

COMMUNITY LOCALS

This column is not for use in advertising any money-making program, fair, supper, party or sale. It is intended for news, personals, and such matters as may be of community interest.

Churches are especially given free use of our Church Notice Column, for brief notices concerning regular or special services. Larger events will be cared for elsewhere in our columns.

Churches, Lodges, Societies, Schools, etc. are requested to use our Special Notice Department for money-making events.

The P. T. A. of the Taneytown High School presented a very fine program on Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Dunbar, are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. James W. Annis, of Lexington, Massachusetts.

Tuesday evening carol singers were on our streets singing carols that were enjoyed by everyone that heard them. They were young folks from the High School.

Over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Dunbar entertained Mr. Dunbar's nephew, Lt. Ernest A. Emerson located at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Pfc. LeRoy Wantz, Langley Field, Va., spent a several day furlough with his home folks, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wantz. Pvt. Wantz returned to Camp, on Tuesday.

Wirt Crapster, a student at the Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Penna, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walter Crapster.

Cpl. George F. Hahn is now receiving his mail addressed as follows: Cpl. George F. Hahn, 33200624 Btry C, 910 F. A. Bn, A. P. O. 85B care Postmaster New York, N. Y.

The produce dealers of the community were extremely busy during the last two weeks. Judging by the number of turkeys and chickens handled and the extra help required, we conclude the cities were well fed.

The Christmas program of the Harney United Brethren Church will be given on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be carols, recitations and readings and closing with a candle lighting service. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. A. T. Sutcliffe was confined to the house over last Sunday and the larger part of this week, one of the many sufferers from the gripple. He expects to be in his place for Christmas service and Sunday. Rev. L. B. Hafer substituted for him last Sunday.

The Blue Ridge Tattler, a paper published by the employees of the Blue Ridge Rubber Company, of Taneytown and Littlestown, came out this week with an issue made up almost entirely of pictures. It contained many familiar faces. Mr. E. W. Dunbar, the "Big Boss" was given the full front page for a fine picture.

Christmas is coming says our Editor and Manager. You would know it if you had seen him handle calendars and other Christmas work for the last few weeks. Besides Christmas cards in large numbers, Christmas advertising and job work The Carroll Record handled 30 orders for calendars, amounting over 9000. The largest order was 1500 of a kind.

The Berean Bible Class held their annual Christmas dinner party at the home of Misses Amelia and Elizabeth Annan on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th. After partaking of a well prepared dinner everybody gathered around a large well lighted Christmas tree in the living room where they exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols.

In this week's issue we have a number of Christmas Greeting advertisements of our business places in Taneytown. As we were too busy to see everyone, we offer those that did not join in this feature to take advantage of next week's offer of New Year's Greetings which we will run. Already we have a fine number of advertisements for that week and we invite you to inspect our new cuts at our office and give us your order.

CARD OF THANKS.

I am now in India and I want to, at this time, thank my friends for their letters and cards sent me since I entered the Army. I also want to thank The Carroll Record for sending me the paper.

DEWEY SIMPSON.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who sent us cards, flowers and gifts that helped to make our fiftieth wedding anniversary a happy event.

MR. & MRS. JACOB D. NULL.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my neighbors and friends for their assistance in my recent fight of the fire that destroyed several buildings at my home; and especially the Taneytown and Union Bridge Fire Companies.

CHAS. KISER.

AN OPEN LETTER

To Men and Women in the Armed Forces

Dear Friend: We have "put off" writing this letter so long that we are ashamed of ourselves. We have no excuse because we are constantly reminded of the importance of letter-writing to the men in the service.

First we want to tell you how proud we are of you. You are doing a splendid job. Every day our newspapers and radios tell us of the important and wonderful progress made by the Army, Navy and Marines. You may not be with Gen. McArthur nor Gen. Eisenhower but wherever you are, you are doing your "bit."

To us, you are doing the most important part in winning this war. What are we doing back home, you ask? We are working harder than ever. With you "gone to war" we are "carrying on." We have many kinds of rationing, but at times seem like a hardship, that on second thought we realize the sacrifice you made and we take this rationing, etc. in the "Praise the Lord—Pass the Ammunition" spirit. We do buy bonds—probably not as many as we should buy we will do better from now on.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving. Of course, it was not like when we had you with us. Even though the day was not bright we still had many things for which to be thankful.

Our next holiday will be Christmas. We will celebrate the birth of Christ—Our greatest Ally in this war to get rid of Hitler and his gang, so that we can again enjoy "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."

You will back home with us. We hope and believe that before another Thanksgiving arrives that you will be home us.

Very truly yours, THE FOLKS "BACK HOME"

TANEYTOWN STUDENT HONORED

Miss Kathryn Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Arnold, Taneytown, Md., who will receive her B. S. Degree from State Teachers' College in Towson, in January, is among those students who will be listed in the 1943-44 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The book will be released in April.

This publication is published through the cooperation of over 600 American Universities and Colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates which is devoid of politics, fees and dues. Several students are selected each year from accredited colleges, by an unbiased committee, for their biographies to appear in this publication. The purpose of Who's Who is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done; as a recommendation to the business world; and as a standard of measurement for students.

Miss Arnold was a member of the Student Government Executive Board, President of the Marshals, a member of the May Court, on the Administrative Council of the school twice a section officer, captain of a group in the dormitory and Social Chairman of the Chimes Guild.

Miss Arnold graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in McSherrystown Pa., in 1940.

COMMENT APROPOS JOHN J. REID'S LETTER

To The Carroll Record: I did so much enjoy the Detroit letter of Mr. John Reid, as I lived for years near D. P. C., or Detour and dealt at Mr. Weant's store in D. P. C. Mr. Reid's friends were my friends too, the Miller boys, Dr. Charles Diller my family physician for years and others. My brothers attended Mr. McKinney's school in your town and his son, Dr. Robert was a dear friend in our family. In my mind's eye I can now see "Bob" riding down the road on one of our brave trotters to pay a short visit to my brother in our home near Emmisburg. For Mr. Reid's closing letter, there came over me a wave of sadness, thinking of the short time we have (I am nearly 87 years old) in making the change in solving the Great unknown.

(Mrs.) ESTELLE KRISSE CLOSE

ENRICH OTHER BAKERY PRODUCTS

The food enrichment already applied to white bread will be extended to coffee cakes, sweet buns, plain rolls, doughnuts, and all other types of yeast raised commercial bakery products. Beginning January 16, in addition to white bread, these products must contain specified minimum food values to the extent white flour is used. The amendment to the food order also provides that consumers of bakery products cannot for any reason return bakery products they have bought.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William F. Stair and Evelyn M. Haines, Westminster, Md. Charles A. Starner and Ruth E. Davenport, York, Pa. Lawrence W. Myers and Myrtle M. Ollis, Relay, Md. Samuel F. Hoel and Nellie M. Ritter, Westminster, Md. Ralph S. Stewart and Bianca E. Burns, Baltimore, Md.

There is Hope

OUR OWN community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth."

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war lords on our normal way of living—we know that the peace-loving "little" men of goodwill far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same "little" people that Christ came into this world 1943 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness.

Let this true spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you—

A Merry Christmas

SERVICE MEN LETTERS

Containing Thanks For the Kits and The Record

To Whom it May Concern: These kind of letters sort of put a lump in my throat whenever I try to write them. I wish to thank each and everyone for the packages that have been sent me.

As you know, I am stationed in Louisiana. The people down here are not as friendly as you may think. They talk about "Southern Hospitality." Where is it? In my mind there isn't such a thing.

The people live in almost any kind of a building they would call it a house. Maybe their fathers and mothers were raised that way, but in the country it looks like an old shack but I guess it isn't the kind of a house, it is home to them I guess.

The city of Alexandria, about the size of Westminster is just about like any other city. But for me, I'll take good old Taneytown. The people there are as friendly to a service man as they are at home. Maybe the reason is so many service men.

My outfit is on the verge of moving to where or when is not to be said. After I get to wherever I may be going I will let you all know through the Carroll Record. There's another thing, the people down here. Although they are the price of papers in the big cities there just isn't anything to them. The Carroll Record is the home paper, maybe that is the reason I don't like these papers, nothing in them about home. I hope the Record will keep following me wherever I may go.

Will write again in the near future. Until then, I remain PVT. FORREST E. SKILES Co. D 151st Inf APO 38 Camp Livingston, La.

The Carroll Record, Dear Mr. Stoner: Since last giving you my husband's address, he has been given a higher rating from Seaman 2/c to Gunners Mate 3/c. He writes how much he enjoys reading the Record even though it is late, reading the news from home.

He even writes home to me about things that he has read in the paper. Thanking you very much for your kindness, I remain sincerely, MRS. JOHN I. SIES,

Carroll Record: I wish to thank the people of the Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Aid Society of the Grace Reformed Church who helped to make the Christmas boxes they sent me. They are very tasty and useful; and I also wish to thank the Carroll Record for the paper. Yours truly, HOWARD M. WELTY S 2 c Ships Co, Bks 606 U S N T S Bambridge, Md.

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To Our Patrons

Due to New Year's Day coming on Saturday we will go to press 1 DAY EARLIER next week. Please give us your news and advertising copy one day earlier.

NATIONAL WAR FUND

USO and Relief Groups Combined in One Drive

The National War Fund is a national campaign organization for the support of approved war relief agencies. Its function is to stimulate the organization of local united campaigns throughout the entire country, and to consolidate the appeals of its participating agencies into one campaign.

Under the banner of the National War Fund in Maryland, Inc., a campaign army of thousands of volunteers has been organized. Executives of War Production plants, leaders in the civic and business life of every community, labor leaders and the rank and file of workers stand ready to do their part in carrying forward the task which has been set.

A plea to citizens of Carroll county to demonstrate their patriotism again by subscribing to the Fund in Maryland has been made by Stewart J. Cort, State Chairman of the organization.

In a letter, mailed recently from State headquarters in Baltimore, to leading citizens of Carroll County, Mr. Cort said: "Carroll County citizens have evidenced their patriotism in every effort directed to winning the war. In 1941, before Pearl Harbor, under the leadership of Dr. Frank G. Holloway you gave liberally to the USO campaign. In 1942, your County, under the leadership of Mr. Russell Benson, again subscribed its quota to the USO.

"During 1943 and 1944 the USO will be financed by the National War Fund. Of the appeals which have united as the National War Fund in Maryland, approximately eighty percent of the money sought will be used for purely American needs.

"We have organized a personal solicitation campaign in every county of Maryland except Carroll. Here local conditions have prevented this but we are persuaded that the citizens of Carroll County would not be satisfied to be denied the opportunity to give to a cause in which they have generously demonstrated a financial interest.

The national goal of the organization is \$125,000,000—of which Maryland's share is \$2,108,000. Garrett, Washington, Allegany, Harford, Cecil, Howard, Baltimore, Queen Anne, Prince George, Montgomery and Caroline Counties have already achieved their individual goals.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Shall we call it Merry Christmas, Times like these are very queer— When the world is in such turmoil Fighting, slaughtering everywhere. Faith in God will bridge the chasm That yawns now before our eyes— Faith in God will help us ever If we look from earth to sky. Star of Bethlehem, sailing onward To the place where Christ was born Help thou us in days of turmoil To behold a better morn, Morn when all malice and hatred Will be banished from the earth When the Peace of the Eternal Shall show man his better worth Star of Bethlehem shine onward Till they light the world around Shall fill all with joy and gladness Until peace on earth is found. Let the merry carols ring Let the people joyous sing— Sing the praises of the Lord And the glories of his word. W. J. H. Christmas 1943.

TANEYTOWN SCHOOL RENDERED OPERETTA

Large Number of Pupils Have Part in Fine Play

Before an audience which filled the auditorium of the Taneytown High School to capacity, the children of the elementary school rendered the operetta "Then Magi's Gift" in a highly creditable manner on last Friday evening. A large number of pupils, probably 75 or more had part in the entertainment and their appearance in costumes, together with the perfectly free and easy way in which they gave their parts, made the occasion one of great delight to the parents and friends who witnessed the performance.

The operetta is of a more difficult type than is usually undertaken for school entertainments, but with the large group of children from which to select the talent, and with the fine stage equipment for lighting effect, the appropriate costuming and the patience given to training, the school was able to provide an exhibition not to be surpassed.

The operetta was in two acts, prepared especially for the Yuletide, representing medieval times in England, with the traditions and the pageantry of those days, yet employing choruses of present day use and popularity. Its carol singers and musicians, its Christmas trees, its pageants and its angels, made possible telling and effective tableaux.

The work of the children was so excellent that to single out any of the actors would be likely to result in invidious comparison, but all of it showed the result of skillful training and direction on the part of the teachers, and of fine cooperation between teachers and pupils.

The audience showed its appreciation by liberal applause, as well as by its comments after the entertainment.

USE RIGHT STAMP FOR SHOES

Because some people have used the wrong stamps in Book Three for shoes, OPA has issued the following statement: "War Ration Book Three has four pages of black 'picture' stamps showing guns, tanks, ships, and airplanes. The pages of airplane stamps is next to the brown food stamps in the back of Book Three." The shoe stamp shows a miniature airplane in flight and is labeled "Ration Stamp No. 1." This stamp came into use on November 1, and it will remain valid indefinitely, along with Stamp 18 in Ration Book One.

QUICK WORD TO NEXT-OF-KIN

Next-of-kin of service men who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The information immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual or organization for such information.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

As Viewed by a Baltimore Layman

The early council of the Christian church that assembled several hundred years after the time of Christ decreed that the birth of Christ was December 25th. This date is said to have been selected because it was the date of a great heathen religious festival.

The important fact is not the exact date of the birth of Christ, but the fact that he was born and lived among men, and this fact is attested by both sacred and profane history.

The Bible confirms the fact, and Josephus a profane historian attests the fact that such an one as Jesus lived and trod the earth.

I am merely a layman, and my opinion is not worth much on so important a subject, however I am convinced in my own mind that Jesus was born some time between the middle of the month of April and the middle of the month of June. I base this belief upon the scriptural statement that it occurred "while shepherds watched their flocks by night."

December 25th is pretty cold even in the Holy Lands hence it is scarcely likely that shepherds lolled around on the ground at that season of the year. They would likely do so in May or June.

