.m. Saturday, December 23, and 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 26.

The sound of your voice would be a pleasant surprise and welcome gift to some one this Christmas.

*These rates also apply on calls to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico.

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WM. B. HOPKINS, Manager.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of LAVINA S. F. FRINGER, late of Carroll County, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 22nd day of June, next; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 20th day of November, 1939.
NELLIE I. BROWN, Administratrix of the estate of Lavina S. F. Fringer, deceased.
11-24-39

NOTICE Stockholders' Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Taneytown Savings Bank for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said Bank on the last Tuesday of December, being the 26th., 1939, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, P. M.
CLYDE L. HESSON, Secretary.
12-8-39

TRY THE DRUG STORE FIRST

McKinney's Pharmacy TANEYTOWN, MD.

When doing your Holiday Shopping remember we have an attractive assortment to please you.

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are very handsome.

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always acceptable by the ladies. We have a specially fine assortment of candy. We have a large assortment of beautiful

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Make this a Merry Christmas by giving

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TANEYTOWN, MD.

MEDFORD PRICES

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Store Closed Christmas and New Year's

Oranges Box \$1.69

Oranges, peck 33c
Dressed Ducks, lb 25c
Dressed Chickens, lb 29c

3 lbs. Mince Meat for 25c

4 lbs Raisins for 25c

5 lbs. Macaroni for 25c

Liquid Meat Smoke, pt bot 19c

135 Clay Pighons 98c

Pic-Nic Hams, 100 lb 14c
Ground Tobacco 10 lb bag \$1.39

Cow Chains, each 29c

Defroster Fans, each \$1.39

Glass Cloth for Windows, ft 7c

Wood Stoves, each 98c

Linseed Meal, bag \$2.20

House Paint, gal. 69c

Electric Bulbs, each 5c
Corned Beef, lb 20c

Kerosene 6c gallon

Gasoline, Gallon 8c

Front Quarter Beef, lb. 12c

Hind Quarter Beef, lb 16c
Stove Pipe, Joint 15c

Dressed Geese, lb. 29c

25 lb Box Raisins \$1.39

3 lbs Coffee 25c

2 lbs. Ground Beef 25c

135 Clay Pigeons for \$1.22

1 gal. Stone Jars 12c

6 lbs Beans for 25c

7 lbs Buckwheat Meal for 25c

2 bars Palm Olive Soap 72c (deal)

188-proof Alcohol, gal (bulk) 35c

188-proof Alcohol gal (can) 39c

188-proof Alcohol, 5 gal can \$1.90

Tanco Anti-Freeze, gal can 59c

Prestone and Zerone for sale

10 lb Bag Corn Meal 19c

28-Gauge Galvanized Roofing \$3.90 square

Peppermint Lozenges, lb 12½c

5c pkg Steel Wool reduced to 1c

50 lb Salt Blocks, each 49c

Gun Shells, box 59c

Porch and Floor Enamel, gal \$1.25

Butter Paper, lb 15c

Wall Paper, roll 5c

Boys' Overcoats, only \$1.98

25 lb Bag Fine Salt for 33c

50 lb. bag Fine Salt 59c

100-lb Bag Coarse Salt 79c

Men's Cord Pants \$1.98

Lard, lb. 7½c

Child's Handkerchiefs, each 1c

Norwood Coffee, pound 22c

Bed Mattresses, \$3.98 each

3 lbs. Pure Pepper for 25c

3 Cans Babbitt's Lye for 25c

Rain Spout, per foot 6c

RUGS

6x9 Rugs \$1.60

9x12 Rugs \$2.98

Tea, 19c lb

House Paint, gallon 79c

5-gal Can Roof Paint 69c

50 lb Lard Cans 29c

Feed Oats, bu. 45c

100 lb Bag Oyster Shell 49c

100 lb Bag Bran \$1.40

100 lb Dairy Feed \$1.35

100 lb Molasses Feed 98c

100 lb Cottonseed Meal \$1.90

100 lb. Laying Mash \$2.00

100 lb Growing Mash \$2.25

100 lb Scratch Feed \$1.85 bag

100 lb. bag Grit 69c

100 lb Bag Meat Scrap \$2.50

100 lb Bag Brewers Grains \$1.60

100 lb Bag Hog Tankage \$3.30

100 lb Bag Linseed Meal \$2.20

100 lb Bag Rolled Oats \$2.50

100 lb Bag Cracked Corn \$1.30

100 lb Bag Peanut Meal \$1.90

100 lb Bag Soy Bean Meal \$2.00

100 lb Bag Middlings \$1.25

100 lb Bag Pig & Hog Meal \$1.75

The Medford Grocery Co.
J. DAVID BAILE, President
Medford, Maryland

Signs of Christmas



It's Christmas the year around where these pictures were taken: Christmas, Fla.; Bethlehem, Pa.; Nazareth, Pa., and Santa Claus, Ind. Each year thousands of Christmas cards are forwarded to postoffices at these communities for stamp cancellation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Latest Items of Local News Furnished By Our Regular Staff of Writers

We desire correspondence to reach our office on Thursday, if at all possible. It will be necessary therefore, for most letters to be mailed on Wednesday, or by Fast Mail, west on W. M. R. K., Thursday morning. Letters mailed on Thursday evening may not reach us in time.

All communications for this department must be signed by the author, not for publication, but as an evidence that the items contributed are legitimate and correct. Items based on mere rumor, or such as are likely to give offense, are not wanted.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We extend to all, our sincere greetings, of the season, and our grateful thanks for your helpfulness. We like to think of you as members of a family, working together, each for his or her community, through The Carroll Record.

If you have ideas for the benefit of both, let us have them. We are always ready for constructive suggestions in order that we may render better service. We wish you all possible happiness—and good luck.

THE EDITOR.

UNIONTOWN.

On Saturday evening, December 16 Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Speicher entertained some friends in honor of Mr. Speicher's birthday and also their wedding anniversary. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Spoerlein, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Englar, of New Windsor, and Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Speicher, Westminster.

The Mite Society of the Church of God met at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with reading of the Scripture by Mrs. J. H. Hoch. Prayer was offered by Miss Emma Garner. An interesting letter from Dr. Eva Fidelia Gilbert, medical missionary was read by Mrs. Nora Gilbert. The members adjourned to meet with Mrs. Gilbert in January.

Mrs. Harry H. Haines and daughter Miss Doris Haines, spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. Norman Otto and son, Eugene Otto, Chevy Chase, D. C., called on friends in town on Saturday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Singer and son, Jimmie, Union Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eury, daughter, Joan, Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lindsay, Washington, D. C.; William Selby and family, Sparrow's Point, and Miss Charlotte Crumbacker, Clear Ridge.

Mrs. B. L. Cookson was hostess to the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon. Luncheon was served to 20 members and guests.

Mrs. Emory Stoner spent the past week with relatives in Thurmont, Frederick and at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Burns Heltbridge spent from Sunday until Thursday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Terry are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Terry's parents at Springfield, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stuller, Taneytown and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haines spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank, Halethorpe, Md.

Mrs. W. G. Segafosse, Mrs. Samuel Myers, Miss Mary Segafosse, Bobby, Elwood and Dickie Myers, spent Tuesday in Baltimore.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Heltbridge were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haines and daughter, Elaine, Littlestown; Ray Owings, Westminster.

Miss Grace Breneman spent the week-end with her home folks in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. David Newcomer, of Washingtonboro, Pa., were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. H. Hoch and family, Tuesday.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HARNEY.

This village and community was shocked on Monday morning to hear of the tragedy of an auto accident in which two of our young men lost their lives. Ray Kiser and David Vaughn the latter had lived with his grand-mother, Mrs. Amos Wantz since a child. Ray with his father, Estie Kiser. Another warning of the uncertainty of life.

Luella Stambaugh and Betty Basehor, Littlestown, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stambaugh. Mr. and Mrs. H. Walters and daughter, Marie, Biglerville, visited in this home Sunday.

Catherine Hess and Dora W. Withrow, visited Monday with the Rev. L. A. Bush and wife, Boiling Springs Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gruber and Mrs. Aurelia Kane, Baltimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wolf last Sabbath.

Miss Virginia Myers Gettysburg, visited her uncle, Harry Myers last Sabbath also visited Ruth Snider and brother Samuel. Other visitors at the Snider home through the week were, Mrs. Elizabeth Snider, Gettysburg; Mrs. Carl Baumgardner and daughter, Susan, Littlestown; Mrs. Leonard Kalbfleisch, Mrs. Ella Menchey, Wm. Jenstrup, Baltimore.

The community Christmas tree was placed this year near the residence of Atwood Hess, near the square, and the children will be treated on Friday evening, Dec. 22. A program in the hall, arranged and sponsored by the A. O. K. of M. C. Lodge.

The U. B. Christmas program on Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. A. W. Garvin, pastor.

The Mt. Joy Christmas program Sunday evening at 7:30. The St. Paul's Christmas program Monday evening. Rev. Paul Beard, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welty and daughter, Catharine visited Mrs. W's mother, Mrs. Stambaugh at the Hospital, on Tuesday evening.

FEESERSBURG.

Such bright, warm days for the week before Christmas! Don't see how Santa's reindeers can travel this kind of weather, so he may have to travel by airplane this year—and there'll be no jingle bells.

Mrs. Cleon Wolfe spent last Friday in Baltimore where three of her near relatives live are in Hospitals; her sister Dallis—Mrs. Clarence Blacksten; and her nephew—Melvin Utermahien at the Md. General; and her brother Charles Utermahien—who was operated on that morning for an ulcerated stomach, at Md. University and continues ill; but on Sunday all were brighter and showed signs of improvement—including our friend, Harry Spurrier.

Mrs. Lulu Hooper Grider has been on the sick list the past week and not well yet. The Doctor says she needs rest, and we all agree with his verdict.

Miss Catherine Rose Merkel, sister of mother Roelke (deceased), who lived with the Roelke family at Mt. Union many years, suffered a sudden seizure last Friday at the home of her niece and nephews on the original Rinehart farm beyond Union Bridge, and continues very ill.

We are alarmed at the many auto accidents around us. Wilbur Miller, Sr., was considerably injured about head and face early last Thursday A. M., when his car ran afoul evidently striking a tree with some force. His Doctor is trying to correct the results.

There was a good attendance at S. S. and C. E. at Mt. Union on Sunday morning. All are anticipating the Christmas Service this Friday evening, and the week will be full of rehearsals. The class of Smiling Sunbeams met at the Parish House Wednesday evening.

Despite the rain of last Wednesday, with Frank Snyder driving L. K. Birely and sisters attended the last service for their cousin, Clifton Sauerhammer at splendid Funeral Home of J. W. Little in Littlestown. Many relatives and friends were present from near and far and the floral tributes numerous and most beautiful.

