

PINE GROVE MENTION.

McClary Ailman is planning to motor to Florida to spend the winter.

Mrs. Mary Roop had as her guest, last week, L. C. Roop and wife, of Pittsburgh.

Miss Mildred Fox had as a guest, last week, Miss Minetta Foust, of Johnstown.

Reuben Behrer is confined to his home, at Graysville, with an attack of pneumonia.

Elmer Long and wife, of State College, were Sunday visitors at the James Kline home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son Robert visited friends in Altoona over the week-end.

Henry Kocher and lady friend were Sunday callers at the John Quinn home in the Glades.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton N. Hartwick spent last week at their lodge in the Barrens, near Scotia.

Miss Virginia Dale, of the Branch, spent the early part of the week with friends in Johnstown.

The much-needed rain came on Sunday, and there was enough of it to stop the water wagons.

J. A. Fortney, who has been quite ill as the result of an attack of pneumonia, is now recovering.

Dr. Frank Shultz and wife have gone to Baltimore to visit friends during the holiday season.

Prof. L. H. Lenhart and family, of State College, spent Sunday at the home of the Dannelly sisters.

W. E. Hess and wife, and Newton E. Hess attended the funeral of Mrs. Felty, in Altoona on Saturday.

Clarence Robb came up from Howard for the last day of the hunting season but failed to bag his doe.

Dr. Wetzel and brother, A. C. Wetzel, of Shamokin, were recent visitors at the John Quinn home at Fairbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Homan had as their guest, over the week-end, their son, Bruce Homan, of Philadelphia.

Dr. John I. Robinson has accepted the position as resident physician at the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary Crosthwaite is planning to spend the winter at the home of her daughter, in Schenectady, N. Y.

Bear in mind the Christmas cantata to be sung in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Our village blacksmith found a pair of ladies gloves and is now looking for the lady so he can restore her property.

Grace Elizabeth Fye is home from Goucher college to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Fye.

Warren Mack, graduate of Johns Hopkins University, is here to spend the holiday season among Centre county friends.

John B. Witmer, retired farmer of White Hall, suffered a stroke of paralysis, last Friday, and his condition is quite serious.

Master Benjamin Johnson, who has been ill for seven weeks with a complication of diseases, is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Fye and Misses Hazel and Edna Ward spent several days, last week, visiting friends in Altoona.

A new son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ripka, which increases the family to four daughters and three sons.

Mrs. Sarah Wieland, who suffered a slight attack of appendicitis, has recovered to that extent that she is able to be up and around.

A. F. Fry and family attended the funeral of mother Kocher, in Altoona, on Friday. She was the last of her generation in that family.

club 9; the Dreibelbis party 8; the Bellwood club 13. Among the day hunters John Kocher, Robert Campbell, Willis Weaver, Lloyd Ripka, Ambrose Devore each one.

JACKSONVILLE.

John Hoy, of Blanchard, called at the Harry Hoy home one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Deitz has returned home after being at the Luther Fisher home for a few weeks.

We are glad to hear that Luther Fisher's family are getting along fine at this writing.

Harry Gettig, from upper Marion, called at the Mervin Hoy home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Glossner is improving at this writing. He has been under the doctor's care for a few weeks.

Mrs. Harry Hoy and son Willard spent Sunday at State College, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Neff.

A number of deer hunters were successful in getting a deer. Some of them were Guyer and Delmer Ertley, Luther Fisher and Hogan Long.

Mr. and Mrs. John Korman and son Clarence, called at the Mervin Hoy home, Sunday. Other callers the past week were Mrs. Harry Hoy and son Willard, Mrs. William Weaver, Mrs. Mary Deitz, Willard Weaver and Guyer Ertley.

Mrs. Mabel Peek, of Bellefonte, was a visitor in this vicinity recently. Coming here last Tuesday evening she took in the butchering, on Wednesday, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Hoy. Thursday evening she left for Luther Fishers, where she spent the week-end. She also was a pleasant caller at the Mervin Hoy home.

Those who attended the butchering at William Weaver's home, last week, were Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers and son Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines, George Ertley, Edward Vonada, William Boone, Jonas Stover, Mrs. Ella Deitz, Mrs. Emerick, Mrs. Schaffer, Mrs. Edith Sorgam and granddaughter Edith, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Mervin Hoy and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, son Willard and daughter Pearl, and Mrs. Mary Deitz. They all enjoyed a very delicious dinner.

PLEASANT GAP.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bilger have been quite ill for the past week with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mowery have as their guest their son James, of the United States Navy.