As to the Star of Bethlehem, I have not been able to find any conjunction of the major planets occurring at that time that would make the special phenomenon of a particularly bright star occurring at that particular time.

I think we place too much importance on the star phenomenon and not enough on the fact that Jesus was born and lived among man and suffered and died for the sins of mankind. W. J. H.

Ration Reminders

Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through Feb. 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21st.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1, on the "airplane" sheet in Book Three is good for 1 pair.

Meats, Fats—Brown Stamps L, M, N P and Q are good through Jan. 1, 1944. Brown stamp R becomes good December 26 and remains good through January 29th.

Processed Foods—Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four are good through Jan. 20.

Fuel Oil—Period 1 coupons are good in all regions through Jan. 3. Period 2 coupons are good through Feb. 7 in all areas except the South, where they are good through Jan 24. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West and South, remain good through March 13 in the Middle West and through Feb. 21 in the South. Period 3 coupons become valid in the East and far West, Jan. 4.

Odd bits of apple, not enough for a serving, can be added to cereals, salads, and puddings.

Just 'Fore Christmas

Editor's Note: This classic of American Christmas literature was written in the late 1880's by the popular American poet, Eugene Field, a native of the Mid-West, whose stories and poems have a lingering, human quality achieved by mighty few writers. We've revived it for your pleasure.

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will, Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill! Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy, Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy! Love to chawak green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake— Hate to take the castor-ile they give for belly-ache! 'Most all the time, the whole year 'round, there ain't no flies on me, But jest 'fore Christmas I'm good as I kin be!

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sick him on the cat; First things she knows she doesn't know where she is at! 'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride! But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross, He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his boss, An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never tached me!" But jest 'fore Christmas I'm good as I kin be!

Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man, I'll be a missionary like her oldest brother, Dan. As was et up by the cannibals that lives in Ceylon's Isle, Where every prospect pleases, an' only man is vile! But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show. Nor read the Life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know That Buff'lo Bill and cow-boys is good enough for me! Except jest 'fore Christmas when I'm good as I kin be!

And when old Sport he hangs around, so solemn-like an' still, His eyes they keep a'sayin': "What's the matter, little Bill?" The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become Of them two enemies of hern that used to make things hum! But I am so perlitte an' tend so earnestly to biz, That mother says to father: "How improved our Willie is!" But father havin' been a boy hisself, suspicions me When jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes an' toys, Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys; So wash yer face an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer p's and q's, An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, an' don't wear out yer shoes; Say "Yessum" to the ladies, an' "Yessur" to the men, An' when they's company, don't plate for pie again; But, thinking of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree, Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be!

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1943

SHORT-HANDED

Our Editorial Columns this week do not contain the usual amount of matter to which our readers are accustomed, due to the absence of our linotype operator, who was housed up for several days with a case of the grippe, and who worked under a handicap even when he was here. Mr. M. Ross Fair has the unusual record of having been connected with this establishment almost from its beginning, nearly fifty years ago. He is our only operator of the linotype machine.

Leading Exports
With its large proportion of fertile soil and open country, Bulgaria's leading exports are from farms, and normally include tobacco, fruit, sugar, raw silk, rose oil, wheat and other cereals, and animal products. Germany, in 1940, took nearly 60 per cent of the nation's exports and was the source of about 70 per cent of the imports. The entire 1941 tobacco crop was bought in advance by the Reich, which is also reported active in the development of Bulgaria's mineral resources, especially copper, lead and zinc.

Brenner Pass
The Brenner pass is sometimes loosely referred to as covering the entire 81 miles from Bolzano at the southern end of an Italian mountain valley to Innsbruck at the northern end of an Austrian valley. The actual crest of the pass, however, is at the Italian-Austrian line. Scores of bridges are required to carry the railway and highway over the many deep gorges in this Alpine corridor. One of the bridges was reported destroyed.

Let Fruits Stand
To harvest any but the most tender vegetables before the first frost would be a mistake. Not only do they make additional growth on warm sunny days, but they also keep much better standing in the garden than they do in a storage cellar which is too warm. In fact, most disappointments from home storage have come from harvesting winter vegetables too early.

Air Express
For the most part, air express is carried on the regular passenger flights of the airlines but three exclusive mail and express flights are now operated daily. One route runs between New York and Miami; another between New York and Salt Lake City, and a third, recently started, between New York and Los Angeles.

Egg Storage
The best temperature for storing eggs is between 40 and 50 degrees. It is suggested that they should not be exposed to temperatures below 28 or 29 degrees in winter because of the danger of freezing. In summer the temperature should not be allowed to go above 63 degrees for fertile eggs.

Shallow Arm
The Sea of Azov is a broad, shallow arm of the Black sea, and an outlet for several large Russian ports. Such cities as Rostov, Taganrog, and Mariupol normally handle heavy traffic in mineral and food products from the Ukraine and northern Caucasus regions.

Million Dollar Highway
A so-called "Million Dollar Highway" built by army engineers in Dutch New Guinea has a corduroy base of mahogany logs and is surfaced with aluminum ore, both materials being the cheapest and most readily available for road-building in one district.

Educated Japs

Korea sent a cultural mission to Japan in the Third century, A. D., to teach the little island barbarians how to build houses, wear proper clothes, and make utensils and tools.

'Round 'n' Round
During the 12 months of 1942, the army air forces within the continental United States flew a distance equal to 81,170 trips around the earth.

Ground Personnel
Of every 1,000 soldiers in the army air forces, 50 are airplane armorers and 12 are sheet metal workers.

Ground Crew
To keep one army air force soldier in the air, 10 are needed on the ground.

Cook Army Way
Cooking the army way is taught at various WAC schools for bakers and cooks.

Pack Clothes in Bale
Clothing for U. S. soldiers overseas is now packed in bales instead of boxes.

Hunt Deer in Ohio
This fall saw Ohio's first open deer season since 1902.



Money spent for War Bonds goes to the front. Sometimes it provides spectacular equipment like planes, oft times it buys a runty donkey like this American soldier is taking ashore in Italy. The quicker your dollars go into action, the sooner it will be over. **Buy More War Bonds.**
U. S. Treasury Department

The Gospel According to St. Luke

AND it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5. To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

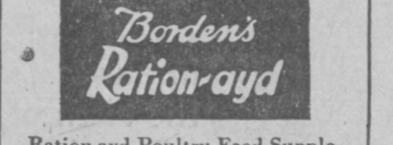
21. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



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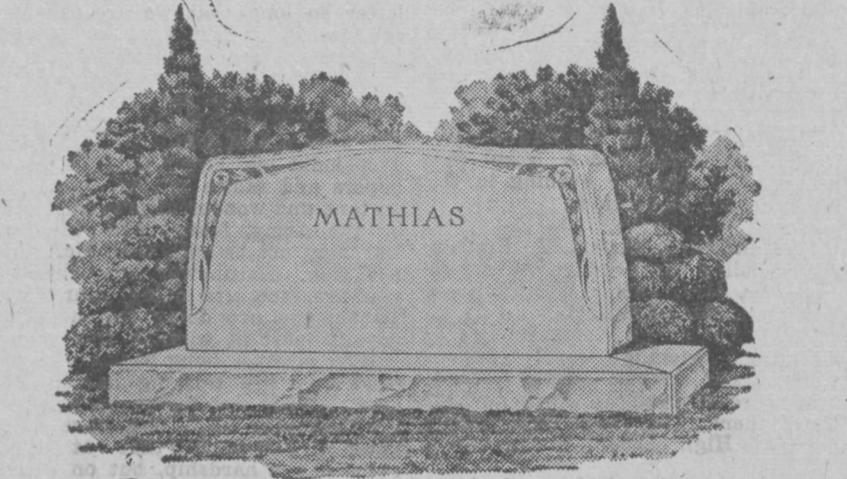
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STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

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, and particularly with reference to the consideration of the adoption of a plan whereby the present outstanding shares of capital stock be reduced and the present certificates of beneficial interest be retired, will be held at the office of said Bank on the last Tuesday of December, being the 28th, 1943, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, P. M.

Should you be unable to attend, please sign the proxy and return to the bank.

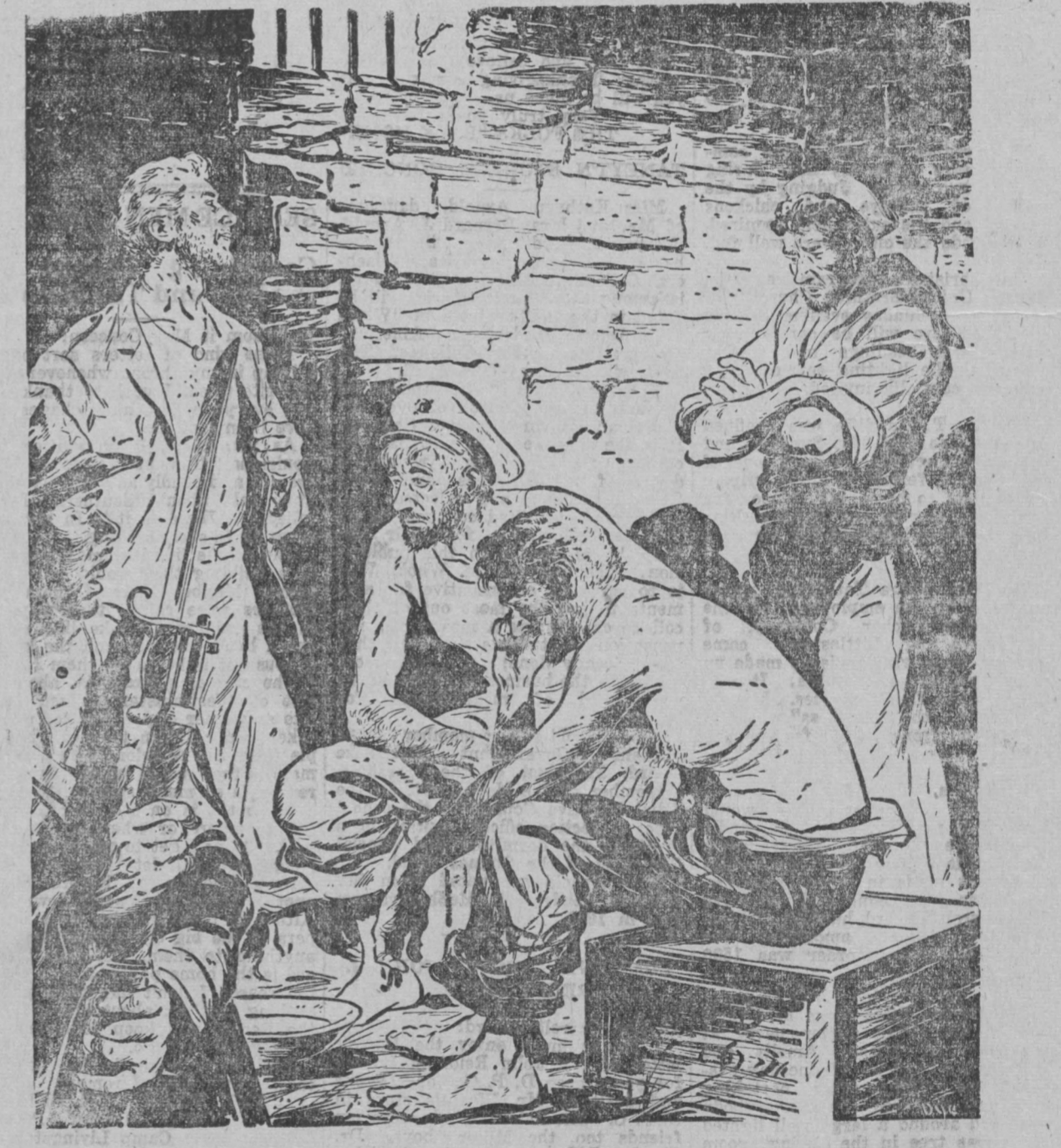
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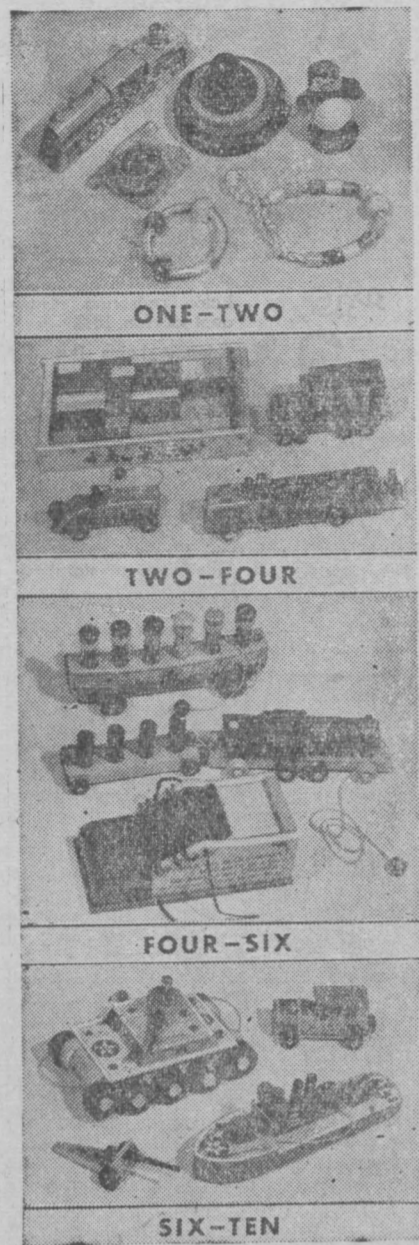
Wonder where they're going for Christmas?
Who'll wish them "Merry Christmas"?
What's on their menu for Christmas dinner?
What Christmas gifts will they exchange?
What will they pray for on Christmas Night?
What Christmas memories will haunt their hearts

- • • the stillness of a snow-robed countryside, and the friendly laughter of free people?
- • • the glitter of acres of show windows, and the holiday bustle of free people?
- • • the stockings hung, the tree trimmed, the kids up at dawn, the presents unwrapped—the carols sung by free people?

How many EXTRA War Bonds are YOU buying this Christmas?