Rev. D. S. Kammerer, assisted by Rev. Godsey, of Baltimore, officiated, speaking from John 15:1-6 on "A place prepared for you." Members of Patmos Lodge of Order of Masons served as pallbearers, and conducted burial service at the grave. Mr. Sauerhammer was over 81 years of age and leaves two sons and two daughters.

A number of citizens attended the Christmas Service in the M. P. Church at Union Bridge, on Sunday evening where the Mr. Grider children were on the program—a Pageant of the first Christmas night—which was well done and a full house to enjoy it. There was the singing of Carols, a decorated tree, and many lighted candles.

G. Bucher John had a great week at the Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago, which celebrated its 20th anniversary and thousands enjoyed the banquet. Many tables each with a lovely cake and candles in the center, and for the officials a huge master cake on their table. The live stock show was on at the same time and it was always wonderful a strange coincidence was that Mr. John found his room mate at the Hotel to be the same man he had roomed with at the World's Fair in Chicago some years ago.

Mrs. C. S. Wolfe was with her brother, Stanley Gilbert's family, at Bethel Heights last Wednesday to assist with butchering work.

Miss Charlotte Bohn received an unusual gift on her birthday Dec. 13, when their neighbor, Millard Roelke gave her a young calf. Now we don't know whether it was wrapped in red or green paper, bound with a gold or silver cord but we consider it a growing gift.

Frank Snyder is placing a new shingle roof on the north porch at the Birely home. The painter is progressing with the buildings as the weather permits.

Warning to Men! Be careful which tube you pick up when in a hurry. One of our young men grabbed the tooth paste, wondered why it didn't lather freely, and realized the result of a drawn and burning face. Haste not only makes waste but sometimes makes discomfort.

Such a lot of shopping to do! Some of our neighbors went to Frederick on Saturday, others to Westminster, and more to our home town. We heard of one who supplied her needs in Baltimore, say she could get the same articles in Union Bridge for less money. We learn so slowly.

The mail carriers are busy travelers now-a-days, and bring many fine cards of greeting from friends, as well as bearing a carload of larger packages. Only a line with a winter scene, but 'tis nice to be remembered, and gives one a thrill of joy and gratitude.

Are you ready for a Merry Christmas? That lies mostly within ourselves—not in the number of gifts received, not in the fine food we devour, nor even our good friends. To many hearts this will be a sad one, but it should be bring Peace, Good Will, and Hope to all; and this is our wish for everyone—A Blessed Christmas.

FRIZELLBURG.

This is the last issue before Christmas so I extend to the Editor and his staff and all its readers my sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year. May the yuletide spirit not depart from us with the passing of the day but may it remain with us and abide in through the entire year and always. We could not think of that holy season without bringing the children into the picture. Christmas is the festival of a child, Mary's child, her's alone. For in this child God became incarnate and revealed Himself to men as the God of their salvation. The miracle of Christmas is not hard to believe in, if you believe in Christ. For His being in the world, living as He did, was infinitely more miraculous than His coming into it. To accept any part of his life means to accept it all. We shall not celebrate it as we ought to if we do no more than think of having a good time. There is one thing sure and that is, we cannot properly celebrate Christmas unless

we seek to make some one else happy. This happiness it seems to me should start in the home. If Jesus taught us one thing, it is that we enjoy our blessings most when we share them with others. Let us see to it that Christ is put into Christmas. Much of the good time so many people have is not related to Jesus at all. We ought to tie up our pleasures and our interests around the Christmas season in the person of our Saviour.

Sabbath School will be conducted here next Sunday at 10:00 A. M. The annual treat will be distributed then. The Christmas pageant will be rendered on Wednesday night, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Elizabeth Frazier, Cincinnati, Ohio, called on friends here one day this week. While here she attended the funeral of her brother, Austin Yingling.

HOOPER'S DELIGHT.

Christmas only a few days off and the weather is really spring-like with a little chilly breeze once in a while. Many dandelions are still in bloom.

Sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. Thomas Cook and Olin Franklin. Wish them a speedy recovery.

A number of folks from here attended the P. B. Roop's sale on Tuesday.

Miss Hilda Jenkins returned to her home after spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, of Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Kester Myers called on Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Farver on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stultz and son Junior; Misses Reba Garver and Grace Blacksten, spent Friday night Christmas shopping in Hanover.

Harry Jr. and Fred Farver, spent Sunday with Harman and Donald West.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Charles Graham. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Truman Poole called on H. O. Farver and family, Monday evening. Wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the staff and its readers.

FATAL DEPRAVITY.

Here's a poetic spiel, more or less full of barbs, that came from the wilds of Iowa, that is more or less applicable in numerous parts of the East.—Ed.

"The lowest form of human life, Is not the man who beats his wife, It's not the one who slaps his child, Or drinks his whiskey, strong or mild.

It's not the one who leaves his home With other, fairer women roam. Nor even he who wrecks his Ford, By passing signs, made on a board. It's not the one who slaps your back, Says "Give me ten, I'll pay it back."

But just offhand, we'd dare to say, It's he who CAN but WILL not pay. Be it for groceries, coal or rent, Or money borrowed, long since spent For dentist's bills and doctor's calls, For shirts and socks and overalls, No matter what—if the debt is due, And so you can, it's up to you— Or us or any other folk To pay up bills, this "ain't no joke."

But worst of all, the way we think Such depths no mortal ought to sink Is the man who takes his local paper Reads it by 'lectric light or taper, For years—be they more or less, The idea's the same you must confess And sends in word, he'll never come Says "stop my paper, I'm all done." They still can try another ruse, Send it back and mark "refused." If "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned"

It has no spot that yet's been warmed For the one who reads from day to day, And stops his paper without pay."

Amateur Scientists Aid In Important Research

The amateur scientist not only appears in the best-regulated families, he's liable to turn up anywhere, according to the American Philosophical Society.

The society, using Philadelphia as a "test tube" in its study to determine the contribution ordinary persons can make to scientific research, reports that the amateur scientist is found in the average home here and in almost every occupation.

A preliminary survey, conducted by W. Stephen Thomas, working for the committee on education and participation in science, which is supervised by the philosophical society, disclosed that 200 amateur scientists enrolled for field trips of the Academy of Natural Sciences were engaged in 55 different occupations.

Forty per cent are in business offices, 20 per cent in technical trades, 16 per cent in the professions and the remaining 24 per cent are students, unemployed workers and housewives.

"Their hobbies were diverse and amusing," Thomas said. "A gardener indicated flowers, a mail carrier hiking and a tourist agent travel as their leisure time interests."

Local clubs are co-operating with Thomas in the committee's effort to spread scientific knowledge and help the amateur scientist.

Among these clubs are those for astronomers and telescope-makers, airplane and ship model designers, cosmic ray students, students of earth currents and radio, naturalists, mineralogists, botanists, entomologists and geologists.

Door Masterpiece

The bronze doors executed for the Baptistery at Florence, Italy, by the artist Lorenzo Ghiberti are regarded as among the world's masterpieces. Michelangelo said: "They are beautiful enough for the gates of paradise." Ghiberti worked for more than 25 years on them sculpturing 10 stories from the Old Testament in their panels.

Dangers of Wild West Recalled by Old Letter

The thin line between life and death, which men, who lived by the gun, trod in the wild west days, is vividly portrayed, and rather poignantly too, in a letter which has just come to light in Deadwood, S. D.

The letter was written by "Wild Bill" Hickok to his wife, Agnes, and is now on display in the historical museum in Deadwood. Hickok is remembered as the deadliest man in the West with a .45, who threw fear into the hearts of all evil doers, and who came to his own end by being shot in the back by one Jack McCall, while he was sitting in a poker game.

Wild Bill's letter is as follows: July 17, 1876.

"Deadwood, Black Hills, Dakota: "My Own Darling Wife, Agnes—I have but a few moments left before this letter starts. I never was as well in my life, but you would laugh to see me now. I just got in from Prospecting. Will write in the morning, but God nowise when it will start. My friend will take this to Cheyenne if he lives. I don't expect to hear from you, but it is all the same I no my Agnes and only live to love her. Never mind Pet, we will have a home yet, then we will be so happy. I am almost sure I will do well here. The man is hurting me. Good by Dear wife. Love to Emma.

J. B. Hickok.

"Wild Bill."

The letter, it is said, was never delivered and is also said to have been the last one Bill wrote. The uncertainty of life at that time is found in the words of Bill, "My friend will take this to Cheyenne if he lives." Also in the line, "Will write in the morning, but God nowise when it will start."

French Complete Work On Observatory in Alps

Work has been completed on the new French National observatory, located in Provence, which is declared to be the largest in Europe and second in size only to Mount Wilson observatory in California.

For more than a decade, a committee of French astronomers and physicists had been seeking an appropriate site to build this observatory. Forcalquier was chosen because of its altitude, because of the unusual clarity of the atmosphere and because of the excellent weather which the region enjoys virtually every day of the year.

The French scientists who supervised its construction say it will be the "most favored observatory in the world" because 250 observation nights will be available every year.

Three years were required to build the new observatory. Its equipment is as modern as science and money can make it. Its 80-inch reflecting telescope is the largest in Europe and ranks third in size in the world. The observatory cost \$10,000,000.

Bees Travel Far for Nectar

Curious to learn where the honey bees, wild and domesticated, in the area of Dinosaur National Monument, Colo., obtained nectar for their winter supply of honey, the acting custodian made a field trip, notebook and pocket lens in hand. No sources of nectar seemed to exist. The landscape, characteristically desert and arid at all seasons, under autumn's influence showed only dry and withered plants and rattling seed pods. Through the sparse cover could be seen the varicolored clays and bright hues of the soil. Yet in all directions bees were hovering.

The custodian produced his lens and knelt upon the ground. Then the secret was revealed. Beneath his feet no less than seven different species of plants were coming into full flower. The blossoms were so minute, however, that they could be seen only through a high-powered pocket magnifier.

Average Man's Vocabulary

The World Almanac states that the reputable English language today contains approximately 700,000 words. Possibly 300,000 more terms may be stigmatized as nonce, obsolete, vulgar, low, etc., and therefore seldom or never sought in dictionaries. The average well-educated man uses from 6,000 to 8,000 different words; how many more he knows is difficult to determine; and the average person, it is estimated, employs about 4,000 words—possibly more. It is conceivable that men who build radios, automobiles, electrical appliances, and mechanics in railroad shops, may have at their command several hundred or perhaps a thousand words that have to do with technical phases of their experiences.

Protect Baby's Eyes

The eyes of a baby should be protected from strong sunlight, and never should an infant be allowed to lie on its back in a crib or carriage so that it can stare directly at the sun, warns the Better Vision institute. If a covering is not provided to shade the eyes, serious damage to them may result. The lens of the eye, when directed squarely at the sun, will collect rays that may burn the retina, in the same manner that a burning glass will scorch paper by concentrating sun rays upon it. Cases of blindness with permanent damage to the retina have been reported.

