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Earth was turned in Quarryville Wednesday for construction of a new Commonwealth Telephone Co. Building on E. State St. Modern in all respects, the plant, when completed next year, will serve as a central office for many sections of Southern Lancaster County. Shown above is the artist's conception of the new building.

Commonwealth Breaks Ground; New Phone Facilities Serve Solanco

Construction will begin shortly for a district office of Pennsylvania Community Telephone Co. at Quarryville. Ground was broken Wednesday morning with officials of Pennsylvania Community on hand for the ceremony.

Carl Reynolds, Jr., Quarryville Burgess, and Jack Sordoni, president of Commonwealth Telephone Co. turned the first shovelful of earth in the presence of other company officials and guests.

The new district office, designed by Lacy, Atherton & Davis of Harrisburg, Wilkes Barre and New York City, will be built by the Sordoni Construction Co.

Hence another new addition joins the expanding facilities of the company in Lancaster County. The Quarryville office, located on East State Street across the street from Rhoads Spanish Tavern will be quite similar to the Elizabethville District Office which is now under construction.

Central Office and Garage
William A. Frutchey, local manager at the Quarryville office, reports the building will include a central office and garage. Dimensions are 85 feet 8 inches by 91 feet 4 inches.

Throughout the building will be modern design brick and glass will predominate in the one-story building. Double glass doors set in a windowed entrance will face State Street, with brick and tile forming an attractive entrance on the south.

At the back (north end) of the building, a garage to house eight vehicles will be part of the central building.

Offices Located in Front

The lot, purchased from Jerome Rhoads, is the second lot east of Lime Street, and its dimensions are about 150 by 210 feet.

In front of the building will be the equipment rooms and offices, an equipment room 29 by 35 feet on the southeast corner, a general office 27 feet 10 inches by 19 feet, and the manager's office, 9 feet 10 inches by 9 feet 6 inches.

Also included in the plans are a stock room, truck room, repair shop and locker rooms. A small basement will be built to house the cable vault, and all construction will provide for future expansion. Provisions are in the plans for a night depository to permit patrons to pay bills after office hours.

Efficiency Keynotes

Efficiency has been the keynote throughout in the design, with an entrance to the equipment room on the west side, halls linking all offices and utility rooms. The building will be air-conditioned with extensive use of asphalt tile and plastic tile.

Heating will be by fuel-oil boilers.

When completed, the new office will serve a large area of Lancaster County, south from a theoretical line east and west through Colemanville. The service area includes areas from the Maryland line into Chester Co.

Already other exchanges have been built or are in the planning

stage to provide better service to that section of Lancaster County. The new building at Rawlinsville was opened recently and dial operation is now in use there. Atlen and Gam will go on dial Jan. 23, eliminating the Christmas exchange.

By Nov. 19, 1956, it is expected Quarryville and Penn Hill will be on dial, and plans are on the boards to convert Kirkwood service to dial in 1957.

In its annual 1954 report, Pennsylvania Community referred to the area to be served thusly: "Located for the most part in Lancaster County, the Quarryville District encompasses a rich agriculture area. Interestingly, tobacco is a most important part of their yearly produce. The district embraces much of this splendid rural territory with the towns serving as trading centers for the surrounding farms."

Among the officials of Pennsylvania Community Telephone Co. on hand for the dedication were Andrew J. Sordoni, Jr., Dallas, president; Herbert H. Butler, Dallas, vice-president and general manager; Albert F. Pearson, plant, engineer, and Daniel G. Chapman, commercial manager.

Israel Authorized To Buy Dry Milk Up to \$286,000

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture Tuesday announced issuance to the Government of Israel of authorization to finance the purchase of up to \$286,000 worth (including certain ocean transportation costs) of nonfat dry milk solids from U. S. suppliers. The commodity details of the agreement call for total sales of \$17,04 million worth of U. S. surplus agricultural commodities.

The authorization provides for purchase of approximately 1,190 metric tons (in wooden barrels or fiber drums) of nonfat dry milk solids, roller or spray process, U. S. Extra Grade. The solids and the whole fluid milk from which it was derived must have been purchased in the continental United States.

Sales contracts between suppliers and importers made beginning December 22, 1955, and ending March 31, 1956 will be eligible for financing. Delivery will be to importers, c & f. Israel ports, with shipment from U. S. ports on or after Dec. 22, 1955, but not later than April 30, 1956.