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Teach as They Entertain**



The newest toys are designed to teach your child how to use his hands, his eyes and his intelligence. Just as much fun to play with as any of the beloved objects we treasured as children, these sturdy new toys teach as well as entertain. The toys illustrated above, taken from a group on display at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, show the kinds of toys recommended for various age groups.

**Winter Solstice
Period of Many
Ancient Rituals**

Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Saviour's nativity, and while there are no records to prove that December 25th is the precise date, historians, astronomers, and research authorities have substantiated the fact that the event must have occurred during the time of the Winter Solstice.

The Winter Solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more, has been celebrated as a festival of some sort by the various peoples of the earth since, and even prior to, the recording of history.

Symbolic Palm Tree.

In ancient Egypt, the palm tree, known to put forth one shoot each month, completed its cycle of twelve during this period and was symbolic of the year's fruitful harvests and accomplishments.

The mystic rites of the Druids centered around the cutting of the mistletoe whose branches, when cut and distributed by the Arch-Druid, traditionally bestowed blessings of nature and divine favor upon the receiver.

In the Scandinavian countries, fires were kindled in defiance of the Frost King, and families, gathered about the warmth, spent the long evenings telling weird tales involving Valkyrie and Werewolves—as well as anticipating to what distant ports their ships would sail when no longer ice-bound. The time was also sacred to Thor, and the Yule logs, great chunks of the Thunder Oak, blazed upon the hearths amid feasting and fellowship.

Honoring Saturnus.

Two Roman holidays—Brumalia and Juvenilia—were combined into one great festival in honor of Saturnus—Saturnalia. It was a period of general celebration lasting from what would correspond to our December the 18th on through the Calends of January. Processions and gift-giving were in order, the courts were adjourned and no criminals were convicted, while convention was abandoned, equality reigning among slaves and free men.

The earliest Christians solemnized the Mass of Christ, whence the word "Christmas," during Saturnalia, many of the faithful suffering persecution and martyrdom as a result. After Constantine recognized Christianity in the Fourth century, the celebration of Christmas became an established custom.

Indeed, Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Babe born in Bethlehem. And the Lord, in His Wisdom, understands that the traditions preserved from ancient customs and peoples are in-keeping with the angelic enunciation of His Birth: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."



**LOOKING
AHEAD**

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Legal Ruin

Large paying investments always concern more than a few people. Almost universally men (rich or poor) who have to handle large sums of money feel the responsibility and are careful. Pitching three or four billion-dollar figures in the air and catching them gracefully on the end of a slide-rule is more in the statistician's line. Real money is seldom handled so lightly.

Most of my life has been spent with poor people. I am a pioneer farmer's son who worked his way through college and lived in the Orient for eleven years. I am acquainted with poverty first-hand as well as by observation, but recently my compassion played a novel prank and reached out to a man of great wealth. When you know his story, you will probably sympathize with him too.

Many Dependents

He is a manufacturer in a northern city, turning out war materials; currently making nothing else. His contract is so big that his annual billing approximates 100 million dollars. That's what the government pays him in twelve months; a lot of money, no matter where you mention it. He turns his stock about once in three months. That is, he carries approximately twenty-five million dollars of inventory.

Every day when the whistle blows, about ten thousand employees walk through a gate into his plant. I shall not call his name, but I can tell you this much: He is not running a knitting mill. Most of his employees are big husky men with families. He knows that some 40,000 men, women and children are depending on him to manage his business in such a way that they will get paid regularly and eat.

On Thin Ice

Thus far he has managed. His older and more skilled workmen made heavy machinery a long time before they built ordnance material, so he feels sure of what he is turning out. But not long ago a negotiator soared down from Washington to the Earth and had a look around the plant. When he departed, the manufacturer had the bad news. The government was going to let him net \$1,000,000 a year.

Now let's figure a little. His sales are 100 million dollars and he is allowed to keep one million dollars, which is one percent. He is skating on thin ice. As long as the war lasts and the government keeps taking his output so the plant can operate at capacity, his is a going business. But when war stops, money troubles will start at once. These 10,000 workmen are earning \$50 a week or more, on the average, and their employer's earnings in one whole year are only enough to meet such a payroll for two weeks.

Unhappy Times

The war will end suddenly. Wars always end suddenly. When the ugly business is all over, this manufacturer will probably have on his hands \$25,000,000 of war goods that nobody wants, also a tedious job of changing over a factory to make something people will buy in peacetime. If he had no other expense than wages, he could last two weeks. Probably one week will see fires go out under his boilers and his workmen fall in line for "relief."

Welfare of workers concerns most employers deeply. Soap-box orators, wishing to mobilize the nation's malcontents, have worked hard for years trying to make it appear that Private Enterprise means selfish monopoly, and such efforts have not been entirely futile. Agitators have made converts who think of capital (not as investment in tools and equipment to make more and better jobs, but as people) as a class of idle and selfish people. There are men in government who seem to share this idea, making rules against capital that ultimately will beggar the workers.

If a business man were so foolish and neglectful of the safety of his employees, with nothing to blame but his own folly, and should put 40,000 people in the bread-line, his name would become a scornful, national by-word. The humiliating shame of this case is that it's legal—direct operation of the famous Re-negotiation Law.

WELL KEPT



Mrs. Blue—Can you keep a secret?
Mrs. White—I'll tell the world!

Try and Collect

Salesman—All you do, ma'am, is make a small down payment and then you pay no more for three months.

Mrs. Jones—I'll bet that snoopy Mrs. Smith told you about us!

No Trial Needed
Lawyer (to opponent)—You're the biggest boob in the world.
Judge (rapping for order)—Gentlemen! Gentlemen, you forget I am here.

Quinines Woody Plants
Quinines are woody plants ranging from much-branched small trees, to forest trees of great stature. They can be found in altitudes ranging between 3,000 and 7,000 feet and in areas where there are no killing frosts; they can stand a continuous low temperature, as long as there are no excessive lows or highs. These trees grow in mixed forests, especially where the forest floor is rich in humus and possibly acid. The quinines flower abundantly, some of the flowers are borne in lilac-like panicles; they are wind-pollinated, and all seed capsules of the inflorescence do not mature at one time. Further, the seed does not hold its viability long.

Bus' Gas Consumption

The typical bus, which carried 19 passengers for every mile of operation, averaged six miles to the gallon.

Cloves From Evergreen

Cloves are the dried, unopened flower buds of an evergreen tree which is a native of the Molucca or Spice islands.

Taught Chinese

U. S. marines are credited with introducing the art of boxing to the Chinese.

Bananas Herbaceous Plants

While banana plants are commonly referred to as trees, they actually are gigantic herbaceous plants.

Nitrogen Rots Compost

Rotting of compost is speeded by adding a few handfuls of a complete fertilizer high in nitrogen, cottonseed meal or similar nitrogenous plant food to each layer. This is not necessary if animal or poultry manure is added, however.

Early Slogans

"Princes and States, once independent . . . tremble at his mandates; and Europe, paralyzed . . . waits . . . destruction." Thus reads a broadside distributed in England in 1803, when an invasion by Napoleon seemed imminent.

War Nurseries

With the assistance of Lanham Act funds, 3,902 war nurseries and child care centers have now been established in which care is provided for 214,885 children, according to the Federal Works agency.

What Bond Can Buy

For \$18.75, invested in a \$25 War Bond, the army can buy a cotton mattress, a cotton-filled comforter, two sheets, a mosquito bar, four pairs of tan cotton socks and one summer undershirt.

NO HURRY

A wealthy merchant decided that he would commission an artist to paint his new country mansion, with himself, as the owner, standing in the doorway.

Accordingly he approached an artist who agreed to the proposal. In due course the picture was completed, but the artist, for some reason of his own, had neglected to paint in the figure of his client.

"It's all right," said the merchant, "but where do I come in?"

The artist tried to pass off the error as a joke.

"Oh," he said, "you've just gone inside to write my check."

"Oh, have I?" retorted the other. "Then perhaps I'll be coming out soon, and if I do I'll pay you; in the meantime . . ."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the personal estate of

INA L. FEESER, 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 subscribers, on or before the 8th day of July, next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate.

Given under our hands this 7th day of December, 1943.

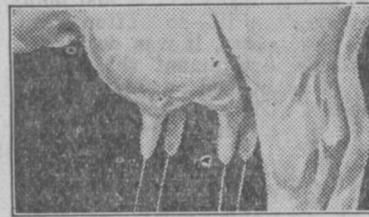
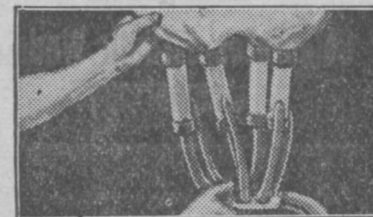
WILLIAM G. FEESER,
LUELLE C. FEESER,
Administrators of the estate of
Ina L. Feeser, deceased.
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**HOW TO Milk TO
INCREASE MILK FLOW**



1. MILK FAST. The ability of most cows to let down milk completely lasts only 7 minutes. Slow milking fails to get all the milk . . . slowly dries off the cow.

2. STRIP ONLY A FEW SECONDS, or not at all, even after a machine. Rapid milking and short stripping train cows to let down milk quickly and completely.



3. LEARN TO KNOW by feel when the udder has been emptied of milk. Instead of hand stripping, massage the udder and pull down on teat cups.

4. MILK COWS FIRST which let down their milk in response to milking preparations. Such cows will leak at the teats or show distention of udder.



5. DO NOT WASH or otherwise stimulate a cow's udder more than 2 minutes before milking. If you do, she may not let down all her milk.

6. AVOID STRANGE NOISES rough treatment just before or during milking. This disturbs some cows—keeps them from letting down all milk.

We have other
Suggestions
to Help You



Produce MORE
FOOD
for VICTORY

Taneytown Grain & Supply Co.



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers, like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

Dougherty's Grocery



As one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a . . . Merry Christmas.

F. E. SHAUM

MEDFORD PRICES

STORE HOURS—8 A. M. to 6 P. M. Daily

- Oyster Shell, bag 98c
 - 2 lbs Coffee Stretcher 17c
 - Peanut Hulls \$1.25 per 100 lbs
 - Bicycles (rationed) \$29.50
 - Ground Wheat, bag \$2.95
 - 1 lb Jar Peanut Butter 23c
 - 2 lb Jar Peanut Butter 39c
 - 5 gal Can Roof Paint \$1.48
- You can visit our auction room daily.

5 gal. Galvanized Gas Cans \$1.25

All-Weather Anti-Freeze gal. \$1.25

Feed Oats \$1.10 bushel

4-inch Eave Trough, ft. 11c

- 5-in Eave Trough, ft 15c
- 6 in Eave Trough, ft 19c
- 2-in Conductor Pipe, ft 9c
- 3 in. Conductor Pipe 11c ft
- 4 in Conductor Pipe 15c ft

Now is the time to store your Winter supply of Potatoes

100-lb. bag No. 2 size \$1.98

100-lb. bag No. 1 size \$3.25

- Hudson Stalls and Stanchions \$12.75
- 26-gauge Corrugated Roofing, square \$11.00
- 15% Dairy Feed \$2.95
- 18% Dairy Feed, bag \$3.10
- 18% Dairy Feed \$3.25
- 24% Dairy Feed \$3.45
- Brewers Grains \$2.50 bag
- 6x9 Rugs \$1.98
- 9x12 Rugs \$3.33
- 9x15 Rugs \$4.44
- 8 lb Can Scrapple 29c

We pay 10c lb. for Lard and exchange can

- Flourescent Lamps 75c each
- 4 in. Spouting 11c ft
- 5 in Spouting 15c ft
- 6 in Spouting 19c ft
- Stock Molasses 32c gal
- 3 lb Box Crackers 19c
- 3 lbs Buckwheat Meal 25c
- No 10 Can Apple Sauce 5c
- Ground Wheat, bag \$2.95
- Linseed Replacement Oil, gallon \$1.30
- Aluminum Paint, per gal \$3.98
- Brick Strip Siding, to cover your house and save heat, sq \$2.95
- 1-ply Roofing, 35-lb 59c
- 2-ply Roofing, 45-lb 79c
- 3-ply Roofing, 55-lb 98c

- We pay 6 to 10c each for Feed bags
- 3 Boxes Cream Corn Starch 25c
- 3 Boxes Cube Starch 25c
- 3 Dozen Boxes Matches 25c
- Vinegar, gallon 25c
- Paper Shingles, sq \$2.98
- Pepper 19c lb
- Bring anything you have to sell
- 2 gallon Can Auto Oil 60c
- Bed Mattresses \$7.98
- Red Barn Paint, gal 9c
- 5 gal Bucket Roof Paint \$1.48

10-lb. bag Flour 39c

50-lb. bag Flour \$1.75

- 100 lb Bag Flour \$3.45
- No 6127 Little Gem International Tractor Slip Point Shares \$1 each
- Just unloaded a carload of 95% Ground Corn \$3.60 per bag
- Just unloaded a carload of Feed Oats \$1.10 bu
- 10 lbs Corn Meal 39c
- 10 lbs Hominy 35c
- We grind your sausage meat 1 1/2c lb

- Iron Wheelbarrows \$9.98
- Rabbit Pellets \$4.50 bag
- Scratch Feed \$3.15 bag
- Front Quarter Beef 26c lb
- Hind Quarter Beef 32c lb
- Raisins 15c lb
- 12 month Auto Batteries \$6.00
- 15 Month Auto Batteries \$7.50
- 18 Month Auto Batteries \$8.10
- 24 Month Auto Batteries \$9.60

- Down goes the price on Corrugated Roofing to \$11 per sq
- Window Sash \$1.25
- 3/4 in Galv Pipe 11c ft
- 1 in Galv Pipe 15c ft
- 1 1/4 in Galv Pipe 19c ft
- 1 1/2 in Galv Pipe 22c ft
- 2 in Galv Pipe 29c ft

Our next 2 Auctions will be held Monday, Dec. 27, and Monday, Jan. 3rd.

STORE CLOSED XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Cuban Candy 39c lb

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

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. R., 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

Please mail your letters to us ONE DAY EARLIER next week. Due to New Year's Day coming on Saturday we will go to press Thursday morning.

LITTLESTOWN.

The annual Christmas party for the children and guests of the members of the Woman's Community Club was held this week on Tuesday evening in their Lodge room. Santa Claus presented each child with a gift.