THREE KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE CRASH.

(Continued from First Page.)

Miss Olga Graham was the daughter of Charles C. and Lillian Graham and in addition to her parents is survived by a sister, Lola, and two brothers and by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Graham. Funeral services were held on Thursday, from her late home. Burial was made in Beaver Dam cemetery.

David E. Vaughn was the son of William and Carrie Vaughn, of Harney, and in addition to his parents is survived by three brothers and sisters, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Amos Wantz, Harney. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the C. O. Fuss & Son parlors, in charge of Rev. A. T. Sutcliffe and Rev. Paul Beard. Burial was in the Lutheran cemetery, Taneytown.

Ray Edwin Kiser was the son of Estie and Blanche Kiser, Harney, and is survived by his wife, Grace Angell Kiser, and two children, Doris and Irene; his parents, a sister and brother at home, also by his grandmother, Mrs. Luther E. Hiltbrick. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, at 10:00 A. M., in charge of Rev. Paul Beard, pastor of Mt. Joy Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Taneytown Lutheran cemetery.

Seeking Old Book

The "Great Red Book of Eye," which is 400 years older than Magna Charta, is being sought by Miss M. E. Short, mayor of Eye, England. It contains manuscript copies of the four Gospels and was taken to England in 636 by Saint Felix. It was apparently borrowed by a nobleman about 80 years ago and never returned. Eye wants to reclaim it for an exhibition of local documents.

6 Feet 5 1/2 Inches Tall, Youth Enlists in Army

ELIZABETH, N. J.—One of the tallest recruits to enter the army from the Elizabeth area, 18-year-old Robert Wade of Scotch Plains, 6 feet 5 1/2 inches tall and weighing 202 pounds, enlisted for service in the air service here. Too tall for the navy and within a half inch of being disqualified for the army, Wade hopes to become a pilot.

Still growing, Wade comes of a military family that dates back to the Civil war.

His father, Harry A. Wade, is a veteran of the World war, having served in the Seventy-eighth (Lightning Division), which included New Jersey units. He now is employed as a school bus driver by the Scotch Plains board of education. The young recruit's grandfather, Abram Wade, fought with the Union forces during the Civil war.

Girl Rider, Seven, Champion MANSFIELD, OHIO.—Connie Linham of Portsmouth, Ohio, is only seven, and this is her first year of riding, but she has won 11 ribbons and a trophy in 11 events she has entered.

DIED.

Obituaries, poetry and resolutions, charged for at the rate of five cents per line. The regular death notices published free.

CHARLES S. GRAHAM.

Charles S. Graham, a farmer near Union Bridge, died suddenly Sunday morning while with his son, John N. Graham, in a milk truck in Union Bridge. He was 47 years of age. Death was due to a heart attack. He had been subject to these attacks for the last two years. He was a son of Mrs. Emma Smith Graham and the late John Graham.

He is survived by his mother, his wife, Mrs. Carrie Graham; two sons, John Norman and Charles Samuel, Jr., both at home; a brother, Peter Graham, Taneytown, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Hiltbride, Union Bridge.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the late residence with services in Baust Church and burial in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Miles Reiffnyder, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Paul E. Yoder.

MRS. JAMES ROBERTSON.

Mrs. Gertrude Robertson, wife of James W. Robertson, died suddenly on Monday morning at 6:00 o'clock, at her home near Uniontown. Death was due to a heart attack. She was a daughter of the late Charles Wesley and Frances Haines, of Uniontown, and was aged 59 years.

She is survived by the following children: Ardelle, Raymond, Russell and Mrs. Frances Hann, all at home; also five grand-children and three brothers, Theodore Haines, Uniontown; Arthur and David Haines, New Windsor; and a sister, Mrs. Anna Shoemaker, Uniontown.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the late residence, with further services in the Uniontown Lutheran Church, by her pastor, Rev. M. L. Kroh, officiating. Burial was made in the adjoining cemetery.

HARRY D. BOYER.

Harry D. Boyer, son of James and the late Clara Summers Boyer, and the husband of Myrtle Eyer Boyer, died at his home near Taneytown, last Friday morning, aged 49 years. The funeral was held from his late home, Monday afternoon, followed by interment in Mt. Hope cemetery, Woodsboro.

WEISHAAR—In Loving Remembrance of my dear mother Annie S., who departed this life forty-two years ago, Dec. 25.

Sad and sudden was the call, Of one so dearly loved by all; A bitter grief, a shock severe, It was to part with one so dear. We often sit and think of you, And speak of how you died, To think you could not say good-bye, When you closed your eyes, For all of us you did your best, Oh, God grant you eternal rest.

Communication Systems Revamped by Mussolini

Benito Mussolini's conviction that highly developed communications are indispensable in time of peace or war has spurred Italian engineers to prepare for either eventually by building machinery and technical equipment probably unmatched by any other nation.

Italian engineering genius has given to Italy the world's fastest electric locomotives and the most powerful radio shortwave station in existence, and is engaged in plans for laying down a telephone cable between Sicily and Africa which will be the world's largest.

Over a network of 4,000 miles of track—the largest network of electric railway yet built by any nation—Italian locomotives pull passenger trains at speeds varying between 60 and 100 miles an hour.

On a test run between Naples and Rome recently an electrically powered passenger train averaged 103 miles an hour, attaining a top speed of 125 miles. When these electric behemoths whiz through the quiet Italian countryside watchmen close the gates at road crossings five minutes before the train is due lest any peasant with his horse-drawn cart be caught on the track.

Electricity, generated from Italy's only major natural resource—water power—is gradually coming to be the most used fuel in Italy's transportation system. Italy's first subway train, which will transport 92,000 passengers an hour to the site of Rome's 1942 World's fair, will be operated by electricity. Already almost a third of the capital's busses are electrically run.

Mussolini's prophecy that Italy's destiny "always has been and always will be on the sea," has been anticipated by the construction of a merchant marine the equal of any possessed by the great nations of the world. Twenty-five new motor ships to engage in world trade, each capable of cruising speeds of 16 knots, are being built in Italian shipyards.

Sheepdogs Given Tests For Herding Efficiency

Sheep dogs of Scotland, Wales, and England have their day once each year when the International Trials are held in Edinburgh.

The trials are held to test efficiency in finding, driving and guiding sheep. As one of the simpler tests, a single sheep dog is sent out by his master to locate three sheep which are out of sight behind a small hill or rise in the ground. The dog must calm them, keep them together and drive them to a designated place.

As a further test, each dog must drive his sheep to a hurdle, pass it, guide the flock to the center of the field and circle another hurdle with them. He must be able to separate one sheep from a flock and to drive a group of sheep into a small pen. His master may signal him with whistles, signs or the voice, but usually the dog understands the task ahead fully as well as does his owner.

A good sheep dog never bites the sheep, for that would bruise their flesh and make it less valuable when sold. He seldom if ever barks and he has what is known as "the eye," an ability to hold the attention of sheep by looking at them. He must be able to inspire his charges with confidence and must be possessed of all the qualities which in men are known as tact.

Discovery Aids Growers

If oranges are wrapped in paper which has been treated with diphenyl, losses from rotting are greatly reduced, says Dr. Firman Bear in the Country Home Magazine. This new discovery may save citrus growers many thousands of dollars annually. Forty cents' worth of the chemical will treat enough paper to wrap one ton of fruit, according to Dr. Adalbert Faruk, of Palestine, who patented the process. In a recent shipment of oranges from Jerusalem, fruits which were protected by the chemically treated paper suffered only 4 per cent as great loss from rotting as those that were wrapped in untreated paper. Diphenyl is non-poisonous, and has no effect on the color, taste or odor of oranges. It can probably also be used to guard other fruits against decay microbes.

Some Do Nots

Houseflies, bees, wasps, butterflies and moths do not grow larger after emerging from their pupa or chrysalis; erupting volcanoes do not pour out flames, the "fire" being the reflection of the molten lava on a cloud of vapor; and diminutive paintings called "miniatures" do not get their name from their size, but from the Latin word minium, the red lead or cinnabar in which they once were painted exclusively, says Collier's Weekly.

Borax in Death Valley

The borax deposits of Death Valley, 300 feet below sea level in California, were found only about 60 years ago by one Aaron Winters and his wife, Rosie, who lived in another valley nearby, 200 miles distant from the nearest inhabited settlement. Taking his wife along, Winters traveled 400 miles to obtain chemicals for prospecting Death valley borax. A month later he found one of the largest borax deposits in the world in the valley, which contains about 7,000 pounds.

SPECIAL NOTICES

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS will be inserted under this heading at One Cent a word, each week, counting name and address of advertiser—two initials, or a date, counted as one word. Minimum charge, 15 cents.

REAL ESTATE for sale, Two Cents each word. Minimum charge, 25 cents.

THIS COLUMN is especially for Wants, Lost, Found, Share Announcements, Personal Property for sale, etc.

CASH IN ADVANCE payments are desired in all cases.

NO "CALL AT RECORD OFFICE FOR INFORMATION." Special Notices will be received, except when replies are SEALED and addressed to a NUMBER to be given by our office, for turning over to the advertiser.

STOCK BULLS for sale, or loaned to reliable farmers.—Harold Mehring, 4-28-tf

BIG STORE BOX FOR SALE size 3-ft. 3-in.x3-ft. 4-in.x3-ft. 7-in., made of 3/4 inch rough boards.—At The Record Office.

SIX NICE SHOATS and one Fat Hog for sale by Roy Baumgardner, Keyville.

STOCK BULL for sale, will weigh about 700 lbs. By—Ambrose Hess, Otter Dale School House.

FOR SALE—Two Self-Feeders, both 7-ft. long, single and double sided, good and excellent condition respectively; also one Prime Electric Fencer '38 Model, perfect condition. These may be seen on farm of A. P. Keilholtz, near Tom's Creek Church.—C. A. Keilholtz, Emmitsburg.

A CARD PARTY for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, January 10, 1940 in the Opera House sponsored by Mrs. U. H. Bowers. Admission 35c. Refreshments free. 12-22-2t

HOME WANTED.—Who has a permanent home for a man who does not use profanity, tobacco nor intoxicants. Can work with tools. Town rather preferred. Address Drawer 230 Record Office.

COMMUNITY SALE in Bruceville by Raymond Johnson. Anyone having anything for sale in any line bring it in. Sale will be on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 12:00 o'clock. Chas. A. Ohler, Auct.

EATON WRITING PAPER, Velum or Linen, Christmas Packages.—McKinney's Pharmacy. 12-15-2t

DO NOT FAIL to see the Wonder Star, made by Harry G. Rice, at his home on George Street, Walkersville. From Dec. 20th. to Jan. 2nd.

VIRGINIA DARE and Whitman Box Candy, fresh goods, Christmas dressing.—McKinney's Pharmacy.