Duncan Herman has been a grip victim the past week, but has again resumed his work as guard at the western penitentiary.

The Pleasant Gap Civic club invites the community to participate in the carols around the community Christmas tree, on the school grounds, on Christmas eve.

Mrs. J. T. Noll entertained with three tables of five hundred, at her home, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Ethel Fatkin Britz. The following were present, Mrs. Hugh Crumlish, Mrs. Ray C. Noll, Mrs. R. S. Melroy, Miss Bertha Rimmey, Mrs. Grace Noll, Mrs. Ruth Noll, Mrs. Lettie Irvin, Mrs. Grace Bilger, Mrs. Jessie Mowery, Miss Jean Noll and Mrs. Britz. Mrs. Britz departed for her home in Allequippa on Saturday.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DECEMBER

- December 18—Edward Macdowell, composer of tone poems, born, 1861.
December 19—Turner, painter of "The Temeraire," died 1851.
December 20—The Lone Star State declares itself independent of Mexico, 1835.
December 21—Giovanni Boccio, teller of tales the world has marveled at, died, 1375.
December 22—James E. Oglethorpe, founder of the Georgia colony, born, 1696.
December 25—The birthday of Our Savior.
December 26—Washington and his men crossed the Delaware, 1776.
December 28—Woodrow Wilson born, 1856.
December 29—William Ewart Gladstone, the great English statesman, born, 1809.
December 31—John Wycliffe, translator of the Bible, died, 1384.

WHY WAIT?

Most of us make the mistake of waiting for some one to tell us to do something, instead of going ahead and doing it.

With few exceptions, we can do for ourselves everything that any one can do for us.

Begin now to do what you think you think you can do. Don't wait for some one to hold your hand. Step out. If you are blessed with an intelligence at all, you'll be amazed to discover that in a short time you are as competent as those who already occupy the field.

Just a little talent, combined with genuine industry and persistence, will carry almost any person to a fair degree of success.

The chief difference between those who get somewhere and those who get nowhere is that the former have the courage to make an early start.

By William Feather.

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.—Johnson.

—Subscribe for the Watchman.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Has the spirit of Christmas so far escaped us that we can no longer call it back? Has the hurry and rush of this annual festival become the contagious impetus that makes it go, or is there still somewhere back of it all a feeling of the real old Christmas within every one of us?

Let it come out; don't choke it back. Remember that the gift of flowers may carry as much of love as the most magnificent thing that money can buy.

"What shall we have for Christmas dinner?" That is a question that challenges every housewife as the holiday approaches. Certain things she must have—as fowl and cranberry sauce, and mince pie or Christmas pudding, and then there are the usual items, but not absolutely required by rule, as stuffing with the fowl, and rich giblet gravy, and sweet and Irish potatoes, and some kind of salad and fruit cake. It would seem from the foregoing list that Christmas dinner is pretty well prescribed, cut and dried, and requires no thought or planning on the part of the one who is responsible for it. This assumption, however, is far from the truth. Greater choice is possible than seems so on the surface, and the feast may be a success or a failure in direct proportion to the wisdom with which it is planned.

In common with other features of the big holiday—as the tree, and the gifts and the greetings—we ought to plan first of all our Christmas dinner should leave pleasant memories. This Pleasant though it may be in the eating, it can hardly be called a success if it is followed by illness or even discomfort. A hostess cannot prevent her guests from over-eating, but at least she can prevent her menu from being overloaded with the wrong kind of food (meaning particularly acid-producing foods), and can see that one kind is properly balanced with the other.

It probably is impossible to prevent a degree of over-eating at Christmas dinner—we are all "big children" when it comes to that—but certain precautions may be taken. For instance, the mother of the family may see to it the quality of food materials for her Christmas dinner is of the best, and she may see the big dinner is preceded by a simple breakfast, including pure fruit juices and perhaps a cereal. Whole wheat grain cereal would be excellent since it prepares the system for the big dinner to come by regulating the eliminating organs and stimulating the system. This is a precaution especially necessary to take for children, who are apt to clog their systems later in the day through over-indulgence in sweets and other heavy foods.

Now for the Christmas dinner menu itself. A little common sense will be worth a deal of remedies later. Why not start with a clear soup? This prepares the stomach for the heavy food, does not contribute much food value and helps in preventing over-eating by filling the stomach with a light liquid at the start that stimulates the action of the digestive fluids.