The pupils of the week day school of Religious Education of St. John Lutheran Church held a Christmas party at the church. Their mothers were guests. There was a large attendance. The pastor the Rev. Kenneth D. James welcomed the guests and gave a brief report. They then adjourned to the social room where games were played. Santa Claus arrived and presented each one with a gift. 75 pupils are enrolled in the school.

Anna Edwards who broadcasts over the radio, presented a program of old-fashioned hymns and gave a talk at a special services held in St. James Reformed Church, Sunday evening.

Mrs. John H. Flickinger visited her husband in New York City.

Mrs. Lewis Fox, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kohler, after spending some time with her husband Sgt Lewis H. Fox, Brownwood, Tex.

A candlelight and carol service was held in St. John Lutheran Church, Sunday evening. Claude O. Meckley, Postmaster of Hanover and teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church was the guest speaker.

There is a lot of people who have a bad cold but only a few that must be in bed and to top it off the chickens have it.

This will be a hard week for business men and clerks, long hours and as I am a clerk I will not have the time to write much, but will do as my old friend J. J. Reid says do as my few lines as a filler.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and especially to our U. S. armed forces. Hoping you will all be home before another Christmas. God bless you all and keep you in health and may you all return home safe to your loved ones.

HOOPER'S DELIGHT

Mrs. Joseph Snyder, Mrs. H. O. Farver and daughter, Betty Jane, and Willard Barber called on Mr. and Mrs. K. Snyder and family, of Keymar last Sunday afternoon.

Francis Reese, of Rockville, spent the week-end with Billie Reese. Miss Hilda Jenkins spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. Jenkins and family.

Mrs. Geo. Garver and daughter, Reba, of Rockville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Blacksten and family.

Those who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Farver and daughter, on Sunday and during the week were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Crabbs, Mrs. Geo. Garver, Miss Mary Farver, Reba Garver, Ruth and Shirley Stoner, Patsy Crabbs, Doris Myers, Ann Leister and Billie Reese.

Mr. Joseph Snyder, H. Farver and E. Crabbs called on Mr. and Mrs. F. Snyder, of Emmitsburg last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jessie Boston, Mrs. J. Crowl and little Sandra Lee Snyder is on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Crabbs, Mr. and Mrs. H. Farver, Miss Patsy Crabbs, Sandra Lee Snyder and Betty Jane Farver and Willard Barbara and Kerley Snyder, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Snyder and family.

We wish the Editor and its Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW WINDSOR

There will be no church services or Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec. 26, but on Jan. 2, 1944, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 A. M., Rev. Russell Gar will be in charge.

Mr. Blaxten and wife, spent the week-end in Baltimore with his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Getty, are spending the Xmas holidays in New York City.

Mrs. J. C. Baumgardner who spent the past week at Highfield, Md., returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Georgia Getty had a family dinner on Sunday last at her home, "Overbrook Farms."

Quite a number of persons are suffering from grippe or flu.

FEESERSBURG

Monday, Dec. 20, cold and bleak, now everything does look wintry—no green grass or leaves or flowers but no snow, and that does seem to belong to Christmas in this region. Wells and cisterns are empty again, and the ground very dry. Only a few birds are around, but the Cardinal and his mate have become regular visitors.

Will not try to mention all our sick folks, but Mrs. Lulu Hooper Grider has been confined to the house the past week—with Grippe and an unruly heart. Many are suffering with the prevalent epidemic "Yours truly" among the number.

Miss Sue Birely with Mrs. Addie Crumbaker and daughters, spent Saturday in Frederick, with various experiences—crowds everywhere, no one had enough time, nor money to purchase all they wanted. They usually return home and supply their needs—cheaper.

On Friday evening instead of rehearsal for the Christmas service at Mt. Union all the leaders were sick, and no one to take charge, and many of the children ill—so often consulting the pastor, it was decided to drop the entertainment this year—so it was announced on Sunday from the pulpit. 'Tis reasonable to not congregate at this time—for the good of all.

The stock and machinery sale of John N. Starr attracted many persons on Saturday, and good prices were realized. The people of Haugh's Church served eatables and their table was well patronized.

At Mt. Union Sunday morning Rev. Bowersox preached a Christmas sermon on "Gifts of the Wise Men". Mrs. Winnie Miller had a small growing palm at the altar; and Mrs. Louise Broadwater rendered sweet carols on the pipe organ. Just before the close of the service C. S. Wolfe made a fine presentation speech and handed the pastor an envelope containing a cash donation.

The Church Bulletin contains an etching of the Star of the Wise Men, and a fine little sermon on the theme—"If Christ had not Come." The Parish News consists of reports of the Thank-offering service in each church with good results; announcements of donations for the Bulletin, and the Christmas services. Within each paper was folded a hand wrought—Christmas greeting folder—by and from the pastor and family.

On Sunday morning about 10 A. M. Mrs. Andrew (Bud) Graham—nee Katie Williams, passed away after a long illness and suffering at their home in Union Bridge which they purchased and occupied the past three years. She had a complication of ailments, and had grown weary of earth, and what a blessed release when Heaven's portals opened to her. Surviving are her husband, who was a model of patient devotion to her always and one son, Andrew Jr. and family who live in Hanover. Katie was an industrious, jolly, loyal wife and mother. She united with the Lutheran Church at Mt. Union in early life, and was always in her place when able; but the last years were hard for her—and now she has safely entered in. Funeral services on Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Union Church and burial in adjoining cemetery.

While visiting at her nephew's home in Hanover last week Miss Sarah Crabbs, who has nursed so many in sickness, had the misfortune to fall down stairs and break her arm; but details are unknown, whether she is now in the Hospital or not; only her brave spirit can bear such an injury better than most others.

Frederick Bowman, eldest son of Berkeley Bowman is home on vacation from school at Bridgewater, Va, and all the pupils will have nice long holiday this year—as schools close this Wednesday.

Miss Erma Wolfe, who has been with Mrs. John Grimes near Ladiesburg for some time past, spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wolfe and worshipped with them at Mt. Union.

From Major Frederick Mougey of WACO Air Field, Texas, we learn of his promotion, and that he flew back to Boston several weeks ago on business—where his beautiful home is still unrented; and recently took 8 hours to go to Chicago to visit Montrose cemetery where his mother is buried with her parents and sisters.

Some Narcissus bulbs purchased for Christmas bloom have been carefully attended, and now look like a green garden—all bursting into bloom. Don't go to the florist for any cheap plants—but things are tempting there—a tiny Poinsetta with three leaves and small bloom (25c) very reasonable in price—only how did the wee plant get a real bloom so soon?

For all the beautiful cards we are receiving, we can only say we love them and the senders and wish to express many, many thanks.

And now comes Christmas with its promise of Peace and Good Will. May it prove a blessed thankful season to our Editor, and his helpers, and all the readers of the Record

UNIONTOWN

The members of St. Paul's Sunday School sent a Christmas box to each of the boys who are serving in the armed forces, who were members of the Sunday School.

Mr. G. W. Slonaker spent the week-end visiting in town.

The community carol singing will be at 5:45 A. M. Christmas morning. A very beautiful Christmas service was presented by the school on Monday evening. Much credit is due the teachers.

A Christmas Service will be presented on Christmas Eve by St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School. Mr. J. Howard West, Baltimore, will be the guest soloist.

There is much sickness in our midst at present. Mr. Milton Zolickoff is suffering from a severe heart attack. Mr. C. Edgar Myers was taken to the University Hospital, Baltimore, in the Hartzler ambulance on Monday following an attack of grip and other complications.

Other victims of the grippe have been Mrs. D. Myers Englar, Mrs. Walter Speicher, Mrs. Monroe Fesser, Mrs. Chas. Blaxten, Mrs. Howard Rodkey, Mrs. Wilbur Halter and Mr. Frank Haines and Miss Dorothy Hoch.

A very interesting Thank-offering Service was held in the Lutheran Church by the Women's Missionary Society. The pastor, Rev. George Bowersox led the meeting and read the Christmas story. During the service carols were sung. Mrs. Stewart Weidener gave a very interesting talk on "Life and Scenes in Alaska." The thankoffering amounted to \$31.50. There was a good attendance.

Dr. Harry Baughman and son, Peter, Gettysburg, spent Tuesday with his mother.

H. B. Fogle returned to work on Monday after an absence of several weeks due to illness.

The Ray LeGore family, Silver Run, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

Mrs. Clara Crouse, Clear Ridge, is ill with pneumonia.

Celebrates Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



MR. and MRS. JACOB D. NULL

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Null, of near Taneytown, was marked Sunday, December 19, 1943, with a family dinner at their home.

Mr. Null who is near 74 years old is the son of the late Daniel and Mary Null. Mrs. Null is the daughter of the late Charles M. and Elizabeth S. Hess and is 72 years of age. They were married by the late Rev. G. W. McSherry, Dec. 19, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents.

They are parents of five children, three of whom are living. They have eleven grandchildren. At Sunday's celebration they received money and a lot of other gifts as well as cut flowers and anniversary greetings. The table was adorned by a 3-tier wedding cake. The cake ornament base was of white lace effect with a large wreath of gold leaves from which hung a gold bell and a smaller wreath with the numerals 50 in gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Null were engaged in farming on the Null homestead for 32 years. They then moved to Hanover, Pa., and lived there for 16 years. In 1942 they built themselves a home on the old homestead and have been living there ever since.

A number of friends called and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Null upon their celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and wished them many more years of married life together.

AMERICAN WEEKLY WILL APPEAR IN NEW SIZE

You'll like The American Weekly when it makes its appearance on January 2, in new wartime size. Many features will be added and it will be a brighter, more fascinating magazine than ever before. Look for the new sized American Weekly distributed with The Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your newsdealer.

DETROIT LETTER

We have come to the conclusion that your readers do not look for news in these letters of ours, because they are only comments on the happenings of the part of the country in which we live. So, as the Christmas season will be at hand in full blast when this gets in print, we want to tell you something about how our city helps in making it a merrier and happier one. No one who is not living in a large city as is Detroit, can even imagine just how much help is needed in this line. And it must be said to its credit, that wicked and full of corruption, in high places, as has been shown in the past few years, our city surely has a heart when it comes to this time of the year.

Not only are great preparations made so that no one need go hungry by the dozen or more charitable organizations and all the churches, but we have an institution here that we have heard of no where else. We refer to the Old Newsboys effort. Almost every boy who has spent his youth in the city has been engaged at least for a short time, in the delivery of the daily papers to the regular customers, as well as selling them to any one they can, on the streets.

A great number of the prominent men of the city, judges, ministers, doctors and indeed it would be almost impossible to name an occupation or high position that is not filled by some one who is proud to have been numbered in the newsboys ranks.

And so, on one day of the year, they lay aside all their business cares, and dignity, if they hold a dignified position, take up the old paper delivery bag, and after march-

ing to the City Hall, headed by a band of several hundred musicians, whose services are donated free, march to their assigned posts, in many cases the same as they sold the papers from when they were boys. The papers are donated by the different publishing companies, so that all the money taken in is used for the purpose it was intended. This purpose is to see that every underprivileged boy or girl in the city is to be taken care of, and made to feel that Christmas is not only a common day, but one on which he can always look back on as out of the ordinary. The city is divided into districts, and thoroughly canvassed, so that no one will be missed. Every child gets something useful, such as clothing of every description, and also is made happy by the presentation of toys of various kinds. Amount collected amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and some of the "newsboys" have been the recipients of as high as \$1,000 bills. One of the most zealous workers in this line will be sadly missed this year. I refer to the Rev. "Mike" Rice, the beloved pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, who died early in the year, and who was not only beloved by his own congregation of over 10,000 members but by almost every one in the city.

This custom of looking after the poor children was originated some years ago by a man named Brady, who was inspired to do so by a cartoon in one of the dailies. This drawing showed a boy, poorly dressed, and otherwise showing the presence of poverty, standing with his head drooped, and above him was the inscription "Forgotten!" He made a resolution that this should never occur again, if he could help it, and this Old Newsboys Organization is the result of his resolve.

Not only are the poor boys and girls looked after, but many of the older poor who would be otherwise hungry and cold, are also cheered up by a good meal provided by the Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, and a lot of other organizations. These meals in former years, usually consisted of a turkey dinner, but owing to the war, and the high prices of those fowls, we are told that beef and pork will have to be substituted and we think that it would be a nice gesture on the part of the OPA to grant permission to these organizations to get these meats free of points.

Thinking about things out here at this season of the year brings back memories of our boyhood and early manhood days. Christmas was not made as much of when we were boys as it is now, and presents were not as plentiful nor as costly as they are now, either. The boy or girl who received a stick of candy, an orange and an apple in his or her stocking, or in his hat or bonnet set in a corner of the living room, was very happy and felt that Santa Claus was real indeed. Big dinners were the exception, and usually no special preparation was made for the celebration of the day. But there are still some men and women living in Taneytown that remember how we trimmed up the churches, meeting for many nights at the church to tie pine wreaths or long festoons to trim up the auditorium. And then the large tree, all trimmed and lit up with candles would be set up, and all with which could place presents under it for their children. Of course, those who did not receive a special present did not feel so good, but those who did—well, how happy they were.

For days after Christmas the little folks and some of the larger ones too would discuss the trimmings and exercises, each claiming theirs was the best, according as to which Church and Sunday School they attended.

Well, those days are gone for the great majority, and we trust they are enjoying a much happier time in a world that is not war-torn as is this poor old earth of ours. And now, wishing every one connected with the Record—our good friends, the Editor, his able assistants, L. B. H. and W. J. H., the boys in the work room and all our readers, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we will close.

JOHN J. REID.

Strange Insect

Johnny—Mom, what's a buzzum fly?

Mother—What do you mean? Johnny—Well, I know a butterfly and a horsefly but in Sunday School we sang, "Jesus lover of my soul, let me to thy buzzum fly."

Can't Be Beet?

Johnny—Do you know you can make a vegetable out of a watermelon?

Jimmy—Yeh? What kind and how? Johnny—Just hold it up high and leggo—squash!

Bread Ration

Mother—Now, Billy, you know it's wasteful to put both butter and jam on your bread.