WANTED—Raw Furs and Beef hides. Paying special price for Skunks.—Myrtle R. Devilbiss, Taneytown, Md. 12-8-3t

FOR SALE—Turkeys, live or dressed.—W. A. Myers, Taneytown, Md. 12-1-4t

ARVIN HOT WATER Heater. Special for the month of November at \$10.95, plus installation.—George Crouse, Central Garage. 12-1-tf

RADIO REPAIRING, all makes and models. For dependable service, see—Paul E. Koontz, Taneytown, Md. 3-17-tf

NO TRESPASSING signs at our Office—5c each, or 6 for 25c. Your name under "No Trespassing" 25c for this season. 9-15-2t

WANTED—On Tuesday of each week, 1 load of Calves.—J. J. Garner, Taneytown. 7-28-tf

TRY THIS Column for your needs, both for selling and buying. It brings customers and makes sales. Good business men make use of it. Many readers examine it. 1-14-tf

SHOE AND HARNESS Repairing until further notice. Terms Cash.—Harry E. Reck, near Taneytown. 11-3-9t

FOR SALE—700 Pianos, \$9.00 up. Easy terms. All guaranteed. Baby Grands Cheap. Steinway Baby Grand Bargain.—Cramer's, Frederick, Md. 4-28-tf

FOR SALE—Ford V-8 Pick-up Model 1934; Chevrolet Sedan, Model 1930; Ford Roadster, Model 1931; Ford Deluxe Coupe with Rumble, Model 1930; Oldsmobile Coupe, Model 1930; Chevrolet Coach, Model 1928, used cars.—Central Garage Geo. W. Crouse, Prop. 12-1-tf

THE STAR AND THE CHILD.

I looked up at a shining star,
And I could plainly see
That all its little twinkles are
Just messages for me.

It did not speak a single word,
But when I spoke, it smiled,
It must have been my heart that
heard

My star speak of a Child.
It said, "Oh, little Child, you know
You see my shining light
Just as it shone long, long ago,
Upon a Holy Night.

"My twinkles went to earth and
sought
A child like you and then
I found the Child of God, who brought
Good will and peace to men.
"A mother watched beside the Child;
The angels sang on high.
The Mother's eyes were brave and
mild;

We stars lit up the sky.

"A little Christmas Child was born:
God's Holy Gift was given,
And with the coming of the morn,
Earth held a part of Heaven."

That's all my Star said, but below,
I see its lovely light
Shine just as it did so long ago,
Upon that Holy Night.
—John Martin.

Mrs. Noowedd—Darling, this is
my first pie!
Noowedd—Oh, what a treasure!
Let's keep it instead of eating it.

CHURCH NOTICES.

This column is for the free use of all churches, for a brief announcement of services. Please do not elaborate. It is always understood that the public is invited to services.

St. Mary's Reformed Church, Silver Run—Sunday School, 9:00 A. M.; Morning Worship, at 10:30 A. M.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30; Worship, at 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taneytown—Sunday School, 9:00 A. M.; Preaching Service, 10:00 A. M.; Luther League, 6:30 P. M.; Worship, 7:30 P. M.

Baust Reformed Evangelical Church—Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.; Children's Christmas Program, 10:00 A. M.; Christmas Play, 7:45 P. M. Friday, Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P. M.

Tom's Creek M. E. Church, Rev. Crist, pastor. No Preaching on Sunday but Children's Service, Monday evening, at 7:30.

Reformed Church, Taneytown.—S. School, at 9:15 A. M.; Morning Worship, at 10:15 A. M.; Christmas Service under the auspices of the Sunday School, Monday evening, December 25, at 7:30.

Keyville—Sunday School and Rehearsal of the Christmas Service at 9:00 A. M.; No Worship Service; Christmas Service under the auspices of the Sunday School, Sunday evening, Dec. 24, at 7:30.

The Union Bridge Lutheran Parish St. James Church—S. S., 9:30 A. M. Worship Service, 10:00 A. M.; Christmas Entertainment, 7:30 P. M. Election of Church Officers after morning Service.

Keyville Church—Christmas Entertainment, Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 P. M.; S. S., 9:30 A. M.; C. E. Society, 10:30 A. M. P. H. Williams, pastor.

Church of God, Uniontown Circuit, Rev. John H. Hoch, pastor. Uniontown—Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. Mr. Edward Caylor, Supt. Preaching Service, 10:30 A. M. Theme: "From Bethlehem to Calvary: Or The Cross the Goal of the Manger." 19th. anniversary Prayer Circle on Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at 7:00 P. M.

Wakefield—Sunday School, at 10 A. M. Mr. James Staub, Supt. A special Christmas Service will be given Sunday evening, Dec. 24, 7:30.

Frizzellburg—Sunday School, 10 A. M. Mr. Marshall Mason, Supt. A Christmas Pageant, entitled "Christmas Flowers" will be given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at 7:30.

Uniontown Lutheran Charge, M. L. Kroh, Pastor. Winters—S. S., 9:30 A. M.; Divine Worship, at 10:30.

Mt. Union—S. S., 1:15 P. M.; Divine Worship, 2:30 P. M.; C. E., at 7:00 P. M.; Christmas Service, Friday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 P. M.

St. Paul—S. S., 9:30 A. M.; Christmas Service, 7:30 P. M.

Baust—Choir rehearsal Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Zimmerman.

Taneytown U. B. Charge, A. W. Garvin, pastor Taneytown—S. S., 9:30 A. M.; Worship, 10:30 A. M. Barts—S. S., 1:30 P. M.; Worship, 2:30 P. M.

Harney—S. S., 6:30 P. M.; Worship 7:30 P. M.

What would you most like to have as a Christmas gift, is still one of the biggest problems of life—usually never fully answered.

Infantile Paralysis May Be Acquired Through Eyes

WASHINGTON.—Infantile paralysis may be acquired through the eyes.

Two scientists of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, reported in the Scientific Monthly, journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that they had been able to infect monkeys with the virus which causes poliomyelitis by dropping it in the eyes.

The usual mode of infection has been proved to be through the mucous membranes of the nose. Thence it spreads to the nerves of the spinal cord and brain, Dr. Howard A. Howe and Dr. David Bodian said.

The monkey experiments showed, however, that virus could find its way into the nose from the eyes through a tiny canal.

Guard U. S. Capitol Against Bombing

WASHINGTON.—Precautions are being taken to safeguard the Capitol and to prevent a recurrence of the bombing which damaged part of the structure prior to United States entry into the first World war.

Orders were issued closing the Capitol to the public on Sundays and forbidding all but members of congress from entering either the house or senate office buildings after midnight.

United States Merchant Marine to Be World's Best

WASHINGTON.—Unless all signs fail—and they won't—America is on the eve of the greatest program of permanent ship building in its history, with the ultimate goal the restoration of the American merchant flag on the high seas to the commanding position it held prior to the Civil war, but which it has not held since.

A decision by the maritime commission to advance the present building program, of 50 ships a year, by an entire year is predicted.

In other words, the program is to be pushed ahead a whole year, with contracts let for the construction of the 50 vessels of the 1940 program to be let in 1939, and the 1941 and 1942 programs shoved ahead into 1940.

This will enormously stimulate the shipbuilding industry, and call thousands of unemployed mechanics back to work.

A considerable number of long-Idle or abandoned shipyards, at least three on the Pacific coast, and perhaps more, and several on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, will be reopened with government aid.

Snake Invasion Reported

BONAPARTE, IOWA.—A modern day counterpart of St. Patrick would be welcome in this community. So prevalent have snakes become that farmers have taken to carrying clubs to defend themselves against the reptiles as they go about their field work.

LITTLE MAN WHAT NOW?



JUST AS MERRY — BUT NOT SO SAFE



WASN'T it a grand occasion years ago, when mother lighted the candles on the Christmas tree. Then we knew that Christmas had really come, and that roast duck, plum pudding and gifts for everybody would soon be on the way.

But when we stop to think about it, we wonder why the house didn't burn down every time the tree was lighted. The truth is that many houses did burn down. The bell on the horse-drawn fire engine too frequently changed in disharmony with the Christmas chimes. Engine companies looked forward to a busy season at the end of the year.

The use of lights on Christmas trees goes back to the old world, many centuries ago. A Swedish legend tells of mysterious lights which gleamed from the branches of a particular pine tree during the Christmas season. Other stories associate the lighting of trees with shining stars seen through the evergreen trees. When candles were invented it was only natural that they be used to simulate the traditional lights.

But candles, like the horse-drawn engine, have fallen by the wayside in the world's march to safer and more efficient things. Electric lights have replaced candles for decorating Christmas trees because they are safer and more colorful, and each year we see a greater number of electric lights used, both indoors and out. There is a precaution or two, however, which should be noted in the use of these lighting sets. Like all electrical equipment for attachment to the light circuit, Christmas tree sets should be kept in good condition if they are to be free of fire and shock hazards. Last year the Association of Electrical Inspectors received reports of 62 fires which were caused by defective wires in Christmas trees, and it is likely that many other fires occurred which were not reported.

When you take your Christmas tree set down from the top shelf this year, look at the insulation on the wires. See if, since last year, the insulation has become dry and cracked or if the copper wires have become exposed at any point. Also see if any of the sockets have been broken or if lamp bulbs fail to fit properly in the sockets so that "live" metal is left exposed which could make contact with tinsel or other metal decorations. If any of these conditions are found, discard the set and get a new one. In purchasing new sets, determine whether they have been approved for fire safety by Underwriters' Laboratories. Sets which have been built to standard requirements and have been listed as reasonably safe, are so marked on the boxes.

The Christmas season is important from the point of view of all electrical appliances, because so many of them are purchased during the Christmas season. In buying any of these devices it would be wise for purchasers to give attention to their safety. One indication of safety that can be depended upon is the Underwriters' label on attachment cords. The attachment cord is the part of the appliance which is likely to wear out first, and this part at least, should be up to a safe standard of construction. Worn out cords are responsible for most of the blown fuses, most of the shocks and probably most of the fires.

Making Mother's Christmas Gift



THIS young lady isn't worrying about the number of shopping days until Christmas—she makes her own gifts and it's easy as her A, B and C's with brand-new uncooked candy recipes. Peanut butter and honey right out of their glass jars are the main ingredients—the others and instructions follow.

Aladdin's Peanut Butter Fudge
1 1/2 squares unsweetened chocolate, cut in pieces
1/2 cup hot water
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 teaspoon salt

Melt chocolate over hot water, add water and vanilla, and stir until smooth. Cool to lukewarm. Place sugar, peanut butter, and salt in bowl, and blend with fork, or pastry blender, until evenly mixed and like coarse meal. Add chocolate mixture and stir until blended. Knead until mixture is the consistency of fudge, adding more water, a small amount at a time, if necessary. Spread evenly on buttered pan, 8 x 4 inches, and mark in 1-

Greole Nut Roll
1 1/2 squares unsweetened chocolate, cut in pieces
3 tablespoons hot water
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup very finely chopped Brazil nuts

Melt chocolate over hot water, add water and vanilla, and stir until smooth. Cool to lukewarm. Place sugar, peanut butter, and salt in bowl, and blend with fork, or pastry blender, until evenly mixed and like coarse meal. Add nuts, then chocolate mixture, and stir until blended. Knead until mixture is the consistency of fudge, adding more water, a small amount at a time, if necessary. Shape in 1-inch rolls. Wrap in waxed paper, store in refrigerator and slice as needed. Yield: 2 (8 inch) rolls, or approximately 1 pound.