The authorization was issued under Title I of the Agricultural Trade and Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480, 83rd Congress, as amended).

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that the armed services could not court-martial honorably discharged soldiers after their return to civilian life for crimes committed while in service.

Antlered Buck Deer Kill Said Around 38,000

Preliminary estimates received from Game Protectors and other field representatives immediately following the close of Pennsylvania's 1955 buck deer season indicated approximately 38,000 antlered deer were taken by sportsman during the twelve days of legal hunting.

The wildlife authorities stress this total for the state is the preliminary estimate; it may be revised later as more complete returns are received. The official buck kill figures will not be available until all big game kill tags are received and tabulated.

Following the recent two-day antlerless deer season a quick estimate by Commission field officers placed the statewide kill figure at approximately 37,000 animals. This estimate, also, may be revised in the light of a more complete survey of the 1955 harvest.

As with Pennsylvania's buck deer and bear kills in the seasons this year, the official figure on the antlerless deer will not be forthcoming until all big game tags, returned to Harrisburg, are checked and counted.

Successful deer hunters are reminded to send their kill tags to Harrisburg.

Christmas on the Farm—1905

50 YEARS AGO
By Jack Reichard

General celebration of Christmas in Lancaster County, of course, dates back to the first settlers, the English, in the ways of Old England, the Swiss, Germans, Irish, Scottish and others, each following traditions and customs of their homelands. However, 50 years ago, customs of the farmer differed somewhat from that of town folks and certainly from those of today. The observance of Christmas by the average farm family, one-half century ago, is of interest.

Back in 1905 Christmas Day came on Monday. Preparations were begun the preceding week for the great day. The parlor, usually thrown open only for special occasions, was decorated with fir and cedar boughs. Homemade candles were placed on window ledges and mantles. An evergreen tree was erected in a corner of the room, the Mecca for the eyes of the smaller children, who gazed upon the proceedings with awe and anticipation.

Cakes, Sand Tarts

For a week the women folks prepared for the celebration. Many varieties of Christmas cakes were baked and stored for the occasion. There were sand tarts, peppernuts, ginger, spice and fruit cakes and other stamped into patterns of animals, stars and many other designs with cake cutters of tin and wood.

The turkey, goose or big rooster had been penned and fattened up for weeks by the farmer, to assure plenty of meat for Christmas dinner for the family and invited guests.

Early Christmas morning the farm kitchen was a scene of bustling preparation. The turkey, goose and rooster made his last squawks, lost his head and feathers, while the oven was heating and the family silverware sorted over. Even before the table was set guests started coming in. The Christmas dinner was a great event for both young and old.

Sweet Cider, Deep Red

It was a proud mother and hostess when she announced that dinner was ready. The table sparkled with the whitest of cloth and mirror-like cutlery. Candles were lighted as the group as-

sembled around the festive board. The deep red of the glasses filled with sweet cider enhanced the beauty of the spread.

Due to the large gathering at the table the carving of turkeys, and slicing big loaves of bread, took place in the kitchen.

It was a reverent gathering. The head of the family looked over the table loaded with the products of his own farm and said "Let us pray." His voice was strong and resonant. He asked the Heavenly Father's blessings on the family and guests. Everyone's head was bowed in silence.

Throughout the meal the tree in the corner sparkled. Strings of snow-white popcorn festooned the green branches. Toy swan and ducks gracefully rode the artificial lake a mirror laid flat on the floor beneath the tree. Little wooden deer came down to drink unafraid of the wooden hunters or their little wooden guns.

