

Spring Mills

A Collection of Newsy Happenings and Personals from Gregg Township's Metropolis.

The death of a former resident of this vicinity is recorded this week. Reference is made to Frank B. Herman, whose remains were interred Saturday forenoon in the cemetery at Holy Cross Lutheran church, Georges Valley. Before locating in Altoona, Mr. Herman lived in Georges Valley. Mrs. Herman, before marriage was Miss Nancy Vonada, a daughter of the late Harvey Vonada, and is well known in this locality. A brother, John W. Vonada, lives on the Vonada homestead, on the south side of Georges Valley, at this time. Mrs. Scott Decker, of Spring Mills, is a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Weldonsaul and two children, of Laurelton, were at the home of Mrs. Weidonsaul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percival Sharp, for a few days last week. The head of the family engaged in hunting while here.

Miss Delcey Morris returned to Doylestown to resume teaching school. A. P. Heckman, who had been confined to bed on account of sickness for five weeks at the home of his son, Archie F. Heckman, is able to be about again.

Blaine Bittner made a short detour on Monday in order to comply with a request to eat a butcher dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Reed. The rural routeman on reaching the post office showed unmistakable signs of having been well fed.

Harold Meyer, who was a bit gum during the small-game season over his very ordinary luck, came through on the last day entirely satisfied when he came home bringing with him a fine, large wild turkey.

Miss Laurabell McCormick was in Spring Mills for a few hours, on Saturday.

Students home for the Thanksgiving vacation were Walter Wilkinson, president of his class (senior) in the State Teachers College, Lock Haven, and Glenn Long, a freshman in Franklin and Marshall, Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stoops, of Landsdale, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Pauline Rossman, this week. Mr. Stoops is giving much of his time to the search for big game.

Misses Ori and Phyllis Wagner accompanied their brother-in-law, Hon. John W. Decker, to Harrisburg, on Saturday. Mr. Decker attended the conference of newly-elected members of the lower house of the State Legislature, while the young ladies visited with their sister, Miss Bernadette, who holds a position as stenographer in the bureau of delinquent taxes and field investigation.

Bruce Bailey is hauling milk for Clair Houser, while the latter is hunting. The route extends west to State College. The milk is delivered to the Sheffield plant at Centre Hall.

Mrs. Annie Smith is entertaining her sister, Mrs. M. M. Overly, and husband of Clearfield. Mr. Overly is living retired. An elder sister, Mrs. Mary Geringer, and daughter, Miss Media Geringer, and grandson, John W. Barner, of Woodland, visited her last week. Mrs. Geringer is past her eightieth year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrows, of York, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stover. It would be Mr. Burrows' greatest delight to again shoulder a rifle and chase deer, but his health will not permit. He is obliged to reduce outdoor sport to fishing, and this he indulges in to a considerable extent along local streams during the past season.

The Past Templars Association—a tri-county organization—will be entertained by Central Queen Temple, Centre Hall, on the 13th.

On Monday reports from a few hunting camps and from day hunters were received. The kill then reported was one buck by Harry Auman, son-in-law of C. H. Eungard; Red Sand Spring Camp, 2; A. J. Herbeter, Padley Mt., 1. The latter was an 8-point. Paul Noll and William Bron, day hunters, each made a kill. Hunters at Dunlap curve, at Everts, east of Spring Mills killed a buck, which when dressed weighed 210 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Erdley were Thanksgiving day guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Lee Herman, in Lewisburg.

The Spring Mills grange was notified by an inspector of public buildings that numerous improvements to Grange hall would have to be made to permit its use for holding public meetings. The inspector, however, arranged that provided certain minor changes were made the hall could be used temporarily, but that later the structure would have to be brought in conformity with the State rules if it was used for holding public gatherings with or without admission charges. Of course, the organization agreed to comply with the request, and changes are now being made.

Prof. Meyer, of Chambersburg, and Miss Tachudy, of Lebanon, were at their respective homes for Thanksgiving day and the week-end.

A little more than thirty feet of the 50-ft. smoke stack at the Sheffield milk plant was torn loose and landed on the roof of the engine room during the brief wind storm of Saturday afternoon. On Sunday a Williamsport firm straightened up the remaining part of the stack, and on Monday William Shannon, of Lewisburg, the Sheffield company's traveling mechanic, and Z. A. Weaver, of Coburn, repaired the asbestos shingle roof.