Variation: Moisten hands lightly, shape candy in 3/4-inch balls, and roll in chopped nuts, coconut, or small Christmas decorations.

A&P FOOD STORES

- BRUSSEL SPROUTS, 15c box
- STALK CELERY, 2 for 15c
- COCOANUTS, 2 for 15c
- FLORIDA ORANGES, 20 for 23c
- TANGERINES, 2 doz. 25c
- LEMONS, 29c doz.
- GRAPEFRUIT, 4 for 15c
- PEANUTS, 2 lbs. 25c
- MIXED NUTS, 21c
- DIAMOND BRAND ENGLISH WALNUT, 21c
- PECANS, 21c lb.
- BRAZIL NUTS, 17c lb.
- WOOD'S MINCE MEAT, 21c lb.
- CHOCOLATE CREAM DROPS, 2 lbs. 19c
- CHOCOLATE COATED PEANUTS, 17c lb.
- CHOCOLATE COATED PEANUT CLUSTERS, 17c lb.
- CHOCOLATE COATED RAISINS, 17c lb.
- CHOCOLATE COATED CARAMELS, 17c lb.
- CHOCOLATE COCOANUT CREAMS, 15c lb.
- BON BONS, 15c lb. | PEPPERMINT PATTIES, 12c lb.
- HARD MIXED CANDY, 2 lbs. 25c
- 5-lb. box FANCY CHOCOLATES, 89c
- MARSHMALLOWS, 2 lbs. 23c | SUNNYFIELD CAKE FLOUR, 15c
- SEEDLESS RAISINS, 9c box | XXXX SUGAR, 2 lbs. 15c
- OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE, 2 cans 23c
- HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE, 1-lb. cake 13c
- ANN PAGE BAKING POWDER, 1/2-lb. can 10c
- N. B. C. RITZ CRACKERS, 21c lb.
- N. B. C. PRIDE ASSORTED CAKES, 1-lb. box 25c
- 3 No. 2 cans PEAS, 23c | 3 No. 2 cans CRUSHED CORN, 20c
- CAMPBELL'S TOMATO JUICE, 3 20-oz. cans 25c
- FANCY TUB BUTTER, 34c lb. | No. 21- can PUMPKIN, 9c
- IONA PEACHES, Sliced or Halves, 2 21-size cans 25c
- 8 O'CLOCK COFFEE, 1 lb. 14c; 3 lbs. 39c

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All other fraternal and organizations are invited to use this directory, for the public information it carries. Cost for one year, only \$1.50.

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Star Route, Hanover, North 9:00 A. M.
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Star Route, Frederick, South 4:00 P. M.
Star Route No. 10705, North 6:30 P. M.
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Many Valuable Elements Found in Ocean Waters

The oceans of the earth contain, in addition to fish and sea weed, enough salt to provide 20,000,000 tons for each human being alive today. Moreover, they contain smaller amounts of other important chemicals, such as Epsom salts, gypsum, potash, and limestone. There are also barely detectable traces of still more valuable substances, including gold, silver, iodine, and bromine.

Until a few years ago, very little had been done to exploit this vast source of chemical wealth. The cost of evaporating 97 per cent of water was more than the products were worth.

However, during the past three years an American chemical company has been extracting bromine from sea water at the rate of 5,000 tons a year (worth several million dollars).

Bromine is a dark brown liquid of low boiling point, noted for its appalling odor and its corrosive action on metals and living tissues. It is present in sea water as one of its compounds, sodium bromide—a colorless, soluble crystalline compound resembling ordinary salt.

Sea water is pumped into the plant at a rate of over 100,000 gallons a minute, where it is slightly acidified with sulphuric acid and then treated with a little chlorine. The chlorine reacts with the sodium chloride (ordinary salt) and bromine. Air is then bubbled through the water. Because of its extreme volatility, the bromine is carried away as a vapor with the air.

Canadian Police Dogs Perform Clever Stunts

Commissioner S. T. Wood, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, revealed recently some of the results achieved through the use of trained dogs.

The police dog "Sultan," stationed at Headingly, Man., found a missing child after following a trail 36 hours old for 1 1/4 miles. The dog also found a concealed liquor still and was instrumental in identifying its operators.

Police dog "Dale" was put to work in western Canada on a case where an unidentified person had fired a bullet through a farmhouse. Although the trail was 50 hours old, he followed it for a quarter of a mile to the home of the offender.

Police dog "Black Lux," stationed at Moncton, N. B., was called upon to assist in locating a missing man. The track scent had been obliterated but the dog, by a process of eliminating areas, localized the search, with the result that the missing person's body was found in a river.

"The old type of policeman whose character and physique alone secured him employment, is fast disappearing," Brigadier Wood declared. "He should now possess qualifications commensurate with the particular phase of police duty he would be required to perform."

Copper for Black Hair

Black hair in animals appears to be due to the presence of copper in the skin which acts as a catalytic agent. The graying of hair of experimental animals has been correlated with lack of this metal in the diet, and in other experiments the pigmentation of hair was restored by including copper in the diet. Dr. F. J. Gortner, of Delft, Holland, reports that he tried a large number of other metals without obtaining the hair coloration. The Journal of the American Medical Association, in commenting on these experiments, reaches the opinion that copper may be related to the processes of pigment formation in animals. Whether there is any hope for eliminating the premature graying of hair on human heads must await more extended experimental work.

Pneumonia Serum

Available evidence on the use of sulphapyridine in the treatment of pneumonia does not justify substitution of this chemical for the older therapy of injecting typed serum, the Advisory Committee on Pneumonia Control of the city health department advised recently. "The evidence indicates that sulphapyridine has a beneficial effect in the treatment of pneumonia," the statement said. "The unpleasant gastrointestinal symptoms which it causes rarely endanger life. Serious toxic effects are rare and their effects may, in certain instances, be minimized by repeated examinations of the blood. The evidence does not justify substitution of sulphapyridine therapy for serum therapy."

Value of Elm Tree

In the forests of the nation the elms, which are threatened by extermination by the Dutch elm disease, are estimated to include six-tenths billion board feet of merchantable timber. This resource of growing trees is capable of supplying industry with yearly supplies of fifty million to two hundred million board feet of forest products, and the value of this lumber in the log ranges from \$750,000 to \$3,000,000 a year. The value of America's elms for ornament, however, eclipses that of all forest trees. More than 250,000,000 shade and ornamental elms adorn the landscape of the United States, and their worth has been estimated at \$650,000,000.

Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?" Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—"

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond, "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit it reassured itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently.

Jack stared back unflinchingly. Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man." There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes. "I don't just think—I'm absolute ly positive."

Tropical Products Need Well-Regulated Storage

Warm-natured fruits and vegetables from the tropics are more likely to break down under storage that is too cold than products of the more temperate zones. Some of the tropical products, particularly bananas, pineapples, mangoes, and avocados, lose flavor and texture when kept in the home refrigerator for several days. If served cold, they should not be chilled until immediately before serving.

Research by federal bureau of plant industry scientists shows that many products have a "critical storage temperature" below which injury is likely to result although this temperature may be several degrees above freezing. The low temperature damage may show up in many ways—in appearance, flavor, and texture; in chemical composition; and in susceptibility to decay from storage.

Most of the produce grown in temperate zones will stand temperatures nearer the freezing point than those from the tropics or those whose original home was in the tropics but are now being grown in the temperate zones. Tomatoes, egg-plants and cucumbers are examples of exceptions. Potatoes held below 40 degrees Fahrenheit for several weeks undergo a chemical change in which the starches turn to sugar rendering them unpalatable.

Stored pears must be removed and ripened at temperatures ranging from 60 degrees to 70 degrees. If held too long at around 32 degrees some varieties lose their ability to ripen and "go dead."

Constant improvement of storage conditions has prolonged the market life of most perishable products and has helped to retain their "fresh" taste and appearance.

Pre-Historic Man Made Mammoth Tusk Necklaces

Prehistoric man wanted his wife to look more attractive than nature made her, so he gave her a necklace. He fashioned beads from the tusk of a mammoth, pierced shells and the teeth of elk, fox and bison, and strung them together artistically on threads of animal sinews. Thus he made the first beautiful necklace, probably to celebrate some happy event, such as the arrival of his first-born son.

At La Souquette, near St. Leon-sur-Vezere, Dordogne, four necklaces were excavated by M. Castanet in a rock shelter on his farm. Close to one wall of the shelter was a rock surrounded by flint-piercing tools, fragments of mammoth ivory and perforated animal teeth and shells. Several ivory fragments showed incomplete perforation, suggesting that the work may have been abandoned suddenly. This rock shelter may have served as a prehistoric workshop—a forerunner of the modern swank jewelry shops.

While the National Museum of France, at St. Germain-en-Laye, and other museums possess similar necklaces, none are finer or older than those more recently found. The Aurignacian period which they represent is the earliest period from which beads have been unearthed in western Europe.

Disguise Held Illegal

Michael Poulain, who does remarkable stunts as a "woman acrobat," while dressed elaborately in feminine attire, was surprised to find that he could not collect in a libel suit against a Paris magazine. He appeared in court in a woman's hat, and wore a black satin frock under an astrakhan coat. The court agreed with the magazine's counsel that it was scandalous for a man to go into court in a woman's clothes and turned down the action. The proceedings brought out the fact that police regulations strictly prohibit any one from appearing in a disguise in public places without a permit, except at certain festival times.

Towers of Glass

The prophecy that tall towers of glass would be built to glorify modern civilization, made centuries ago by visionaries, seems about to become a reality. Glass technicians recently announced the development of a structural material called glastone which is made by integrating colorful flat glass with lightweight concrete, forming a masonry unit for load-bearing walls which can be utilized to any desired height.

Plate Lunch

Milo, an athlete of ancient Greece, is said to have killed an ox with a blow of his fist and then consumed it. He was many times a victor at the Olympic and Pythian games and was noted for his unusual feats. Finding a tree partially split with a wedge, he attempted to rend it asunder, was caught by the hand and devoured by wolves.

Origin of Finland

Natives of Finland for years have suffered from racial theories that classed them with what were called "Asiatic hordes," which are said to have invaded Europe with the Huns. No one talks that way today who knows that the Finns have been a part of western Europe for as long as most other peoples that we know about.