Chicken, turkey, or roast pig may follow, with potatoes baked preferred to other ways of cooking them. It is suggested that the custom of serving both sweet and white potatoes, a rather absurd custom, is never more out of place than at the heaviest dinner of the year; so why not dispense with it? Creamed onions, squash and lettuce are important vegetables, full of important minerals without being heavy; they can well have their place at our dinner. Lettuce, particularly, is needed for the roughage and mineral salts to help regulate the system. Nuts, grapes and apples are excellent to serve as dessert; and while we are speaking of fruits, let us add that a glass of good sweet cider, served an hour before the dinner will be of service in flushing out and sterilizing the stomach and intestines and stimulating the action of the eliminating and digestive organs.

The final words of advice for the successful Christmas dinner are: First, eliminate judiciously from the menu—don't overlook it; second, have plenty of the lighter vegetables that give bulk without heaviness. To decorate a tree tastefully is really quite an art, and much time and money may be used upon it, but to get the best results at the lowest price is to have a definite style for the tree. For instance, the following suggestion may prove interesting to the uninitiated. First select a symmetrical shaped tree, from six to eight feet high, according to the height of the ceiling of the room in which it is to stand; if the branches are too thick cut them out; and weight them a few hours before trimming if they do not spread readily.

A silver tree is made after the following idea. Take a quantity of English walnuts, insert a tack in the stem end and tie black linen threads on each tack, then dip each in the white of eggs and roll in silver leaf shaping with the fingers at the top, and hang a nut on the end of every twig; add silver and white cornucopias, silver fishes, frogs, turtles, baskets, faires, balls, and over all throw silver tinsel like a cobweb; use white candles and, last of all, take a handful of powdered mica and sprinkle over the branches; bank the base with a mass of fluffy white tulle, when it is lighted the effect of the tree is most beautiful and brilliant. The gifts may be wrapped in silver paper and tied with white satin ribbons with a spray of mistletoe drawn through the bow and place on the tulle under the tree.

The less novelty there is in Christmas entertaining, the more attractive it is. The dinner table should be decorated simply with holly, with perhaps a big bunch of roses, preferably red, for the centerpiece. Things should be as gay as possible and as reminiscent of one's youth. In the evening there should be, if possible, a Christmas tree. There is no form of entertaining on Christmas night that equals the stripping of a brilliantly lighted, tinsel-decked tree, and untying mysterious packages.

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Dull moments in this musical revue are conspicuous by their absence. There is concentrated mirth, melody and dancing in abundance. In the "Gambols" a quartette of comedians, notably Franklyn Ardell, Fuzzy Knight, Charles Irwin and Charles Elby make merry, poking fun at the topics of the day. With the comedians, are Rita Gould, Lew Hearn, Shirley Richards, the Marshall Sisters, who harmonize in jazz, Anne Pritchard, a stellar singing and dancing soubrette, Grace Bowman, Primadonna, John Byman, baritone, William Holbrook, vaudeville headliner, Olive McClure in dance novelties and Vercaux Vaughn and Randallo, adagio dancers.

Then there are the catchy songs and melodies by Walter Samuels and Arthur Schwartz. Among the easiest to hum with one evening's practice are "Crescent Moon," "Sweet Old Fashioned Waltz," "In the Days Gone By," "Little Dream That's Coming True" and "Palm Beach Walk." A chorus of surpassing comeliness and charm adds pep and spice to the musical numbers and added to which is a dance unit called "The Promenaders." Ned Wayburn in staging the dancers, emphasizes again that he is in a class by himself, to get a chorus girl to charge across the stage.

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The Nixoa Theatre will be glad to fill out-of-town mail orders and have reserved quite a block of choice seats for all performances.

Words are like leaves; and where they most abound, Much fruit or sense beneath is rarely found.—Pope.

SCHOOL COURTESY.

As the Christmas season is approaching it is time to begin thinking about the proper way of expressing thanks for gifts received. To fail to write a note of thanks for a gift is unpardonable. The question of "what to say" will not be difficult if the note is written promptly. Write while you are enthusiastic and words will come naturally; moreover, your "thank-you" note will seem more sincere.

This is the time of year to make resolutions regarding courtesy. Remember that courtesy will win many friends for you. It is not necessary, however, to be effusive—that becomes offensive to your friends. Merely be sincere and thoughtful and you will not need a book of etiquette.

The greatest respect should be shown toward our parents and all other persons. One should never smile at the language, mistakes or the table manners of an older person. Boys and girls who do this are lacking in culture.

The teachers in your school and the principal and superintendent should be treated with the highest courtesy and respect at all times. They may be too refined to give notice of lack of courtesy on the part of the student, but the student should be courteous without being reminded of his duty in this respect.

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