Billy—No, mother. I figure it's saving. I use the same piece of bread for both!

Good Example for All!

Mother—Alice dear, it's bedtime. You know all the little chickens have gone to bed.

Alice—Yes, mother, and so has the hen!

Pun in the Theater

Bill—What would you call a dramatic critic?

Harry—A man who gives the best jeers of his life to the theater.

Gotta Get Up

Jones—I hear all you boys in the army get up bright and early.

Private Smith—Just early!

One Way or Another

Bill—Smith tried to beat the train.

Harry—Did he get across?

Bill—No, but they're making one for him.



Keeping Busy

Foreign trade is a tricky topic. Open a discussion on the subject and you are sure to let out a surprising number of positive opinions, differing widely. Some people look on foreign trade as the mother of international disputes and think the United States could get along as well or better without any. I never saw a survey dealing with the subject but I believe relatively few people, even in America, know how foreign trade affects them.

Foreign trade helps this country a great deal. If busy factories and plenty of good jobs are helpful, so is foreign trade because it keeps factories busy. If ready markets help the country, so does foreign trade because foreign buyers make prices good. Capturing and holding foreign markets is a matter of efficiency in manufacturing. Whoever gets foreign trade competes with the world on a price basis.

Lowering Prices

Keeping down prices on American-made goods so they can compete with merchandise made by half-starved European and Asiatic labor calls for minimum costs. A large part of the cost of any manufactured article is wages of the workers who make it, and wages in America are high—twice to ten times as high as elsewhere. The United States would be hardly better than any other land if wage scales had to be the same, so how can we compete in foreign markets? There is only one way: through efficiency.

Factories of the United States are faced with a challenge to outproduce all foreign countries after the war—to turn out more manufactured goods per man-hour than the plants of any other nation. Unless they manage to begin this promptly after the fighting stops, some other industrial nation will take the lead. And when sales volume justifies the investment, any country can cut costs with mass production and hold on tight to world commerce.

Do We Want It?

If Americans wish to dominate world trade after this war, they can capture the prize with ease. No question of ability is involved. American manufacturers found a way, on very short notice, to produce more arms and munitions than all the rest of the world combined. They can do the same with products of peacetime demand. It's all a matter of whether the American people, farmer and worker and you and I, will cooperate wholeheartedly to secure maximum production at minimum cost—in other words, top efficiency.

Several years ago when jobs were scarce, a philosophy of extravagance spread through American mills and shops under the charitable slogan of "Share the work." Presently three men were doing no more than two had done before and manufacturing efficiency declined. Costs increased in such cases, and prices advanced accordingly. Many items of American goods disappeared from foreign markets. Sales fell off, and each new day brought fewer jobs to share. Extravagance never benefitted anybody.

What does foreign trade mean to somebody who is not in the exporting business? It means keeping busy. To the manufacturer it is extra volume to cut the unit-cost of whatever he makes; to the worker, more regular employment; to the farmer, better prices. To the small business man it means improved general prosperity.

Current Problem

"But," somebody says, "that's a post-war problem. Let's win the war now and cross that bridge when we get to it."

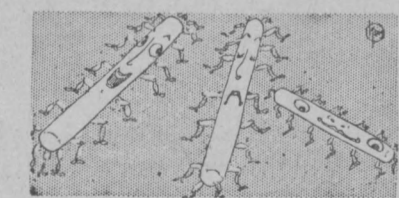
We are crossing that bridge now whether we think we are ready or not. Incentive plans to boost factory production without hiring more people have been tried and proved effective, but some people don't like them. Instead, out of Washington come rumblings of labor conscription, something nobody even imagines can improve production per man-hour. We will win or lose our foreign trade by the spirit developed during the war. If it is lost, our standards of living must be lowered.

Not a Chance

Smith—Why do you think you'll have any trouble keeping your engagement secret?

Jones—Well, I had to tell the girl, didn't I?

SMALL FRY



Quizz—What did the girl amoeba say to the boy amoeba? Whizz—Don't bacilli.

Pass the Plate

Sunday Customer—And give me change for a dime, please.

Druggist—Sure, and I hope you enjoy the sermon in church this morning.

ALMANAC



- DECEMBER
24—Christopher ("Kit") Carson born, 1809.
25—Christmas Day; Shay's rebellion in Massachusetts, 1786.
26—Congress introduces resolution censuring President Jackson, 1833.
27—Scientist Louis Pasteur born, 1822.
28—Iowa admitted to Union, 1846.
29—U. S. "Constitution" captures British frigate off Brazil, 1812.
30—Rudyard Kipling, writer, born, 1865.
31—Ellis Island immigration depot opens, 1850.



A sprig of green on the Mediterranean front; today it's camouflage for an American machine gun nest. To win quicker our soldiers must have munitions and materiel, more and more. To provide them all of us must buy more and more War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

MARRIED

LITTLE—OTT

On Thursday evening, December 16 at 6 o'clock, Mr. Charles C. Little, of Baltimore, and formerly of Union Bridge, was united in marriage to Mrs. Annie Ott, of Taneytown, at the parsonage of the Reformed Church, in Taneytown by the pastor, Rev. Guy P. Bready. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Worslet, of Baltimore. After a wedding trip of two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Little will make their home in Taneytown.

MORNINGSTAR—SMITH

Miss Martha L. Smith, Westminster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Smith, of Waynesboro, Pa, formerly of Pleasant Valley and Marshal A. Morningstar, son of Elder and Mrs. Clyde Morningstar, Marston, were married at the fire-side amidst ferns by candlelight on Saturday evening, 7:30 o'clock at the home of the grooms parents. The ring ceremony was performed by Elder Morningstar, minister of the Church of the Brethren. The groom's mother witnessed the ceremony. The bride was attractively attired in an aqua wool gabardine dress with black accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of red rosebuds. She is a graduate of Pleasant Valley High School, class of 1937 and served as assistant tax collector at the Court House, Westminster. The groom was formerly a second Lieutenant in the medical corps of the U. S. Army. He plans after the first of the year to resume teaching in the public school in Virginia, where he taught before entering the service of his country. He is a graduate of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va.

DIED.

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

MRS. A. J. GRAHAM

Mrs. Annie K. Graham, wife of Andrew J. Graham, died at her late home in Union Bridge, Sunday morning, December 19, 1943, after an illness of ten weeks. She had been in declining health for several years. She was a daughter of the late Henry T. and Amanda Hummer Williams and was aged 77 years.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Andrew W. Graham, Hanover; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four brothers, Frank Williams, Taneytown; John and Charles Williams, Sykesville; W. E. Williams, Chambersburg; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Koons, Uniontown, Md.; Mrs. Richard Starner and Mrs. J. Edward Bair, Taneytown.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the late residence with further rites in Mt. Union Lutheran church of which she was a member, with burial in the church cemetery. The Rev. George E. Bowersox, Jr., officiated. The pallbearers were Edward Devilbiss, John Lantz, John Brown, Howard Myers, C. E. Engel and Elmer Pittinger.

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, 25 cents.

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

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

CASH IN ADVANCE payments are desired in all cases.

FIRE WOOD, Sawed Stove length, (Dry), delivered—Harold Mehring. 8-28-4f

FOR SALE—Four tons Stove Size Coal—Herbert Smith, York Street, Taneytown.

BABY CHICKS, \$6.00 per hundred, and many other good values. Send for price list and free instructions for raising chicks.—Worthwhile 101 W. North Ave., Baltimore (1) Md. 12-17-4t

DRINKING BOWLS, Stanchions and other New Barn Equipment is available for remodeling dairy barns. See installations at Diehl Bros., Wilbert Hess, Wm. Harman, Frank Parish, etc. Wilson Milk Coolers and Universal Milking Machines are sold and guaranteed by John D. Roof, Linwood, Md., Phone Union Bridge 14F4. 12-10-4t

THE EAGLE NEST Hatchery Co. To our customers. Order your Chicks now before Dec. 30, 1943 and catch the discount on future deliveries and get your Chicks when you want them. Prices sure to be higher later. See S. E. Wantz & Son, Agent. 12-10-3t

POTATOES FOR SALE, 1st. or 2nd's. Call John T. Menges, Phone 3-4264 Hanover. 12-3-4t

BIG PIANO SALE—100 Pianos at sacrifice prices until Christmas. Every Piano priced at big reduction. Steinways, Steffis, Knabes, Uprights, Baby Grand. Bargains galore. Easy terms.—Cramer's Big Piano House, Frederick, Md. 11-12-7t

FOR SALE—Just received new supply of Florescent Lights, with Chrome Reflectors for Kitchen, Dining and Bath, 5 types to select from; we hang them.—Lambert Electric Store, Frederick St., Phone 1-R. 10-22-4t

WANTED. Collies, Shepherds, and Collie and Shepherd crossed Puppies. Drop card and will call.—W. L. Eckert, Taneytown, Md. 12-10-3t

ELECTRICAL FARM Machinery is essential to the war effort. Have yours put in shape for the unexpected, have your farm light batteries repaired now.—F. W. Grosche, Phone Calvert 0087, 405 S. Hanover St., Baltimore (1) Md. 7-23-12t

FOR SALE—Typewriter Ribbons and Supplies; Carbon Paper—Charles L. Stonifer, Representative of Remington Rand, Inc. 7-16-4t

FOR SALE—Air Mail and V-Mail Stationery. Just the kind of paper to write letters to Service Men.—The Record Office. 7-16-4t

WEDDING INVITATIONS and Announcements. Have three grades. Work almost equal to engraved, and prices to please you. 5-31-3t

NOTICE—Give us your order for Daily Record Form Cards for trucks as ordered by the Office of Defense Transportation, so that you may comply with your War Necessity Certificates.—The Carroll Record Office. 12-25-4t

SALESMEN'S Order Books are supplied by The Record from the manufacturers, at standard prices. About six weeks are required for filling such orders. 3-22-3t

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. 1-14-4t

Down Payment Cut for Home Buyers by OPA

WASHINGTON.—The Office of Price Administration lowered the down payment requirement for house purchases from the 33 1/2 to 20 per cent.

Liberalization of the down payment is in line with settled OPA rent control policy to relax provisions of the rent regulation affecting sales where the situation permits. The action was taken in recognition of some abatement in the acute pressure for housing in centers of war production for the country as a whole.

Three Germans Executed For 'Defeatist Views'

NEW YORK.—The German news agency DNB said that three more Germans had been executed for "defeatism."

The broadcast, heard by U. S. government monitors, reported that one of those executed, a 45-year-old waiter, was accused of trying to "undermine the morale of the home front by making extraordinary disruptive statements in inns and expressing defeatist views to customers." The other two men were 60 years old.

Son of Guadalcanal Hero Commands Patrol Chaser

WASHINGTON.—Lieut. Daniel J. Callaghan Jr., son of Rear Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan, killed when a shell tore the bridge from the USS San Francisco in the Battle of Guadalcanal, has taken command of a patrol chaser, the navy has announced.

Callaghan was an end on the University of California Rose Bowl champions who defeated Alabama 18 to 0 in 1937.

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. Joseph's Catholic Church, Taneytown, Rev. Arthur W. Murphy, pastor. Masses: Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 A. M.; Holy Days, 6:00 and 8:00 A. M.; Week days, 7:30 A. M.; Sunday evening, 7:30, Novena Miraculous Medal.

St. Mary's Reformed Church, Silver Run—Sunday School, at 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, 9:30 A. M.; Worship, 10:30 A. M.; Luther League, 6:30 P. M.; Worship, 7:30. Christmas entertainment this coming Friday evening.

Piney Creek Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles S. Owen, pastor. 9:30 A. M. New Year Service of Worship; 10:30 A. M., S. S. Taneytown Presbyterian Church—7:30 P. M., Service of Worship and New Year Sermon; 10 A. M., S. S.

Reformed Church, Taneytown.—Sunday School, at 9:30 A. M.; Morning Worship, at 10:30; Christian Endeavor, (Senior and Junior), at 7 P. M. Christmas Service, Saturday evening, at 7:30. Special offering for "Homewood" and the Hoffman Orphanage.

Keysville—Sunday School, at 1:00 P. M.; Worship, at 2:00, Christmas Service, Friday evening, December 24, at 7:30. Special offering for the Hoffman Orphanage.

Tom's Creek M. E. Church, Rev. Dean Kessler, pastor. The Tom's Creek Church will give their Christmas program on Christmas evening, at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Keysville Lutheran Church—S. S., 9:30; Church, 10:30. Mr. S. L. Beseker, of Gettysburg Seminary will preach the sermon.

Pipe Creek Methodist Charge, Rev. Paul F. Warner, pastor. Uniontown Morning Worship, 9:15; Sunday S., 1:30 A. M.

Pipe Creek—Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.; Morning Worship, 10:30. Community carol singing, 5:45 A. M., assembling at the Methodist Church.

Union Christmas morning service, 7 A. M., Rev. J. H. Hoch and Rev. G. E. Bowersox, Jr., participating with the pastor. The carol singing and the early service are for the entire community. All are cordially invited.

Taneytown Charge of the United Brethren in Christ Church, A. W. Garvin, Minister. Taneytown—S. S., 9:30 a. m.; Worship, 10:30 a. m.; Sr. C. E., 6:30 P. M. There will be no Bible Study or Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening. Jr. C. E., is called off until after New Year's Day Barts—S. S., 10 A. M.

Harney—S. S., 6:30 P. M.; Christmas program at 7:30 P. M. There will be recitations, carols and a Candle-Lighting Service.

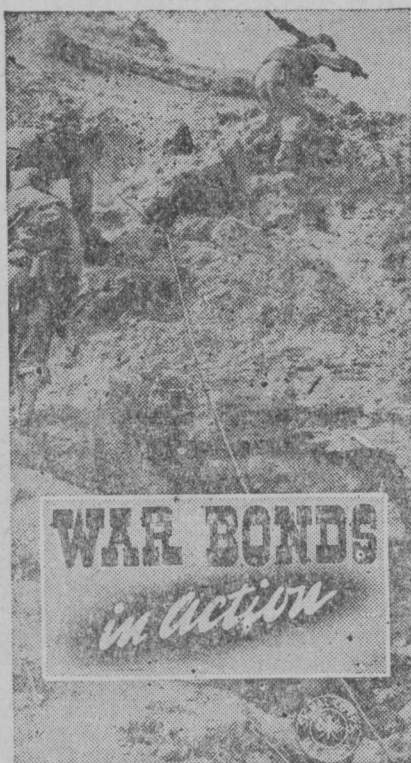
Uniontown Lutheran Charge, Rev. George E. Bowersox, Jr., pastor. St. Paul's, Dec. 24 7:30 the Christmas Eve Service; Sunday, S. S., at 9:30; Church, 10:30.