'PANACEA'

By OSCAR JONES
(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

THE office door flew open with a bang, and for a long level moment Dr. Ritchie stared at his demure daughter, so busily typing statements on the rickety old office typewriter; then with a ponderous sigh he went slowly over to his medicine-cabinet and sat down at the small desk there. After a long moment of thought, he swung around to the girl still busily typing and eyed the soft rose-bush of guilt on her smooth cheeks and noted the added sparkle of mischief in her merry eyes. It was too much, more than even a practiced surgeon could stand and with something strangely bewildered in his voice, for all its stern rebuke, he said:

"Lou-Anne, you don't have to tell me you did it, but it would help a heap if you'd tell me why! He—"

here Dr. Ritchie blew his nose violently—"was my best friend, as was his father before him!"

"What," asked Lou-Anne Ritchie innocently, "have I done to make that a past tense, dad? Up to last night I thought you couldn't even chase a refractory tonsil without the collaboration of Dr. Bill!"

"Well, that's true, my faith in Bill's skill is almost beyond the realm of human faith; and now—"

The old man stared winkingly out of the window at the brown landscape.

"Yes? Now?" prompted Lou-Anne, swinging around from the typewriter and looking at her father with very much the same light in her eyes that a mother might have when looking at her son.

"You know well what's happened," roared the aroused professor of ailments and medicines. "You've gone and egged him into falling in love with you after letting him romp with you as a friendly playfellow all these years! And," thundered the furious doctor, "you may thank yourself for ruining his career, for he won't be worth a dented picayune from now on!"

And Dr. Ritchie glared malevolently at the ceiling, chewing his short, stubby mustache and rocking back and forth on his heels, far too experienced in warfare with this strange daughter of his to trust even so much as a glance in her direction, much less a thought as to what she might be thinking.

He knew he'd need every one of his mental cylinders when she did start the defensive!

"Uh," came in a soft, husky voice from the region of the typewriter, back of Dr. Ritchie, "you recall, of course, that you married, and lots of folks call you successful despite the blight of having me around."

And Dr. Ritchie gasped as though he'd had a dash of cold water flung in his face.

He hadn't thought of this! "It would receive my whole blessing," he defended with stiff dignity, "if I even remotely dreamed that you had such honorable intentions in mind!"

"Well," went on the husky voice, "you never can tell. I'm only twenty-six and I do seem to have faint recollections of other offers of matrimony before!"

"Bah!" snorted Dr. Ritchie, scornfully.

"He has the nicest blue eyes I ever did see," dreamily commented Lou-Anne, and for a brief moment it seemed as though this remark were going to precipitate an unseemly death by apoplexy for her enraged father, but he was spared, and with a roar not unlike a pampas bull he charged out of the room and stormed up the stairs, listening with acutest ears for the mocking laughter he fully expected to hear.

But for once Lou-Anne Ritchie was not moved to laughter by the actions of her explosive parent.

She was, indeed, looking off beyond the distant horizon, and one versed in such things might have said that she was probing the future with wistful, hungry eyes, for despite her record as a man-hater, Lou-Anne had in reality known her moments of unhappiness, and it was not because she played with each succeeding victim and then tossed him away again, carelessly, but rather because she was searching ever for some one to conform to her ideals, and failing to find that some one or, rather, finding in each one something that violently clashed with her ideals, she went on hiding the wistful hurt under a teasing, gay banter.

And now, suddenly, last night she had been fooling in rough, tomboy fashion with Bill, as had been her wont ever since she could remember, (Bill was 36 and she 26) and of a sudden he had twisted her about from her wrestling hold and, handing her the book she had been scuffling with him for, he had placed both hands on her shoulders and told her soberly, with a hint of huskiness in his fine voice and a trace of eager hope in his deep blue eyes, of the love he had always felt for her ever since he had first seen her as a motherless little flapper of 15, and he a serious, sober interne going "across" with the A. E. F.!

And Lou-Anne, shaken beyond her control, had flashed him a wonderful look from her misty eyes and begging for time had fled to hide

in the sanctity of her room and dream.

And now dad was Horning in true professional fashion.

Why must medical men think they can hold their finger on the pulse of a nation and prescribe cure-alls for every one?

Just as if, mind you, she were one of his nasty old experimental germs ready to bite Dr. Bill and lay him low!

But morning proved another thing, and that was that Lou-Anne could do a heap of thinking during ten hours of night, and, according, she was hurriedly packing her bags and wiping large alligator tears from either eye as she worked, thinking of the note she had written Bill—for his own good!

She guessed she'd live up to the honor of the Ritchies if it was the last thing she did and required such minor sacrifices as giving up the one and only man she had ever been able to tolerate during all her stormy, tempestuous life!

"Where," demanded a stern voice that made her nearly jump a foot, "do you think you're going, Lou-Anne Ritchie?"

And Lou-Anne found herself looking up from her dusty Pullman chair into the wonderful blue eyes of Dr. Bill, who after that first glance threw caution to the winds, not even considering a lady from Boston who occupied the chair opposite, as with a catch in his voice he gathered Lou-Anne into his arms and sat down again in her chair, wiping the tears from her streaky little face with his own immaculate handkerchief and praying with all his might for an extra long dark tunnel.

"Dad said that I'd s-s-spoil your career; that I was a vamp, and I just couldn't stand it, not when I loved you so, Bill!" And Bill never did know that Lou-Anne's tears were of fear; fear that he wouldn't follow her in time!

Perhaps, just perhaps, Dr. Ritchie knew more about diagnosis, prescribing and cures than even Lou-Anne guessed! At any rate, he gave them his blessing!

Chicago Professor Has Defense for Slang Use

Prof. Howard L. Buck of Chicago has this to say regarding the use of slang: "Ever since the word came into the language (about 1850) the purists have inveighed against slang. In 1864 the dean of Canterbury declared that slang is 'only fit for raw schoolboys and one-term freshmen to astonish their sisters with.' In 1896 Professor Quakenbos of Columbia university warned us that slang was the open gateway through which the masses of our youth were passing to laxity and incapacity of expression. 'For ladies especially,' he said, 'the use of slang words is extremely bad taste; they stamp a woman not only common-place but common.' But professors do not really practice what they teach. They pick up gosh slang as eagerly as any callow boy and use it with relish in moments of careless relaxation. Slang may be a weed in the garden of conversation; but, as Luther Burbank pointed out, the weed is only a misunderstood flower.

"Slang, 'the jazz of speech' or 'language on a picnic,' every year produces its crop of novel and vivid expressions. And since most people are imitative, they pick it up for the fancied distinction of being in fashion. After spreading rapidly, the bulk of it soon loses its novelty and charm and so suffers a well-deserved extinction. However, some slang terms emerge to higher colloquial levels. If they serve a need of language more adequately than any other words, they graduate to literary usage and cease to be slang. People who protest that the wells of English are no longer pure and undefiled, do not realize that a pure language is never a growing one, and that the main feeder which keeps it fresh and vigorous is slang.

"Many slang terms lurk on the borders of dignified speech because they are of disreputable origin, the jargon of criminal and gangster, who use strange expressions to hide their meaning from the uninitiated. Skirt and broad (woman), ice (diamonds), dip (pickpocket), paper-hanger (forger), panhandler (beggar), rat (betrayer), heat (trouble), big shot, muscle in, take the rap (go to jail) and take a ride (kill) are jargon of the underworld."

Old British Ships

One of the sights of the Thames, the famous old training ship *Arctura*, is giving place to a more modern vessel, the four-masted steel bark *Peking*, which has been acquired by the Shaftesbury Homes and *Arctura* Training Ship society. The *Peking*, like the old *Arctura*, will be moored at Greenhithe, where there is doubtless a long life of usefulness before her in training youngsters for the navy and merchant service. She was built in 1911, while the old *Arctura* dates back to 1849. She was in the navy during the Crimean war and was the last British fighting ship to go into action under full sail. There is no episode in the *Peking's* history so romantic as that, but the German company to which she belonged has owned many famous sailing ships, among them the *Pamir* and the *Parma*. And the *Peking* was one of the best of them all.

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THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—A little child shall lead them.—Isaiah 11:6.

The children's holiday! Yes, Christmas is the children's day of days, and it is also the day for those who have been "converted and become as little children" (Matt. 18:3). It is quite proper that it should be so, for Christmas really means nothing very significant except as we gather at Bethlehem's manger and there we find a child, the Christ-child. Those who come on the morrow to do homage to Him in the spirit of childlike faith will truly keep Christmas. In that spirit the writer of these notes wishes for you who read these lines just that kind of a holy day of joy and gladness.

Let us then go first of all to Bethlehem, and there having seen the One who "became flesh and dwelt among us" as a little child, we shall be ready to go on and learn from Him what a blessed example, responsibility, and opportunity there is in the childhood which we see all around us.

I. The Child—Jesus Our Saviour (Matt. 1:18-25).

The virgin mother Mary "brought forth her firstborn son" and "called his name Jesus"—the one who should "save his people from their sins" (v. 21, 25). In order that He might be the Saviour, He had to be both God and man. This could only be true as God sent His own only-begotten Son into the world by giving to Him a human mother in whom He as the eternal Son of God was "conceived by the Holy Ghost" (as we express it in the creed) and became the Son of Man.

For anyone who believes that God has all power and all wisdom to do what He wills and as He wills, and who further believes that Christ was pre-existent as the Son of God before His incarnation, there is no difficulty in believing in the virgin birth. In fact, no other manner of incarnation would have been possible. It necessarily follows that the one who denies the virgin birth of Christ thereby declares that He does not believe in the God of the Scriptures and in Jesus Christ His Son our Lord.

II. The Child—Our Example (18:1-4).

The disciples had been having a discussion about who was to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. This was not because they desired their brothers' advancement, for each one wanted to be the greatest (Luke 9:46).

Jesus frankly told them that they needed a real change of heart, a conversion. True greatness is not a matter of worldly position or ambition, but of a childlike humility. Such an idea was absolutely revolutionary in the day of Jesus, and in fact sounds unbelievable to the worldly man today. But it is nonetheless true that the great man or woman is the one who knows and recognizes himself to be utterly dependent on God in every moment, every circumstance, every trial, and in every opportunity of life. We need to learn of our children.

III. The Child—Our Responsibility (18:5, 6).

These awful, solemn words should be considered with great care. What a terrible judgment awaits those who cause little ones to stumble by reason of their false teaching, their failure to bring God's Word to bear upon their lives, improper discipline in the home, or the influence of a bad example. There are probably preachers, teachers in the Sunday School, grandparents, uncles, aunts, mothers, fathers, yes, even friends of little children who need to reread these verses and then cry out to God in repentance before it is too late.

IV. The Child—Our Opportunity (19:13-15).

Jesus knew the real value of a child and His loving heart reached out to invite the children to come unto Him in love, in obedience, and in trust. When they came, He never failed to bless them.