M. W. Johnson is now in charge of the Rising Spring R. R. station, and will also assist J. C. Lee at the Centre Hall station when needed. Mr. Johnson made his first contact with the P. R. R. company at Spring Mills in 1914, when he took up telegraphy and general routine work under J. C. Lee,

MODERN CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS.

Origin of Yuletide Traditions Furnishes Interesting Surprises.

The mere mention of the word "Christmas" conjures up thoughts of beautifully decorated homes, bright lights, toys, Santa Claus—and a myriad of other objects and customs that are inseparably associated with this most beloved of all holidays. Where did they originate? Why have they become so indelibly impressed upon our lives? It is interesting to know something of the history of our present day Christmas practices.

The origin of the use of stars as decorations is obvious. They came in to being with the Star of the East, which led the Three Wise Men to that most talked-about birthplace on earth, nearly two thousand years ago. The star that is used as a decoration today is always brilliant. It may be made of foil, but a nearby electric light generally gives it a sparkle. The candle, too, symbolizes the Star of the East.

The ancient Romans were probably the first to use trees. It is believed the tree was intended to furnish a setting for their candle—burned on the occasion of the Feast of Saturn. Evergreen trees were probably chosen because of their durable beauty after being cut. The idea was later intro-

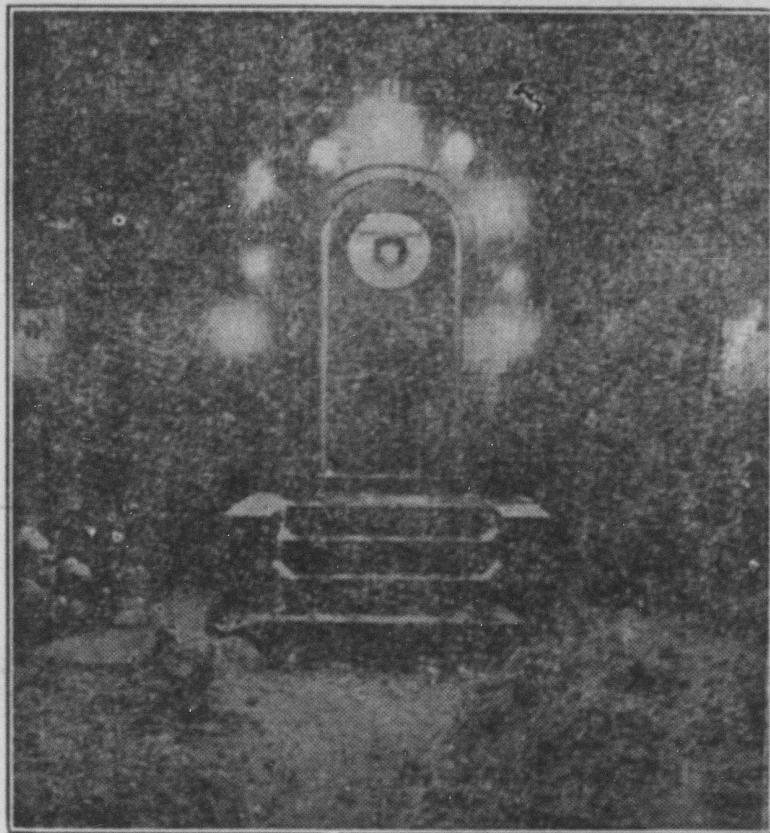
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The custom of giftgiving is a heritage from the earliest times. People gave gifts as a symbol of appreciation over friendships over three thousand years ago. Usually it was done on a holiday or on some personal occasion. Christmas is today the outstanding day for gifts. Christmas cards had a more modern beginning dating back to about 1844. It is said that the practice of sending them arose because of a desire of many persons to lessen the financial burden of Christmas gift giving. Then, too, the post card made it convenient to send greetings to a larger number of people—and to those afar, for transportation facilities, by 1844, had grown to a point where families and friends were being widely scattered.

The part played by light in celebrating Christmas in centuries past is particularly noticeable. The English started the custom of burning a yule log. With much ceremony the log was dragged from the forest to the fireside, where it blazed a cheery welcome to all who called. The Star of the East the candle and yule log were but forerunners of our own Christmas lighting.