Soft Strains of Organ

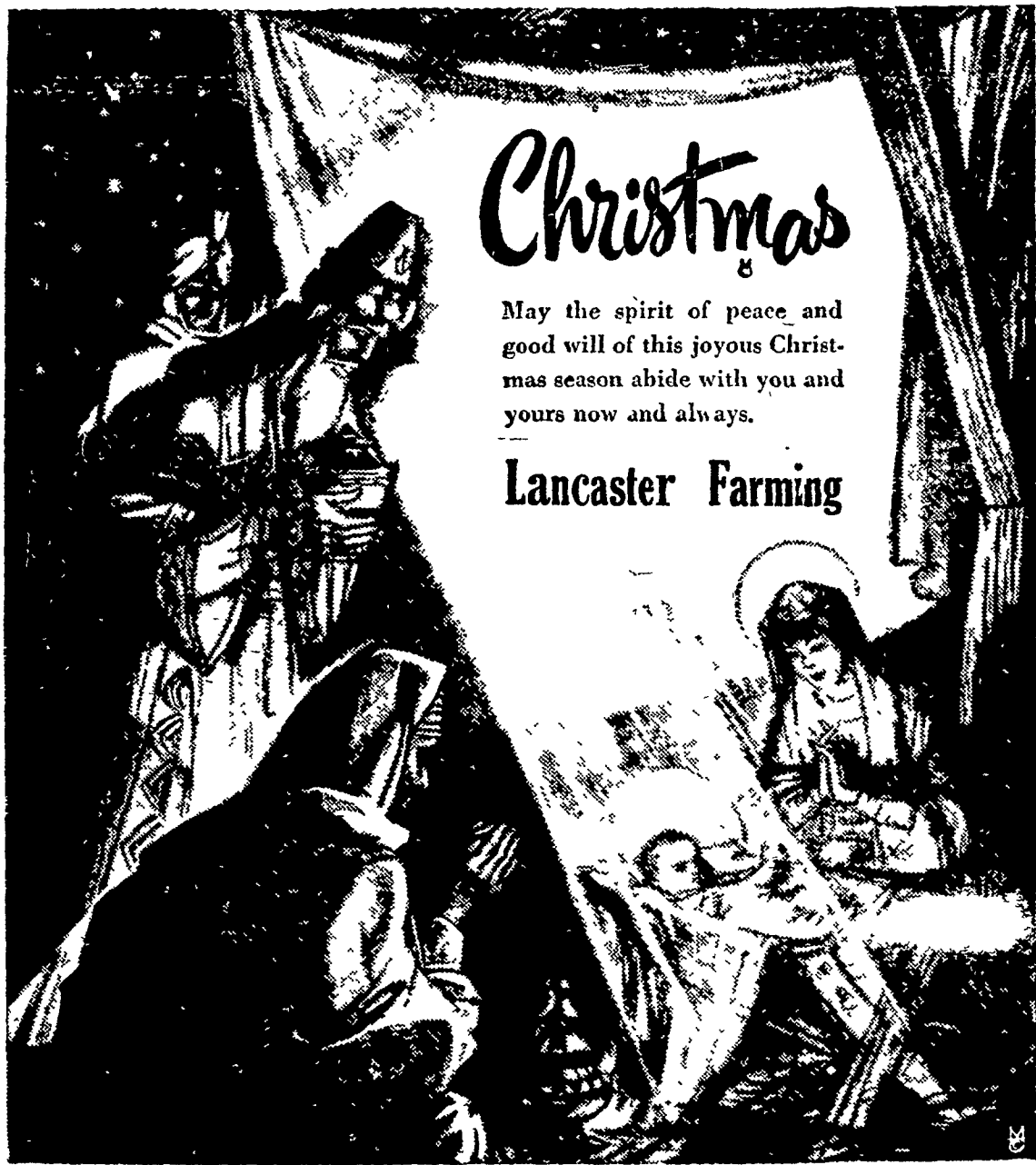
Finally the feast was over. Even the crust of the luscious pies was tasty to the last bit. The hostess and her helpers removed all dishes, while the others found seats to await distribution of the presents.

With the kitchen work finished, the group gathered around the Christmas tree and received gifts with cries of delight, laughter, satisfied chuckles. Who could say that the plump rag doll was not a Cinderella? Or the fur cap might not cover the head of a future successful professional or business man? Fifty year ago little was much. Hearts were thankful.

Following the singing of Christmas carols accompanied by the soft strains of organ music, which even the angels must have heard, came the last farewells. With the parting of the guests, host and hostess stood in the doorway until the last departing sound along the new fallen snow on the open road was but a memory.

Time Valuable

Klaispell, Mont.—After visiting this former Klaispell home, William McKinley, now 101, took a plane back to his Seattle home. McKinley explained, "That's the only way I care to travel."



Christmas

May the spirit of peace and good will of this joyous Christmas season abide with you and yours now and always.

Lancaster Farming