The glorious thing is that we are privileged to thus bring little children to Him. Someone may say, "Jesus is no longer on earth, I cannot take my child to Him." Jesus is not here in the flesh, but He is here ever present with His children. You can bring your child to Him, for the coming which He has in mind in these verses is not in any physical sense but rather spiritual. The parents who teach their little ones about the birth of Christ on this Christmas day have brought them to Him. Every word of instruction, every encouragement to pray, every example of devotion to Christ which the child may follow is the true bringing of that child to Him.

Will you do it this Christmas—in the home, in the Sunday School, in the church, anywhere? If you do, there will be blessing beyond your ability to contain it and you will have

A Blessed Christmas!

**Workers in Steel Mills
Speak Own 'Language'**

"The keeper says to turn the water off at the jumbo and open up that bleeder," suggests the kind of order that might be heard around the elephant run of a zoo, but actually it is the language of a steel mill. Translated into everyday English by the American Iron and Steel Institute, the order means "The man in charge of this blast furnace says to shut off the cooling system at the spout through which the molten slag runs, and open up that valve to relieve the pressure within the furnace."

The colorful lingo of steel workers assigns special meanings to many common words, producing phrases unintelligible to most visitors to steel mills. Many of the devices and products of the industry are named after animals.

"Pig" iron, so called because at one time iron was cast into individual blocks by running the molten metal from the blast furnace into large trenches from which extended, like a litter of suckling pigs, dozens of smaller trenches, has become a generally used term for blast furnace iron. A "sow" is the main trench from the furnace, while "motherless pigs" are blocks of iron cast into individual molds.

"Bears" are sometimes "horses" in the steel industry, both terms being applied to the infusible mass of cinder which forms on the blast furnace hearth. The "bug" or "fly" is the small ball of steel which usually forms on the nozzle of a ladle, interfering with the pouring of a stream of molten steel.

"Goose eggs," sometimes called "snow flakes," are small silvery spots visible when bars of alloy steel are broken. They indicate internal strains and tears. A "cat's eye" is a bubble of gas in molten crucible steel.

"Monkeys," both long-tailed and short-tailed, "snakes" and "rat rails" are other queer names for various devices used in steelmaking.

**Tree Plantings Provide
Low-Cost Windbreaks**

The entire cost to the federal government field windbreaks in the Prairie States Forestry project is being kept to about 5 1/2 cents a tree or shrub, the forest service reports. More than 42,000,000 trees in 4,500 miles of windbreaks have been planted at an average of a tree a minute in the planting season. This cost includes investments in and depreciation of equipment, seed collection, rodent control, and planting and care of about 70,000,000 seedlings and transplants now growing in nursery beds.

The government supplies the trees, labor, and supervision, and farmers invest an equal amount by furnishing the land, fencing material, and labor in preparing the land and cultivating the young trees during the first few years of growth.

Cost of the prairie tree planting work is carried by WPA funds and all labor is furnished from WPA relief rolls. Technical and administrative supervision is by the forest service.

The trees protect crops and soils for 20 times their height and modify the wind to some extent for a distance of 50 times the height of the trees.

The 1939 plantings brought the total since 1935 to more than 127,000,000 trees in over 11,000 miles of field windbreaks on 20,000 farms in eastern counties of the Dakotas, central and western Nebraska, central Kansas and Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle.

Buenos Aires Racket

With the arrest of four men in Buenos Aires, a racket that had for its object a large-scale fleecing of taxpayers has been broken up. The racketeers after establishing offices hired a staff of agents and equipped them with fake official notebooks bearing the national arms of Argentina. Persons behind in their payments of inland revenues were interviewed. After inquiring the amount of capital each business worked with and how much the average monthly receipts amounted to, the agents offered to intervene in the settlement of the obligations, charging fees that ranged from \$5 to \$50. About \$3,000 had been collected before the racket was discovered and stopped.

Chalk Loses Screech

Remember when the bad boys in school used to give the teacher a nervous shock by producing a spine-shriveling screech with fingernail or chalk on the blackboard? That noise is going the way of the hickory switch as a forgotten horror. A new type of blackboard known as optex, made of glass reinforced with wire, has a velvet-like writing surface which eliminates wear and tear on nerves in addition to reducing eye-strain through the elimination of mirror-like reflections.

Cowboy's 'Dogie'

Dogie is the name given by cowboys to a motherless calf or to any ill-nourished, scrubby calf, and, as a term of contempt, to all cattle. The weak calves naturally lag behind the rest of the herd on a drive and must continually be urged forward. Hence in cowboy songs the chorus frequently has a repetition of "Get along, little dogie," or "Roll along, little dogie."

Lights of New York
by L. L. STEVENSON

Like thousands of others in the city of the seven million, he was only a cog in a big machine. Clerk in a small office. Gray beginning to appear about his temples. His job and pay remained the same while younger men were promoted. Work that should have been done by others was shoved onto his desk. His linen was always neat and clean but he wore his clothes until they were as shiny as glass. Never patronized Tony, the office bootblack, who was supporting a wife and three kids. Avoided stenographers who went around with punchboards. Never took a chance in the office baseball or football pools. Instead of eating with the rest of the gang, he patronized a small cheap place known as the "Greasy Spoon." Just an aging tightwad in a stowaway job where he would potter around until the big boss found out he wasn't worth his pay.

His home was the fourth floor of a walk-up. An old cold-water tenement. No conveniences at all. Neither he nor his wife ever went anywhere. If a play or a movie were under discussion, he kept silent. So far as office associates could determine, the bright lights of Broadway had no attraction for him. All he wanted to do when he was through with his day's work was go home and read. Not the late books. One of the stenogs found that out when she asked him questions about a novel, which had so interested her that she spent her lunch hour poring over the pages. He did his work well. Even the office manager admitted that. But still, such a life! Instead of living in New York he might just as well have been buried out in the sticks somewhere.

The office manager frowned when he came up to him. No doubt he wanted a raise. Everyone who came into the private office wanted a raise. And at the moment, raises weren't in line. The old tightwad sure did have his nerve. But he didn't want a raise. Instead, he wanted to quit—leave right away if possible. The office manager could hardly believe his ears. In the passing years, the old tightwad had become a sort of fixture. But there wasn't a question about his meaning. If necessary, he'd stay the required two weeks. The office manager found it wasn't necessary. But he did shell out two weeks' pay.

**Will Toy Satisfy His Majesty?
She Asks Him—and Finds Out**

A PRETTY toy—but does it have educational value? Don't ask the nearest child expert, but hand it to a youngster, who'll probably think up more instructive ways to use it than its inventor ever imagined. And that's the theory on which the Test-ed Toy laboratory of New York has helped manufacturers select the toys you buy for the children this Christmas.

The "laboratory" is really Miss Lillian Rifkin, who takes a toy to a school, recreational center or park and records children's reactions to it while they play. Then she fills in an elaborate questionnaire, commenting on the toy's durability, fitness at various age levels and value in stimulating mental, artistic, physical or scientific activity.

She doesn't question parents very often except regarding the toy's desirability for indoor or outdoor play. But the child is the final authority. Little rubber automobiles, says Miss Rifkin, are second in popularity to blocks. She's astounded by the elaborate kinds of dramatic play



PROVING GROUND—Miss Rifkin watches a boy putting a new toy to its practical testing paces. Among her conclusions: (1) Children may be unpredictable in their likes and dislikes, but they're notably consistent in their reactions; (2) play appeal of a toy is paramount; any education value it may have is secondary in the child's mind.

that children build around the cars: "Sometimes a child travels all around the world with them. Often he will recreate a trip he's taken in the family car. Sometimes he'll play detective and chase gangsters and sometimes he's a taxicab driver."

Miss Rifkin finds that toy automobiles, like toy soldiers, help a child get the surplus energy out of his system. And both appeal to his instinct for collecting.

**Firemen Unable to Start
One to Show Their Stuff**

DETROIT.—The Highland Park fire department agrees to a man that it is much easier to put out a fire than to start one—and not nearly so embarrassing.

Recently the fire department turned out almost en masse to demonstrate how quickly it could extinguish 1,000 gallons of blazing oil. Firemen were eager to show a large crowd that their work was even more efficient than that of the police, who had just finished capturing a "bandit" (one of their own members) in short order.

A firebrand was tossed into the pit of oil. A flame flickered momentarily but died out as the firemen, poised with hoses, prepared for action. Another firebrand was tossed on the oil, and still another, but the oil remained unignited. Then the chief poured gasoline on the oil, but still no fire.

Not to be outdone entirely, the firemen decided to show off their pumping equipment. The engine was rolled into place and the hose turned on. The result was a shower for the cheering spectators.

**It Was This Way, Judge,
He Had Fine Motorcycle**

NEW ORLEANS.—It was for the love of his motorcycle—not the man—that Mrs. Dale Smith, 26, married Horace Lynn Breach Jr., without bothering to get a divorce from her first husband, she told police.

Mrs. Smith was in tears, but her eyes glistened when she talked about the motorcycle.

"I didn't love him," pretty Mrs. Smith said, "but he used to take me riding on his motorcycle. One night we decided to ride to Port Allen, and I got to thinking about the motorcycle and the fun we had riding, so I married him."

Regarding Ernest J. Smith, the husband who complained to police, Mrs. Smith said he didn't even have a motorcycle to hold her affections.

"I asked him to give me a divorce and I was willing to pay half," she said.

"But," she sighed, "he wanted me to pay it all."

Grant and Lee

HANOVER, N. H.—Grant and Lee parted this spring after seven years of close association at Hanover, N. H. Charles S. Grant and Lewis V. Lee, roommates at Dartmouth college, who met at St. Albans school in Washington in 1933, clutched diplomas and bid each other good-bye. Grant, paradoxically enough, went south to a job and Lee stayed in the north.



DRESSMAKING—This dress designing "game" is being tried out by two youngsters at the elementary demonstration school Miss Rifkin runs under sponsorship of New York university and the Child Study association of America.

Household News
By Eleanor Howe



FESTIVE TRIUMPH FOR CHILDREN'S PARTY
(See Recipes Below)

Children Need Parties Too

With all the holiday festivities for grown folks and for older sisters and brothers, it's not strange that the youngest members of the family beg for a party, too!

Children's parties must be colorful, the entertainment simple, and the refreshments very light. If the party is to be a success (and why give one if it isn't?) the activities of the youngsters must be wisely directed from the moment they arrive, until they leave.

Choose, to direct the entertainment, the wisest, jolliest, child-loving adult you know. Plan games that are simple, and make sure that all the children are included. Remember, too, that children weary quickly of any one activity, so plan a variety of games and get the new one under way before interest in the old one vanishes.

Party refreshments, of course, must be geared to the age of the guests. If they are very young, it's a good idea to serve the feast at the end of the party, so that it takes the place of the regular evening meal.