Baust—S. S., 7:00. Christmas program, 8:00.

Mt. Union—S. S., 9:30.

Church of God, Uniontown, Rev. John H. Hoch, pastor. Uniontown—Sunday School, 9:30. Mr. Edward Caylor, Supt. The annual Christmas treat will be given. Preaching Service, 10:30. Theme: "The Night Before Christmas." On Thursday evening, Dec. 30 the 23rd anniversary prayer circle originated by the Jesse P. Garner will be held at 7:45 Wakefield—Sunday School, 10 A. M. Mr. James Staub, Supt. At 7:45 Sunday evening, Dec. 26, a special Christmas Service will be rendered by the young people of the Sunday School.

Frizzellburg—Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Mr. Scott Sullivan, Supt. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at 7:45, a special Christmas program will be rendered by the members of the Sunday School, entitled, "With Shepherds Kneeling."



Over the top in Italy! One more ridge, one more mile on the road to Berlin.

As in victorious military campaigns, people on the home front must sacrifice to provide all the sinews of war. One of these is the regular purchase of War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

From the tallest flagpole in the world—178 feet in height—a great, new American flag floats proudly over the brown sandstone buildings of the recently dedicated United States Merchant Marine academy at Kings Point, Long Island. Those buildings bear names that go away back into the past since the merchant marine antedates the army and the navy and even the Republic itself. But the building names are not confined to days of long ago, since with the nation at war, the merchant marine is again living up to its glorious traditions. So the drill hall and gymnasium bears the name of Edward J. O'Hara, a cadet midshipman who received a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Medal. Before O'Hara, who learned gunnery at Kings Point, was mortally wounded and went down with his ship, he took over the stern gun and single-handed, sank a Jap raider.

The new Merchant Marine academy, which is to the merchant marine what Annapolis is to the navy, is on the estate of the late Walter P. Chrysler which was one of the show places of Long Island and on which he is said to have expended \$3,000,000. It comprises about 15 acres of land sloping gently down to the waters of Long Island sound. The government acquired it in 1942 for \$100,000. Since then, in a record-breaking building program, \$6,900,000 has been expended. The mansion, a palatial residence somewhat reminiscent of the White House, which was originally built for Henri Bendel, is now the administration building and is known as Wiley Hall, in honor of the late Admiral H. A. Wiley, who, as commissioner in charge of training for the United States Maritime commission, was the "father" of the merchant marine cadet corps.

Much more might be written of the academy buildings, the class rooms, the mess hall where more than 7,800 meals are served each day, or the comfortable fire proof dormitories, but I'm eager to get to the personnel. The day of our visit, the enrollment stood at 2,670. It varies constantly since cadet-midshipmen are always coming and going. All cadet-midshipmen receive a three months course either at the academy or at the basic schools at Pass Christian, Miss., and San Mateo, Calif. Then they go to sea for six months or more as cadet officers. Their sea duty completed, they return and receive nine months more training at the academy. Their studies go on while they are at sea. Graduated, they are licensed either as third mates or third engineers. Or the navy may take them as ensigns.

The cadet-midshipmen, who become members of the navy reserve with their entrance to the academy, receive \$65 a month while in school, also uniforms, text books, quarters, subsistence, dental and medical care. At sea as cadet officers, they also receive regular wages and when they are licensed, receive the pay of their grade. The emphasis of their training is of course on the merchant marine side. But this being wartime, they also receive navy training principally in the use of guns. To date, cadets have figured in 309 enemy attacks and 107 have lost their lives. Capt. J. H. Tomb, United States navy (retired) is superintendent of the academy and Capt. Giles C. Stedman, USNR, former commander of the America, is commandant of cadets.

The time of the cadet-midshipmen is fully occupied and when they are not studying, usually they are engaged in athletics of various kinds. Also they drill, one of the reasons for the drills being discipline. During their first three months, the cadet-midshipmen are not allowed to smoke cigarettes, though they may smoke pipes. Again, discipline and a chance to study their response to it. But though they know the meaning of discipline, the cadet-midshipmen still retain certain boyish traits. In the 48-hour interval between the time the cadet-midshipman finishes his studies and is given his license, he is invariably dunked, clothes and all, in the swimming pool.

Having been in existence only a little more than a year, the United States Merchant Marine academy hasn't traditions as yet. But there are customs that will grow into traditions. For instance, on final examination day, the students toss coins into the pool of Amphitrite, the Greek goddess of the sea. The coins are retrieved and put into a fund to be used to erect a permanent memorial bearing the names of all cadets who gave their lives.

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Britain Drafts Thousands Of 7 Nations' Refugees

LONDON.—Thousands of Norwegian, Dutch, Belgian, Czech, Polish, Greek, and Jugo-Slav refugees in this country have been called up for military service or to work in industry, it was stated, under the Allied powers war service order. Since the order became operative, fit national of military age from these seven Allied nations have been drafted into their own or British services, it was said.

WACS Like Job In North Africa

'Like Living in a Dream' Is the Concensus of American Woman.

WASHINGTON.—The WACs in North Africa feel that they are living a modern Arabian Nights tale. Such is the report recently made to Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of WAC, by a representative sent to that war theater to check on the accomplishments of the first 300 American women in uniform sent overseas. The report is made on the completion of the contingent's first six months in Africa.

The WACs dream and talk of dances and shows, and fashions and frocks and nylon hose they cannot enjoy, but when you get them in a corner, and "make 'em give you the truth," the real lowdown on what has happened to the femmes de guerre is that they are living an Arabian Nights tale.

"I've seen things and been places and met people that I never would have had the chance to... had it not been for the WAC," said Pearl Hargrave, former rural school teacher of Pillager, Minn., who now drives one of the cars assigned to the staff of the commander in chief.

"I love it. Honestly. Every minute of it," Tech. 4th Grade Irma Bouton of West Orange, N. J., admits, smiling.

Gained in Every Way.

"A trip abroad wouldn't have ever happened to me," she states. Now doing secretarial work for a general, she explains: "I was working in a small insurance office in a small town. My way of life was pretty much of a rut. I'd been working in this office for seven years and used to spend my money on clothes that I now cannot even remember, or on vacations visiting relatives in a big city where I'd never meet as many famous and interesting people, or have as much feeling of being in the center of things important."

The above WAC has gained, her record shows, in health, in education and, undoubtedly, in mental and visual horizons and in general knowledge. She is associating daily with some of the great minds of this war. And her words indicate she is proud of herself... and of her corps and exceedingly thankful.

She has learned French and some Arabic, picking it up through conversation. Living as a member of a group, she finds she has learned to get along with people better than ever before. She has listened to tales of other lives and experiences.

Lives Are Enriched.

"Early to bed and early to rise, regular meals, a balanced diet and the care which the army gives its members medically and spiritually, make for satisfaction," she adds.

"I'm doing the biggest job I've ever done and living the most worthwhile life I know of," Catherine Jeane Strong of Iron Mountain, Mich., told Colonel Hobby's representatives.

The report shows she is now a clerk in the postal section that sees to it that wounded soldiers get letters from home as fast as possible. There is so much for her to do that she works long hours and only gets one-half day leisure a week.

"But I still manage to go more places, see more things and have more fun than I ever did back home," she reports. "And, every time I think of my job... and what it means to those boys who get that letter from 'Mom,' or the girl, or wife, back home, in recorde time... why I just feel swell inside."

The report says that the first WACs sent to North Africa are finding that they are enjoying contacts and personal experiences that have enriched their lives. Their travels and their work tip the scales on the side of the WAC as compared to "not being in."

1942 Birth Rate in U. S. Is Highest in 16 Years

WASHINGTON.—In its first full year of World War II—1942—the nation's birth rate was the highest in 16 years and the death rate the lowest on record.

The census bureau so reported recently. Births totaled 2,808,996, an increase of 11.8 per cent over the 1941 figure, and deaths, not counting war casualties abroad, numbered 1,385,187, a decline of 0.9 per cent from the preceding year.

The birth rate of 21.0 per 1,000 population was the highest since 1926, while the death rate of 10.4 was the lowest yet recorded.

Despite an increase of 295,596 in births, both the maternal and infant death rates of 2.6 and 40.4 per 1,000 live births, respectively, were new lows. The respective declines from the previous year were 18.8 and 10.8 per cent.

Total deaths were 12,455 fewer than in 1941.

Penicillin Saves Life Of Georgia Girl, 15

MACON, GA.—Anne Shirley Carter, 15, is home from the hospital, almost fully recovered from a streptococcal infection which was checked by penicillin flown from New York in an army Liberator bomber.

The high school senior credited the drug with saving her life, and said she hoped it soon would be available in sufficient quantities.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BOUGHT AND BOUGHT, REMEMBER THAT OUR BOYS HAVE FOUGHT AND FOUGHT AND THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON FIGHTING UNTIL THEY WIN.

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Fallen Petals

By JAMES FREEMAN
Associated Newspapers.
WNU Features.

SIMON MELVILLE, according to Medical Examiner Gerson, had been dead for at least five days. And from appearances the old man had taken his own life.

Inspector John Bucknam, assigned to investigate the case, listened to Gerson's matter-of-fact statement, and then turned to Yeaton, the butler.

"How long were you away on your vacation?"

"A week, sir."

"And upon coming into this room you discovered Mr. Melville—as we see him now?"

"Yes, sir. I called the police immediately." The man Yeaton bent his head. "I—I knew there'd be little use in summoning a doctor."

Bucknam nodded and turned to appraise the room. It contained surprisingly little furniture. There was a desk, facing the east wall, on which were a scattering of papers, an ink well, a vase with a bunch of withered roses; there were two chairs, the divan and nothing else.

The inspector turned back to the desk, replaced the papers and bent over to scrutinize the vase of withered roses. The water had partially evaporated, and what remained



Simon Melville had been dead for at least five days.

had turned a yellowish hue. Five or six days, the officer guessed, would bring about such a condition. And yet—he swung about to face the butler again.

"Was Mr. Melville partial to flowers?"

"Yes, sir. I always brought him fresh ones each morning. In fact, I placed that vase on his desk the very day I left."

"Then you were here to serve breakfast on that day?"

"Yes, sir."

"Good." Bucknam crossed the room. "Would you mind taking us to the breakfast room?"

Yeaton watched the policeman, who was moving about the room. Presently Bucknam stopped before a buffet and stood for some minutes surveying its surface, on which there was now a fine covering of dust.

"I'm sorry, Yeaton. I'll have to hold you. You're deucedly clever, but like most amateur criminals, you've overlooked one or two little details."

Yeaton's poise was superb. It substantiated Bucknam's remark that the butler was deucedly clever.

"I really can't see where you get your grounds for such a remark." Yeaton's eyes met Bucknam's steadily. And Bucknam shrugged, turning to the buffet.

"You were careless, Yeaton, when removing the vase of roses from this buffet to the desk in Mr. Melville's study, not to clear up the evidence. You see there is a ring mark in the dust which shows clearly that a round-based object, which I hazard was the vase, has been sitting here."

"Yeaton stiffened. 'I hardly see what that has to do with Mr. Melville's death.'"

"A good deal, Yeaton. A good deal. But I see I must tell you the whole story in order to convince you that my suspicions are justified. To begin with, I don't think Simon Melville was the type of man to have a vase of roses on his desk. I hazard that, because of the bareness of his study. In the second place, you have already told us you placed the vase of roses on the desk yourself. But now I suspect you placed the vase there this morning. Why? Well, the fact that they were withered would give the impression to an observing man that they had been there four or five days, which, in turn, would lead the observer to believe the room hadn't been entered in that time.

"Clever, Yeaton. Deucedly clever. Of course, you couldn't suspect that I would come into this dining room in search of a mark in the dust on a buffet. Otherwise, you would have obliterated the ring mark, even as you dispensed with the rose petals which must have fallen from the roses on to the buffet—after a five-day rest." Bucknam paused and smiled faintly. "Unfortunately, Yeaton, it didn't occur to you that those same rose petals would have fallen off, no matter where the vase was located. For example, if all you say is true, if you placed the vase on the desk before going on your vacation, if you didn't touch a thing in the room after you entered it this morning—then why weren't the rose petals lying on the desk where they should have been?"

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

1943 Christmas 1943

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, dominating the world stage, once more has incredibly rolled aside the clouds of war. There is still beauty in common things, still good in the world, and we are all grateful for the glowing interval of Yuletide.

As for ourselves, we are also grateful for your loyalty to us during 1943, and extend the season's best wishes to all.

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These Evergreens Offer You Lasting Beauty and Variety

EVERYONE will be using lots of evergreen this year for all kinds of home decoration, and even on Christmas packages and for party favors. You'll find that you can have more fun, as well as greater success in using them, if you can identify the various types of evergreen and use each type to the best advantage.

It really isn't difficult to tell them apart, although you may be a little confused at first by the obvious similarities. But the differences are just as great, and the accompanying picture will help you to distinguish at a glance some of the outstanding ones.

To the beginner all evergreens are "some kind of pine," so let's start with the pines. You can easily remember that all evergreens that have needles belong to the pine family. But don't call them all pine! The pine trees themselves bear their needles in bunches of two, three or five, and the needles are long, straight and sharp-looking. The white pine (E) has bunches of five needles that look like stiff brushes.

At first glance the white fir (G) may look to you like a pine. But if you look more closely you will see that the fir needles are borne singly. They are flat, and when they fall they leave a smooth, bare stem. The most popular Christmas tree is a fir, the balsam fir.

The spruce also bears its needles singly instead of in bunches, like the

pine. An example of this type is the Colorado blue spruce (C), so called because it has a bluish appearance, especially when the trees are young. Another lovely example of this type is the Norway spruce (A).

It will probably help you to distinguish between the fir and the spruce if you remember that fir cones stand erect on the tree, while spruce cones hang down. Also, when fir needles fall they leave a smooth stem. Spruce needles leave a rough stem.