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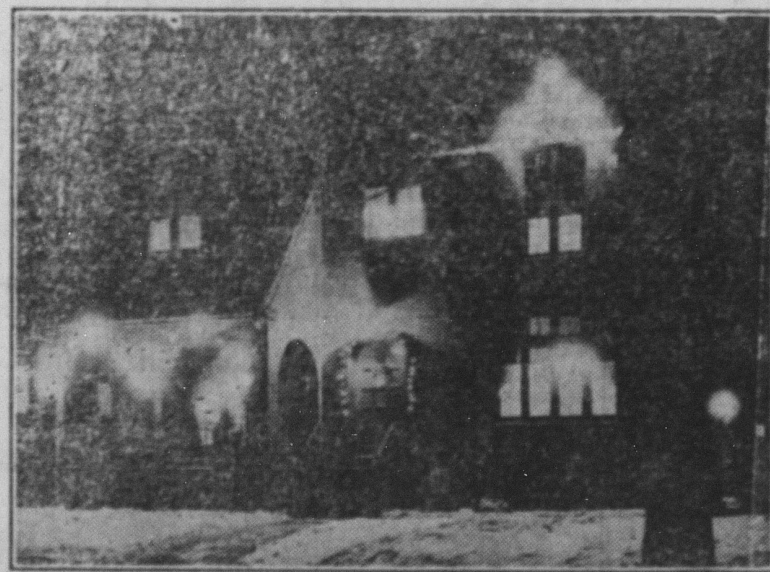
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Call at the Reporter office for Christmas Home Decorating Booklet entitled "Light for Christmas Cheer," which will give suggestions for both interior and exterior Christmas lighting and decoration.

Centre Hall residents are urged to enter a contest for the most beautifully illuminated home (interior and exterior) during the holiday season.

Three prizes will be offered: First prize, Telecon Electric Clock; second prize, Waffle Iron; third prize, String of Christmas Lights.

Watch next week's paper for further details.



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then station agent. He continued at Spring Mills for ten years, and then was shifted to Coburn, Lemont, Mifflinburg and Northumberland, in succession.

W. C. Auman, track foreman on the L. & T., knows how to raise hogs. He slaughtered three the combined weight of which was 1570 pounds. The hogs were not much over a year old. Magnus Duck also killed two heavy hogs. They were not weighed, but the fact that they produced eleven cans of lard indicates they were woppers.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long Wednesday of last week at the Centre County hospital.

Rev. Seth Russell conducted the devotional services at the Vocational school on Thanksgiving Day, and also gave a very interesting address.

Miss Pearl Lingle has the agency for Avon Products and up to this time has been very successful.

The Spring Mills Athletic Club will chance off a 15-lb. turkey on December 15th.

There will be preaching services in St. Marks Lutheran church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Seth Russell will deliver the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klose, of Mifflinburg, visited the George Relsh family recently.

The following enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of Prof. and Mrs. C.

M. Watts on Thanksgiving day: Dean and Mrs. R. L. Watts and Miss Florence Dark, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Watts and daughters Marjorie and Betty, of Bellwood.

Master Ralph Watts celebrated his eighth birthday on Dec. 1st.

Mrs. C. M. Watts and Mrs. J. Russell Condo attended the Eastern Star card party at Centre Hall last week.

The Young People's Group, just recently organized, have decided to have a cantata on Christmas.

The many acquaintances of Miss Barbara Robinson will wish her a happy voyage through life with her recently acquired husband, William Schmitt, of Philadelphia. A brief account of the wedding appears elsewhere in this issue of the Reporter.

Boalsburg.

Mrs. Ella Barry entertained her sister, Mrs. Katharine Moore, and Miss Elizabeth Harper, several days, last week. George Wilder, a nephew of the ladies, drove up from Harrisburg on Friday for a short visit and was accompanied home by the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stuart and daughter, Elizabeth, of Crafton, were in town from Friday evening until Sunday and were gratified to find Mr. Stuart's mother, Mrs. E. E. Stuart, convalescing from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coxy and chil-

dren, of Indiana, spent several days among relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sohl and son, of Abington, were visitors at the Charles Segner home last week.

Mrs. George Mothersbaugh returned Friday from a ten-day visit with friends in the vicinity of Philadelphia and in Reading.

Mrs. Nannie Bailey Mothersbaugh, of Williamsport, visited among relatives in this vicinity several days last week.

The Civic Club will meet at the home of Miss Anna Dale on Friday evening, December 7, at 7:30.

Tusseyville.