Decorate the table with snapping crackers, colored balloons, and peppermint canes to give a really festive setting for the occasion.

When Five and Six-Year Olds Get Together

Special Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Raw Carrot Strips
Peppermint Stick Tapioca Cream
Cocoa
Peppermint Stick Tapioca Cream.
(Serves 8)

2 egg yolks
4 cups milk
1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca
1/2 red cinnamon candies, crushed
1/2 cup crushed clear fruit-flavored candies
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
Mix egg yolk with small amount of milk in top of double boiler. Add quick-cooking tapioca, candies, salt and remaining milk. Place over rapidly boiling water and cook 10 to 12 minutes after water boils again, stirring frequently. Remove from fire. (Tapioca will be well distributed throughout, but mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.) Beat egg white until just stiff enough to hold shape. Fold hot tapioca mixture gradually into egg white. Cool—mixture thickens as it cools. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses. Garnish with whipped cream and colored candies.

Special Peanut Butter Sandwiches.
(Makes 1-cup filling)

1 ripe banana
1 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup dates (cut fine)
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Mash banana with a fork and thoroughly blend in remaining ingredients. Use between slices of whole wheat bread.

Orange Ice.

1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups water
1 teaspoon gelatin
1 tablespoon cold water
2 cups orange juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon extract
1 teaspoon orange extract

Make a syrup of the sugar and water and boil for five minutes. Remove from fire and add gelatin, which has been softened in cold water. Stir until the gelatin is entirely dissolved and then add fruit juices and flavoring extracts, and pour into freezing tray of mechanical refrigerator. Turn cold control to lowest temperature for rapid freezing. Stir three times at half-hour intervals after the ice has begun to freeze. When almost frozen,

place the mixture in a chilled bowl and beat with a rotary egg beater; then return to tray and complete the freezing.

Little Silver Cakes.

3/4 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 3/4 cups cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 egg whites

Cream the shortening, add the sugar, and beat well. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt; add alternately with the milk and vanilla. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold into the cake. Bake in greased muffin tins in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Grilled Bacon Sandwiches.

Remove crusts from slices of bread and toast bread on one side only. Spread untoasted side with peanut butter and top with slices of bacon. Preheat broiler to 350 degrees. Place sandwiches on broiler rack, 3 1/2 inches from flame. Broil until bacon is crisp and brown, approximately 7 minutes. Serve very hot.

Sugared Doughnuts.

4 eggs
1 cup sugar
4 tablespoons shortening (melted)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 1/2 to 3 cups cake flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Beat the eggs until light. Add sugar slowly and continue beating until foamy. Add melted shortening and vanilla extract. Mix and sift two cups of flour and all the other dry ingredients and fold into the egg mixture. Add just enough more flour to make a soft dough which can be handled. Place on lightly floured board and roll dough out to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut, and fry in deep fat (370 degrees) and drain on unglazed paper.

Hot Spiced Cider.

2 quarts cider
1 cup brown sugar
1 six-inch stick cinnamon
6 whole cloves
1 teaspoon allspice

Add spices and sugar to cider, place in kettle and let simmer over heat (not boil) for 15 minutes. Strain and serve hot in small glasses. Add a little grated nutmeg.

'V' Stands for Vegetables.

To be sure, we all know that vegetables in one form or another are an important part of the diet. But when you're confronted with the problem of getting Junior to eat his carrots, just how will you get around that? Next week I'll give you my suggestions for solving that particular problem. Be sure and watch for them in this column next week.

Have you sent for your leaflet of "Holiday Recipes," by Eleanor Howe? Plum puddings, cakes rich with fruit and nuts, cookies for all kinds of parties, and confections, too—you'll find recipes for all of these, in this specially compiled leaflet. Send 10 cents in coin to "Holiday Recipes," care of Eleanor Howe, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and get your copy, now.

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**Electric Outlets Needed
For Kitchen Efficiency**

When electric outlets are being planned in a new house for lamps, clocks, and radios, the kitchen is often neglected. In reality, it has more uses for plugs than any other room.

Within reasonable limits, there cannot be too many appliance outlets in the kitchen. In this room electricity is used both for lighting and for motivating power. Consumption of current varies widely with kitchen appliances, and special attention should be given to the load the outlet is expected to carry.

Game Population Changes After Big Forest Fires

Forest fires can kill men and animals long after the last red embers have died out and new green growth has begun to hide the wide black scars. How this delayed death can come to burned-over timber country is told by Hoyes Lloyd, superintendent of wild life protection in the Canadian national parks.

In past years, great forest fires devastated large areas in northern Ontario. When new growth came in, it was not the same kind of trees that had been burned, but a vegetation type representing an earlier stage in ecological succession. This is usual after forest fires. The new vegetation, in its turn, supported an entirely different array of animal life; it was the home of deer instead of the caribou that had dominated the animal community of the burned forest. Some have said that the caribou migrated, but Mr. Lloyd believes that the animals that survived the fire simply failed to reproduce, and that the caribou just weren't anywhere any more.

On the caribou a population of Indians, estimated at 10,000, once depended for their principal food supply. These Indians were fairly prosperous, and it was profitable for the whites to operate trading posts among them. After the caribou vanished, however, starvation among the Indians became the rule rather than the exception. Their population dropped to a tenth of the original number and their prosperity vanished. The trading posts had to be closed. The story is the same in other regions, Mr. Lloyd says. Where "big woods" are burned, "little woods" take their place, and their game population is quite different.

Famous Vacation Spot

Was Pirate Stronghold

Armed invasion, pirate plunder and the West Indies setting in the struggle for domination in the New World, in which England, France and Spain were the principal actors, are found in the history of Nassau, capital of the Bahamas.

Today Nassau is typical of the self-governing British colony. Here are found the clean streets, smart colonial police garbed in their summer khaki shorts, and the tennis courts where the English love to mingle social tea with their sports.

The Twentieth century has brought a different kind of invasion to Nassau. Summer and winter vacationists, refreshed by the breezes blowing inland from the West Indies sea, have brought changes to this British colony. Golf clubs which have taken the places of useless forts, swimming pools which have been substituted for pirate hideouts, racing yachts which now rule Bahamian waters and Nassau's coral beaches are the loot sought by Twentieth century invaders who desire leisure sports and escape from offices and headlines.

Minnie the Moocher

Minnie the Moocher is the most famous deer in the woods of Wisconsin, says the National Wildlife federation. After a poacher had killed her mother, Minnie was rescued from starvation by a game warden and brought to the cabin of Walter Sebastian, caretaker at warden headquarters near Argonne. In fly-time, Minnie sleeps in the cabin, on a bed preferably. She helps herself to all sorts of groceries. She has raised fawns of her own every year, and now, at the age of nine, is the mother of triplets. Her offspring are also a bit too tame for the comfort and convenience of the wardens, helping themselves to everything a deer likes, from cigarettes to pancakes.

Fair Exchange

What Farmer Max Bachum really wanted by mail order 25 years ago was a shotgun. What he got was a wife. Trouble was Bachum wrote two letters, one to his sweetheart, the other to a Chicago firm, ordering a shotgun. He put them in the wrong envelopes. His sweetheart got the order for a shotgun, the Chicago mail order house got his billet doux, where a girl clerk read it, started a correspondence that ended in matrimony. But it turned out happily. While Bachum never got his shotgun, he blissfully celebrated his silver wedding anniversary recently on a farm near Weatherford, Okla.

Opossum Hunt

Mrs. Mark Henderson, 60, who lives on an Illinois farm, heard a hen squall as she went out to put up her chickens the other night. Investigating by lantern, the farm woman discovered an opossum dragging a hen under the shed. Returning to the house, Mrs. Henderson obtained a rifle, came back to the barn and found the opossum playing "dead." She shot it and then found it was carrying seven young in its pouch.

Two Lights for One

The trend toward use of two panes of glass instead of one has brought added safety on the highway and greater comfort in the home. Automobile safety glass is made by sandwiching a plastic filler between two plates. Window conditioning of residences, gaining in popularity because it saves 20 to 30 per cent in coal bills, is accomplished by use of two panes with captive air space between.

PROCEEDINGS ORPHANS' COURT.

Lillian May Myers, administratrix of Mary E. Stoner, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Lillian May Myers, administratrix of L. b. n. c. t. a. of James M. Stoner, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

The last will and testament of Catherine Lantz, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary were granted to Norman A. Lantz and Eva A. Lantz, who received warrant to appraise personal property.

Maurice E. Warner, Henry H. Warner and Raymond F. Warner, executors of John Frank Warner, deceased, returned inventories of real estate, personal property, debts due and current money.

Edgar L. Strevig, executor of Oliver L. Heltibriddle, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and real estate.

Walter H. Davis, administrator c. t. a. of Frank Gibson, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Rosia L. Kline administratrix of Parepa W. Day, deceased, settled her first and final account and received order to transfer stock.

Masie S. Fowler, administratrix of Guy Lewis Fowler, deceased, returned inventories of current money and real estate.

D. Eugene Walsh, executor of Cecilia V. Obold, deceased, received orders to sell securities.

The last will and testament of Austin H. Yingling, deceased, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary were granted to Calvin E. Bankert, who received order to notify creditors and warrant to appraise personal property.

Gertie M. Bowers, administratrix of George W. Bowers, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Alvina F. Doyle, executrix of Sarsfield Doyle, deceased, settled her first and final account and received order to transfer automobile and securities.

Elmer C. Yingling, administrator of Alfred Yingling, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and real estate and received order to sell personal property.

George P. Crouse and Mary Lola Crouse, executors of Ulysses Grant Crouse, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Bernard J. Fallier and Oliver H. Bruce, executors of Sarah A. Hagan, deceased, settled their first and final account and received order to transfer securities.

The last will and testament of S. Annie E. Millender, deceased, was admitted to probate.

John H. Conaway and Charles W. Conaway, administrators of William E. Conaway, deceased, returned inventories of current money and debts due.

Monday, Dec. 25, 1939, being a legal holiday, the Orphans' Court will be in session Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27, 1939.

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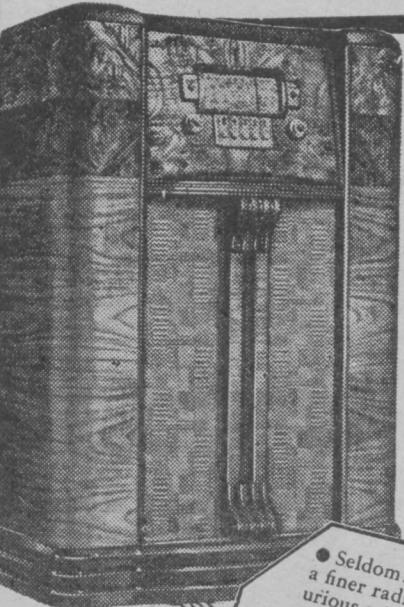
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