Most evergreens are conifers. That is, they bear their seeds in cones. An exception is the yew. If you have an evergreen hedge, the chances are good that it's yew, one of the most beautiful, as well as one of the most popular, evergreens for that purpose. Glossy green, with blunt needles, the oriental yew (D) has red berries instead of cones. Sprays of yew are highly decorative and last a long time.

An exception to the rule that evergreens retain their needles or leaves, sometimes for years, is the larch (F), which sheds its leaves.

And that brings us to the troublesome fact that some evergreens have leaves instead of needles. The larch, already mentioned, is one example. Another is the cedar and the so-called cedars, such as the white "cedar" (B) which is really arbutus. They have tiny leaves arranged in lazy patterns. Covered with snow, the cedars look like delicate etching done by an enchanted Jack Frost.

NOTICE!

It has come to the attention of the Mayor and City Council that citizens of Taneytown are burning paper and other rubbish in the City limits, between sunset and sunrise, in a very careless manner.

The Mayor and City Council wishes to warn these persons that this is a violation of a City Ordinance and the laws of the State of Maryland and is a wasteful practice and very dangerous to life and property.

All waste paper should be saved, if salable; all other waste paper and rubbish should be burned carefully, between sunrise and sunset, in a covered incinerator and the fire should be carefully watched until completely extinguished.

Your cooperation in this matter may be the means of saving—saving lives and property.

THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
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HORIZONTAL

1 Insane
4 Soap plant
9 Fear
12 Moslem name
13 Underneath
14 To bow
15 Footlike part
16 To omit
17 Digit
18 To place
20 Line of poetry
22 Emporium
24 Lay; things
25 Dutch cheese
28 Trouble
29 Head organ
30 City in Egypt
31 Aside
33 Exclamation used in calling the attention
34 Greek popular assembly
35 Posed
36 Value
38 Greek goddess
39 Offer
40 To declare
41 Group of three

VERTICAL

1 Chart
2 Beverage
3 Lack of symmetry
4 To help
5 Honey
6 Man's name
7 Metal-bearing veins
8 Pitcher
9 Old-fashioned people

10 To pay suit to
11 Holland commune
19 Low note
21 Aquatic mammal
22 Colloquial: mother
23 Proverb
24 Rodent
26 Ascended
27 Chinese money
29 Epoch
30 Feline
32 Sandarac tree
33 Owned
34 Exclamation
35 Railway track next to the main track
37 Teutonic deity
39 Nobleman
46 Land measure
42 Small part
43 Otherwise
44 Palm leaf
45 Cry of disparagement
47 Snake-like fish
49 English river
50 Female sheep

Answer to Puzzle No. 45.

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Lesson for December 26

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GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND HIS GIFT

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 2:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Christmas brings us all back to the Christ-child in Bethlehem, and we are reminded anew of our Lord's coming into the world to be the Redeemer. For the babe of Bethlehem is the Christ of the cross, of the resurrection, and the coming King.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" in what was the world's greatest love gift. But the Word does not stop there. We must do something about God's gift. We read, "That whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The story of the coming of the Wise Men to seek the One who had been "born King of the Jews" reveals several attitudes toward Christ which find their counterpart in our day.

I. Expectancy (vv. 1, 2).

These men of another race were familiar with the Jewish Scriptures and knew that the Messiah was to come. Many others, including the religious leaders of the Jews, had the same information. But these men of the East differed in that they looked for His coming with keen desire and expectancy.

One wonders if we have not become so familiar with the story of Christmas that we, like the Jews, have a dead knowledge without expectant faith. We need to awaken and look to God for new grace and strength for these days.

II. Fear (vv. 3, 7, 8, 12).

Herod was a capable, ruthless, ungodly ruler who feared only that someone would take his power from him. He was so determined that this should not happen, that he killed many members of his own family for whom he otherwise had apparent affection.

When he heard that Jesus, who was the real King of the Jews, had been born, he feared, and laid crafty plans to destroy Him. God saw to it that his purpose was not carried out.

There are those of our time who fear the coming of Jesus, because they will not have Him to rule over their lives. They love their selfish ways, and their sinful pleasures; and when they face the question of what they will do with Jesus (and face it they must!), they have only fear and hatred in their hearts.

III. Indifference (vv. 4-6).

When the Wise Men came to Jerusalem to inquire where the Christ was to be born, they received an immediate answer—in Bethlehem. That was clearly foretold in Micah 5:2. The priests and scribes knew all about it, but their knowledge did not move them to action. They told the Magi where to go, but they did not go themselves.

How sad it is to see the indifference of our day to the claims of Christ. There are many who think that simply because they do not hate the church, or the Bible, or do not fight against it, they are guiltless. How wrong they are will appear to them if they will read Matthew 11:23, 24 and recall that the sin of Capernaum was only indifference.

Wake up, careless one, and change your indifference to love and faith, lest you too be eternally lost.

IV. Joy (vv. 9, 10).

These earnest seekers for the Christ-child were full of joy even before they saw Him. "When they saw the star," and knew that God was indeed leading them, their hearts leaped within them as "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

Christmas is the time when there should be real joy in our hearts. It is not enough to be "merry" or "happy." In fact, many thousands could not possibly find anything to be happy about this year.

Happiness depends on what happens, but joy is the gift of God to His children, which is so deep down in their beings that circumstances cannot change it. We may have real, satisfying Christmas joy.

V. Worship (v. 11).

When they saw Christ, they worshiped. Have we been as wise as they were? Then they made gifts, showing that their worship had that reality which made them ready to sacrifice for Him. Have we done anything this Christmas to show our joy and gratitude for the redemption we have in Christ?

The writer of these lines (which will reach you just before Christmas) wants to wish you and yours a very blessed Christmas, and to assure you that he is praying for you that regardless of circumstances the joy of the Lord may fill your soul. Christ has come. He is with us now by faith. He will come again to reign. The Child of Bethlehem's manger is our Great Saviour and Glorious King. Rejoice in Him!

TOYS AROUSED BOYS' GENIUS



Robert Louis Stevenson's preoccupation with toy theaters in his youth, much of which was spent in illness, led to the flowering of his dramatic prose in adulthood. The Wright brothers' first interest in flying is traced to youthful experiments with kites and toy airships.

The Teddy bear is the most popular doll of all time. The first Teddy bear was designed by Margarette Steiff from a cartoonist's version of the late President Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt's bear hunt in the Rockies, and thus the toy was named.

Year in and year out the Teddy bear and his stuffed cousins, from Uncle Remus in 1909 to the Panda in 1937, have topped all others in popularity, the authors say. They estimate that there are some 10 million Teddy bears in American homes today.

The ball is one of the closest rivals of the doll among children and its antiquity can be traced to ancient Egypt. Pottery, wood, and papyrus balls were common in the land of Cleopatra and a manuscript of the 15th century mentions "the yellow glass used for the little balls with which school boys play, and which are very cheap."

Soldiers Find Chinese

Pay Bills at Christmas

Although their usually elaborate holiday feasts are somewhat simpler these days, the Chinese still exchange gifts. In fact, the soldiers thereabouts found gift-giving is a national weakness. And every Chinese tries to pay all his bills at Christmas time, so he may begin the New Year debtless, if penniless.

Christmas celebrations are particularly widespread in Chungking, the capital, for Gen'l Chiang Kai-shek is a Methodist and a large percentage of the Chinese are Christians.

Soldiers in India will have an English Christmas in semi-tropical surroundings. Most of the Christian population is English and there are Christmas trees, church services, nativity pageants and huge Christmas dinners—just like home.

Tomb of St. Nicholas

Scene of Pilgrimage

St. Nicholas, who rules over the festival of Christmas, was born in Myra, Asia Minor, where he was bishop for 17 years. When he died in A. D. 352 his tomb became the scene of an annual pilgrimage, which continued until his remains were removed to Bari, in Italy, in 1087, where they are still venerated. He must have been a versatile person, for he is also the patron saint and protector of sailors, pawnbrokers, spinsters and thieves! His festival is really on the sixth of December.

'... And a Doll'



Not even Santa Claus, who has heard all the stories, could resist the blandishments of this young charmer. If she doesn't get her way, Santa's reputation for generosity is pretty well exploded.

Christmas Thanks

We thank Thee, Lord, for the world so sweet—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the food we eat—
We thank Thee, Lord, for the birds that sing—
We thank Thee, Lord, for everything.

The Babe of Bethlehem

By AGNES MYERS



EDITOR'S NOTE—All the sacred, immortal details surrounding the birth of Christ are told here in story form. This text was prepared primarily to be read to children who will be hearing this greatest of all Christian stories for the first time. But the author, Agnes Myers, has so warmly grasped the spirit of the biblical accounts of His birth that any adult will enjoy her telling of it.



Many hundreds of years ago there was a place called Shepherds' Field. It was east of the little town of Bethlehem and was a fertile district. There were many small hills and valleys. In some places orchards and vines had been planted in the past, perhaps when David had watched and fed his sheep. There were flocks of sheep about this country and the shepherds who tended them were gentle and kind. They never drove them, just led the way and the sheep followed. A shepherd would always stay with his flock, even through the coldest nights, protecting them from wolves and wild animals and watching that they did not go astray.

At that time little lambs were brought to the church on special holy days, to give to God. The people brought the best lambs in the flock, because they were for God. The shepherds who raised the church lambs were always good men; men who loved God. During the night, when the flocks would be sleeping in the fields, the shepherds would talk together and tell stories. They knew the mysteries of the sky, where stars large and small blinked over their heads and lighted the way until morning brought the sun. They loved the life, out in the open, under the blanket of the blue sky, where they could hear Nature breathing freely; out there in the fields with the stars, the dew and the perfume.

As they watched their flocks they sang the Shepherd's Psalm, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," for they were men of faith, humble men, dressed in coarse clothes, with big crooks in their hands. They talked of the King of Glory, who would come on earth some time. Surely the King would come to fulfill the promise! Had not the prophet Micah told them in the Bible that the Ruler would spring from Bethlehem! And thus they talked, wondering if the Saviour would really come to their humble little town; and if they, just poor shepherds, would see the King of Glory for whom all the people had been watching.



One night the fields were white with frost. The sheep were asleep and little woolly lambkins were snuggled in their mothers' fleecy coats. A hush had settled over the flock, broken only by the voices of shepherds, talking and meditating, as was their way. Suddenly a wondrous light came out of the heavens. Gloriously it beamed down upon them. At that moment an Angel of the Lord appeared.

The shepherds fell upon their knees and bowed their heads, for they were afraid. Then the angel said, "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 Bethlehem, 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."

Then the sky became brighter still, as if the gates of heaven had opened wide. Many many angels came in their ever-glorious flight, heralding the birth of the Babe with their joyous music, singing the hymn which the world has ever loved: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." To all mankind they were telling the story of their glad tidings: "He that shall lead His flock is born." The angels sang of the glory of the Saviour-King and of the star that God had placed above the manger in the east.

Slowly the great light faded away and the voices of angels became hushed in the quiet of the night. For a moment the shepherds could not speak. They still felt the presence of that great heavenly host, which had disappeared into the blue of the sky. Then as if awakened to an intense joy, they cried out to one another, "The King has come! Let us go at once to Bethlehem." And away they eagerly hurried over the frosty road; their sheep, now all awakened, followed them.



In great haste they arrived in Bethlehem. There they found the little Child, with Mary and Joseph, in an old stable where they had taken shelter. The Christ Child, whose cradle was a manger, lay on the hay warmed by the breath of cows and donkeys. He was wrapped in soft pieces of cloth called swaddling clothes, which Mary, His mother, had put on Him. This was the sign the Angel of the Lord had given to the shepherds, so they knew He was the King.

The shepherds fell upon their knees in the stable and worshipped the little Child in the manger, who had come into the world to make everybody good and happy. The Shepherd of all Mankind, Jesus our Saviour.



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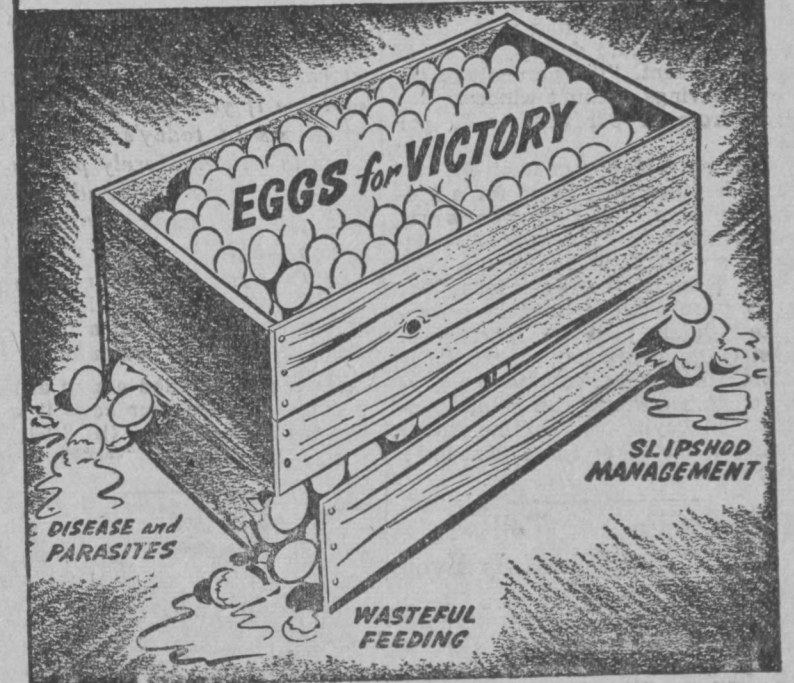


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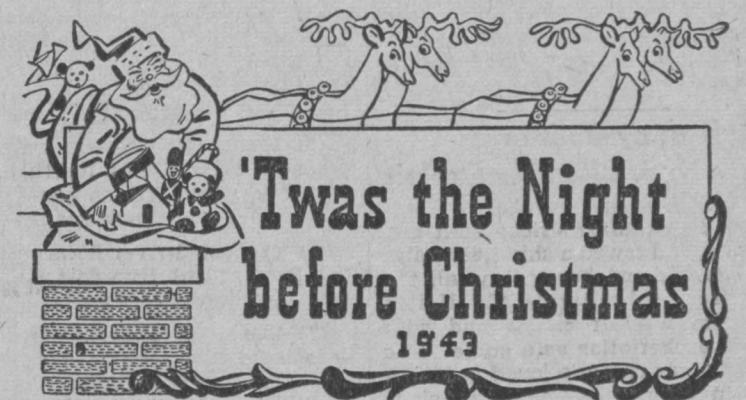
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One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

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LEADING HARDWARE DEALERS

Higher Buying Seen After War

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Finds Spending Will Be on Big Scale.