E. R. McClellan farmer near here, and other members of his family, expect to leave shortly for the state of Tennessee to spend the most severe part of the winter in the balmy climate of the Southland. Ill health has prompted this move, and it is hoped the change will prove beneficial.

FARM CALENDAR.

Timely Reminders from Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

TURKEYS DRESSED TWO WAYS—Turkeys are dressed in two ways on Pennsylvania farms. In blood and feather dressing, the turkeys are bled and their feathers removed. In full dressing the feathers, head, feet and entrails are removed and the giblets are cleaned and placed inside the carcasses while the necks are left intact or removed and placed with the giblets.

SHEPHERDS FEED GRAIN—Successful Pennsylvania shepherds have found that it pays to feed a small amount of grain each day over a long period rather than a large amount of grain for a short time during the lambing season. Undernourished ewes either produce dead lambs or lambs which die shortly after birth.

CLUB MEMBERS GAIN—Leadership, economic, returns, social advantages, and education are the values obtained by 4-H club members. More than 60,000 community leaders have given freely of their time and of their ability to help boys and girls gain these advantages.

STUDY AT HOME—Correspondence courses in agriculture and home economics are offered free by the Pennsylvania State College.

TREES HAVE COLORFUL BARK—Trees with distinctive colored bark are white, paper, and cherry birch; bronze bark and golden bark willow; yellow bark and crimean linden; the aspen; sweet gum; and striped bark maple.

ANSWERS TO MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS.

Following are the answers to the problems found on another page of this issue:

1. Answer—Schnader, 37.2%, Earle, 53.6%.
2. Answer—Bandits, 70 mi. at 42 mi. an hr. Patrolmen 60 mi. an hr.
3. Answer—1680.
4. Answer—40.
5. Answer—31.44 gals.
6. Answer—550 peck.

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Any customer whose cash purchases amount to \$35.00, from now until Christmas, will receive, ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE, a lovely bridge lamp. These lamps are worthy of any home, and we would like you to come in and see them for your own satisfaction.

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are now available on our entire stock of Ladies' and Children's Coats. We have sharply marked down every garment—and if you want a Coat NOW IS THE TIME.

\$9.95	COATS NOW	\$7.95
15.75	“	12.50
27.50	“	19.75

and 1-3 OFF on all higher priced garments.

MEN'S SUITS also sharply reduced. One lot of SUITS, all wool, values to \$12.50. And many other values too numerous to mention. **\$9.95**



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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 & 8

WILL ROGERS in:

"JUDGE PRIEST"

NOTE—We will not be able to show this wonderful picture more than two (2) days, so we ask that you attend Friday or Saturday for sure as this will be the last showing in this valley of "JUDGE PRIEST." DO NOT MISS IT!!!

FOX NEWS CARTOON SINGLE REELS

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DEC. 10 & 11

JACK OAKIE, SPENCER TRACY, CONSTANCE CUMMINGS in

"LOOKING FOR TROUBLE"

No. 8 "LAST FRONTIER" — Also, SINGLE REELS.

A BIG ROAD SHOW COMING TO THIS THEATRE

DECEMBER 21 AND 22

"THE PASSION PLAY" (A Motion Picture)

An adaptation from "THE LIFE OF OUR SAVIOR." Watch next week's paper for details. This is one of the Biggest Road Show attractions ever brought to this theatre as well as this valley.

An Appeal to Reformed Churches and Sunday Schools.

Rev. Henry E. Gebhard, superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Womelsdorf, has issued an appeal to the Reformed churches and Sunday schools in this section of the state to have them remember the Bethany Orphan Home family of 252 children in their Christmas giving.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Britcher's Auction Sale!

The undersigned will expose to sale at his auction barn, 2 miles northeast of MIFFLINTOWN, on **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12** at 10 o'clock A. M.—Auction Every 2 Weeks on Wednesday

Commission Horses

WILL ALSO HAVE A LOT OF COWS

fresh and close springers.

A lot of these cows will have high test in butterfat.

Holsteins, Jerseys and Guerneys. Some Heifers, Stock Bulls and a few Steers.

Any person bringing hogs for sale must have them here not later than 12 o'clock noon.

A Chestnut Sorrel Riding Horse, sound and gentle.

"Cheap John" will be here with a full line of Dry Goods.

All cows will have test charts. Any person bringing a cow must have test chart.

This sale will commence at 10 a. m. sharp, as we must start early to dispose of all this stock.

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