WASHINGTON.—Purchases by the American public, after the war, will be far in excess of those estimated last December by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the chamber reports on the basis of a new survey of this prospect.

At the same time, the department of commerce released a report by one of its specialists which seemed to support this view.

The chamber of commerce based its conclusion on polls which it made in December and within the last few weeks. These, it said, showed that the number of families now planning to buy one or more major articles within six months after the return of peace had increased from 53 per cent to 64 per cent of the nation's total.

Higher Estimate Detailed.

The chamber summarized the results of its current survey as follows:

"3,675,000 families, compared with 2,590,000 in December, now intend to buy automobiles to cost \$3,307,500,000, compared with \$2,331,000,000.

"The household-appliance field shows an increase in buying intentions from \$860,185,000 to \$1,215,910,000, with the greatest jump occurring in radios and electric kitchen mixers.

"Overall home-furnishings purchase intentions show only a nominal increase from \$709,905,000 to \$711,410,000.

"One million five hundred and forty thousand families—an increase of 50 per cent—intend to build or buy a new home within six months after the war is over. The prospective investment has risen from an estimated \$5,000,000,000 to \$7,184,800,000.

"Seventy-two per cent of the people say they feel they are at least as well off financially as a year ago, a drop of 1 per cent. The figures, broken down, show the following percentages for the two surveys: East, 65 per cent now, and 69 per cent a year ago; Middle West, 74 per cent and 72 per cent; South, 79 per cent and 78 per cent; Far West, 70 per cent and 78 per cent.

More Buy War Bonds.

Its second survey, the chamber said, showed that the percentage of persons buying war bonds and stamps had risen from 69 to 76. It revealed also that while the percentage of those putting money into life insurance had declined from 58 to 56 per cent, "the percentage going to savings account windows has risen from 21 per cent to 26 per cent."

"But only 25 per cent of the nation's families are saving for a specific purpose," the chamber's report continued. "Even so, that figure is six points higher than a year ago. Despite the evidences that many people intend to make immediate major post-war purchases, most of them are not, on the basis of present savings, counting on paying cash. The American habit of installment buying will continue to be a major factor in large consumer purchases."

Hobbyist Fails to Tell

Color of Hobby's Eyes

CLEMSON, S. C.—Filling in a questionnaire for the public relations office of the army specialized training program at Clemson college, John Gibson Bliss Jr. of Needham, Mass., didn't hesitate when he came to "hobbies." He wrote:

"Her name is Mary; she is five feet, four inches; has long chestnut colored hair, beautiful eyes, and weighs 120 pounds."

Photography was his second choice.

Tug Destiny Built in

U. S. Cited for Exploit

LONDON.—The royal navy announced that an American built tug, Destiny, had towed a ship 1,650 miles through fog and heavy seas all the way from Gibraltar to the United Kingdom without charts and with only a pocket atlas as a guide. The Destiny was commissioned in Michigan in July, 1941, and has since sailed the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas and the Atlantic ocean.

Longest Stage Mail Trip

In the World Is Opened

DAWSON CREEK, B. C.—United States army trucks opened what is described as the longest stage mail route in the world—the 1,000-mile overland route from Dawson Creek to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, along the Alaskan highway.

The 72-hour trip crosses two mountain ranges. A daily northbound and southbound schedule is planned.

Slated for U. S. Army,

German Is Naturalized

MILWAUKEE.—A German-born Milwaukee man was admitted to citizenship at a special hearing before Judge F. Ryan Duffy, a few hours before the man was to enter the army. He is Henry H. Hundertmark, 23, Hundertmark, who is married and has one child, was inducted three weeks ago, but received a furlough.

PROCEEDINGS ORPHANS' COURT

Letters of administration on the estate of John W. Arnold, late of Carroll County, deceased, were granted unto William Arnold, who received order to notify creditors and warrants to appraise goods and chattels and real estate.

Henri des Garennes, acting executor of the estate of Poulain Jean des Garennes, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels.

David E. Shamer, executor of the estate of Georgia E. Shamer, deceased, returned inventory of real estate.

Cora S. Massey and Lloyd D. Schaeffer administrators d. b. n. c. t. a., of the estate of Milton Schaeffer, deceased, settled their first and final account.

Gladius G. Schaeffer and Algrude D. Schaeffer, administrators of the estate of Elmer J. D. Schaeffer, deceased, returned inventories of goods and chattels, real estate, debts due and current money, the Court issued order to sell goods and chattels.

RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

War Production Board restrictions on repairs to farm dwellings have been removed entirely and new construction up to \$1000 is now permitted without WPB approval. Joseph H. Blandford, chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency, announced today. Heretofore WPB authorization was required where the cost exceeded \$200.

Farm dwellings destroyed by fire, flood or tornado may be reconstructed with only AAA approval if the cost is between \$1000 and \$5000. Where critical materials are required application for a priority rating should be made to the WPB through the County AAA office.

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, Honorary Chairman, says:

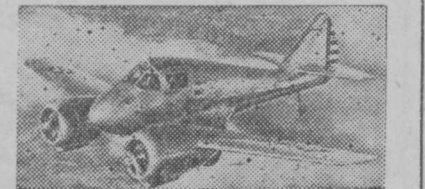
DO YOU KNOW?

"No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway." Sec. 197A.



The magical boots in the fairy-tale of Hop-o-My-Thumb enabled the wearer to cover seven leagues at each stride. Put your boots on and see if you can take the seven questions in today's Guess Again Quiz in stride. Merely put a mark in the space provided and check below for the correct answers and your rating.

- (1) Crommets are commonly seen: (a) in grocery stores; (b) on board sailing vessels; (c) in a bookshop; (d) on an automobile.
- (2) If you boarded a ship at noon, when you heard four bells it would be: (a) 4:00 o'clock; (b) 2:00; (c) 2:30; (d), 3:00 o'clock.



- (3) What type of U. S. army plane is this? (a) bomber; (b) fighter; (c) hedge-hopper; (d) trainer?
- (4) The portrait on the face of a \$50 note is that of: (a) U. S. Grant; (b) Benjamin Franklin; (c) Grover Cleveland; (d) Alexander Hamilton.

- (5) Ignace Paderewski was a famous: (a) Russian painter; (b) Slovak dramatist; (c) Russian general; (d) Polish statesman.

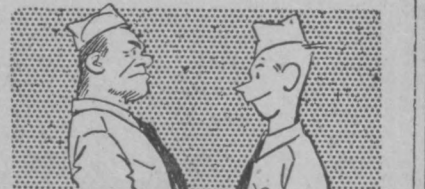
- (6) The Volga river flows through: (a) Russia; (b) Rumania; (c) Germany; (d) India.

- (7) The name Portland is closely associated with: (a) smoking pipes; (b) a publishing company; (c) cement; (d) typewriters.

"GUESS AGAIN" ANSWERS

1. Ring up 15 points for (b).....
2. Ring 20 up for (b) again.....
3. Add 10 if you marked (d).....
4. Rare, so take 20 for (a).....
5. (7) gives 10 points.....
6. Worth 15 on (a).....
7. Easy, only 10 for (c).....
- YOUR RATING: 90-100, you had your boots on; 80-90, in two strides isn't bad; 70-80, tripped on a shoelace; 60-70, get some shoes that fit.

NOTHING WORSE



Sergeant—You've been training for six weeks now, and what have you learned?
Recruit—Why soldier's aren't afraid to die, Sarge.

TRUCK RATION OF GAS

O. C. Reynolds, Jr., Chief Clerk of the local War Price and Rationing Board has announced that transport rations (trucks) issued by the local Rationing Board for the first quarter of 1944 will be in the form of coupons very similar to theater tickets. Each coupon will have a current value of 5 gallons. These new type coupons will only bear a T on its face, rather than the style in use at present, which is TT. These TT coupons will not be valid for the transfer of gasoline to consumers after the 31st. of December, 1943. All Class T coupons issued for use in the first quarter of 1944 shall be issued in strips and each coupon will bear a serial number. With the coupons will also be mailed a folder in which the coupons are to be kept, and shall bear the name of the registered owner, and the identification of the vehicle. All truck operators are cautioned to be on the lookout for these coupons, which will be mailed out by the local Board starting on December 29th.

O. C. Reynolds, Jr., Chief Clerk of the local War Price and Rationing Board announces that the new certificates of War Necessity for 1944 are now being sent out to truck owners by the Baltimore Office of Defense Transportation. This Office requests that the old 1943 certificates be returned to the OPA 100 Equitable Building, Baltimore, Md, and not to the local Board.

ROADS PROGRAM NEXT

With architects already assigned to building projects in the State Post-war program, Governor O'Connor announced recently that immediate consideration will be given to the Maryland road program for the post war period.

The Governor's announcement was made following his discussion with Roy Barton White, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and Chairman of the State Commission, regarding the road projects. At the Governor's request, the Maryland Commission on Post-war Reconstruction and Development will hold a special meeting on Monday next to pass on the program submitted by Chairman Ezra B. Whitman of the State Roads Commission.

Approximately \$49,000,000 in road and bridge projects are included in the tentative plan. Every section of the State will be represented in the construction program. A new four-lane highway from Annapolis to Washington is one of the roadways which is included in the program.

DAIRY INCOME ABOVE PARITY

Government payments to Maryland dairy farmers to cover rising feed costs give the milk producers a twelve percent advantage in the relationship of prices paid the farmer to farm production costs, Leonard C. Burns, vice-chairman of the Maryland Agricultural Adjustment Agency, disclosed today. Milk production costs, including labor, are now 205 percent of prewar costs, whereas the wholesale price of milk plus the government payments is 217 percent of the pre-war figure.

SOME BUTTER PRICES INCREASED

Consumers will pay 1 or 2 cents more a pound for butter in most smaller independent stores as a result of a recent amendment to the butter price regulation by OPA allowing jobbers a mark-up of 2 1/2c a pound to pay extra costs of many small deliveries

WARTIME CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMS

On Christmas Day, men and women of the American armed forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of special Christmas radio programs, featuring entertainment stars, name bands, and personal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various services. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas tree decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and midnight mass from some place behind the battle lines in Italy.



Christmas Cheer

★ Uncle Sam is to be congratulated, for he has done and is doing a magnificent job. This is, indeed, occasion for Christmas cheer.

Our compliments to you, friends, our thanks, and our most hearty wishes for an enjoyable and truly happy 1943 Christmas season.

GROUSE'S AUTO & SALES SERVICE

TANEYTOWN GRAIN MARKET

Wheat\$1.65@1.65
Corn, old....Max. OPA \$1.25@1.25

Notice of Election

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, on January 4th, 1944, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 P. M.

CLYDE L. HESSON, President.

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CEMETERY ASS'N

The annual meeting of the Key-ville Union Cemetery Association will be held Monday evening, Jan. 3, at 7 o'clock in the Lutheran Church, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting any other business.

C. R. CLUTS, Sec-Treas. 12-24-43



TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

The Economy Store

ELECTION NOTICE

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 Saturday, January 1, 1944, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Lutheran Parish House, Silver Run, Md.

SAMUEL P. HAWK, Secretary-Treasurer.

DEBT SHOULD BE A

"MELTING SNOW BALL"

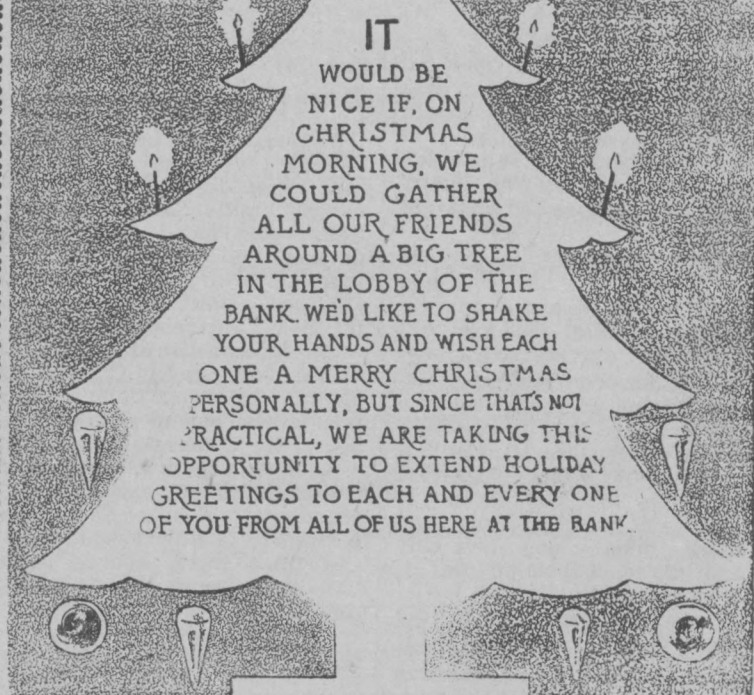


Pay off what you owe. Start off clean when the war ends. You are earning more these days. You should be banking more—for the future.

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Our Christmas Greeting to You



THE TANEYTOWN SAVINGS BANK

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Taneytown Theatre

"Always A Good Show"
Taneytown, Md.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th and 25th
DON AMACHE GENE TIERNEY

"Heaven Can Wait"

(In Technicolor)

MONDAY and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th and 28th
BOB HOPE DOROTHY LAMOUR

They Got Me Covered"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th and 30th
HUMPHERY BOGART RAYMOND MASSEY

"ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC"

COMING:

- "Two Weeks To Live"
- "Coney Island"
- "Stormy Weather"
- "Salute The Marines"

The 21-lb. Turkey given away Wednesday was won by No. 046936 held by William Copenhaver.

Boost The Carroll Record