



CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMPETITION ATTRACTING EARLY INTEREST

The Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest sponsored by the Centre Reporter for the fourth year, will soon be under way.

The contest will include the communities of Centre Hall and Spring Mills, and has already aroused considerable interest. A number of persons report that it is their intention to participate.

Every person who decides to light and decorate the outside of the home will have an opportunity to win one of the three prizes that this newspaper is offering.

BANK CLOSING CHRISTMAS, NEW YEARS, DEC. 26 & JAN. 2

The First National Bank of Centre Hall and all other National banks will close on Christmas and New Year.

HON. CYRUS E. WOODS, FORMERLY OF BOALSBURG, DEAD

Cyrus E. Woods, former Ambassador to Spain and Japan, who died last Thursday in Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, was buried Saturday after services at 2:30 p. m. in Christ Episcopal church, Greensburg.

Mr. Woods, 77, a prominent lawyer, was a leader of Pennsylvania Republicanism and one-time Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth and State Senator.

REV. F. H. SANDERS NAMED SUPT. EVANGELICAL HOMES

Rev. Frank H. Sanders of Williamsport was named superintendent of the Evangelical Homes at Lewisburg, succeeding Dr. A. A. Winter, deceased.

BROWN EDGES OUT MINGLE UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

Ernest W. Brown of Phillipsburg has assumed his duties as the new civil service appointee in charge of the Bellefonte state employment service, unemployment and compensation division.

Other civil service appointments included Miss Marie Doll, Bellefonte, junior interviewer; Forrest E. Bauder, Fleming, field accountant; and Ralph E. Beahm, Aaronsburg, junior clerk.

Letter from Subscriber.

Reedsville, Pa., Dec. 3, 1938. The Centre Reporter: Find enclosed check for your paper which I enjoy reading. You have a subscription which expired in November in the name of my mother, Mrs. H. A. Stover.

ODD FELLOWS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 20

State College Lodge No. 1082 I. O. O. F. acted as host to the Centre County Past Grands Association at its regular Dec. meeting, Monday evening of last week.

It was announced at this meeting that the regular Christmas Party that is sponsored each year by the Association will be held at State College, Tuesday evening, December 20, at 8:00 o'clock.

The next regular monthly meeting will be with Boalsburg lodge, Thursday evening, January 12. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends are asked to bear in mind the date of the Christmas Party at State College.

L. G. E. HOLDS CARD PARTY

The card party sponsored by the Ladies of the Golden Eagle Lodge on Friday night was well attended. The receipts netted them a neat sum.

M. E. CHURCH, SUNDAY EVE

In the Methodist church on Sunday evening a Christmas cantata entitled "The Lost Star," will be rendered, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

CANTATA, "THE LOST STAR,"

The steel structural work for the eleven units being built on Penn State campus under the PWA-General State Authority expansion program was completed on Saturday.

RESIDENTS IN TOWN COMPLAIN BITTERLY

Residents in town complain bitterly because of traps set for skunks near their homes killing or maiming the family cat, much loved by the children and in many instances the grown-ups.

120TH ANNIVERSARY SESSION I. O. O. F. AT WILLIAMSPORT

Additional plans were prepared Saturday evening for the observance of the 120th anniversary of Odd Fellowship - America.

FARMERS ELECT LOCAL AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

Farmers and farm owners in Potter township met in the local high school building on Wednesday evening and elected a chairman, a vice-chairman and a third committeeman.

DEATHS FROM CHILD BIRTH IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE DECREASED 29 PER CENT SINCE 1900

Deaths from childbirth in the United States have decreased 29 per cent since 1900. During the same period deaths from measles have decreased 92 per cent, and from whooping cough, 83 per cent.

COMMUNITY WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Week of Prayer Services conducted annually by the churches of Centre Hall and vicinity will be held in St. Luke's Lutheran church beginning Monday evening, January 2, and closing Friday evening, January 6.

The general theme for the week is "Following the Master Through Reconciliation," the sub-topic, minister, and evening for each service follows: Monday—"In Christian Fellowship," Tuesday—"In Christian Sacrifice," Wednesday—"In Christian Prayer," Thursday—"In Christian Stewardship," Friday—"In Christian Citizenship," Sunday, January 1, each minister will preach on the general theme in his own church and on Sunday, January 8, the sermon theme for each minister in his own church will be "The Result of Following the Master—Loyalty to the Church."

W. C. T. U. SPONSORS SHOWER FOR MARTHA YEARICK, BRIDE

A regular meeting of the local W. C. T. U. was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wert, Sr., and in connection with it showered Mrs. Hamil Kilne with an array of useful and valuable gifts.

MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING CAMPS WERE IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the following camps were in attendance: Milheim, Look Haven, Beech Creek, Carroll, Woodcock, Spring Mills, Lemont, Centre Hall and Bellefonte.

MILLHEIM DEGREE TEAM DID VERY EFFICIENT INITIATION AND DRILL WORK

The team was composed of the following: Past president, Clifford A. Miller; president, J. Elmer Eyer; vice president, Ralph S. Ferrer; master of forms, Dewey F. Daniels; conductor, W. L. Kephart; inspector, Wm. Monk; guard, Doyle Smith; chaplain, Ralph Wert; sentinels, Walter Edwards, Berton Snyder, Donovan Wolfe, Dorsey Price, Vernon Johnson, Harold Stout; color bearers, Ralph Powers, John Shaden, trier, Sherman Spotts, Walter Allen, Henry Karchner; pianist, Wharton Mitchell; degree captain, C. A. Miller; drill captain, Sherman Spotts.

CHURCHES AT STATE COLLEGE RE-DICATED

The dedication of the remodeled and enlarged Lutheran church in State College took place on Sunday morning when Dr. M. H. Hemsher, president of Central Synod of the United Lutheran Church delivered the sermon.

1940 CENSUS A BIG JOB

Approximately 150,000 employees will be needed to take the U. S. Census of 1940. The population of Continental United States on July 1, 1938, was 130,215,000, according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

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COUNTY AGR. EX. SOCIETY MEETS; ELECTS OFFICERS

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association was held in the court house at Bellefonte on Friday of last week.

Reports of the past year's work were made by the Extension Agents R. C. Blaney, agriculture and Helen S. Butler, home economics. In addition to these reports, the following local people briefly discussed phases of the Extension work they were directly interested in: Harry Coner, Howard, dairy improvement work; Mrs. C. P. Lang, State College, clothing and sewing projects; Ward Krape, Zion, reported the results of the recent T. B. test and work of the Cattle Disease Control Committee; Mrs. Clyde Hoover, of Pine Glen, discussed one family's 4-H club activities for the past ten year period.

P. O. S. OF A. HOLDS COUNTY CLASS INITIATION, SAT.

A county class initiation was held in Bellefonte camp room on Saturday night which was well attended by members from Centre and Clinton counties. A class of very fine men was initiated.

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STREET LETTER-BOX PLACED TO FRONT OF LOCAL P. O.

A street letter-box was erected to the front of the post-office in Centre Hall by the U. S. Post Office Department, a few days ago, which will prove a great convenience to local people, and especially to strangers who at night have been having difficulty in locating the small "drop" in the window.

The box is of the type which takes care of small parcels as well as letters. It should be remembered, however, that eight ounces is the limit in size of packages to be received. Mail will be taken from the box four times daily, at 7:45 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 3:20 and 4:30 p. m.

TWO GIRL BABIES ARRIVED IN TOWN LAST WEEK

Two babies, both girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burkholder—the former on Tuesday in the Centre County hospital and the latter on Thursday night at the R. M. Smith home.

C. H. P. HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

The seniors of the Centre Hall-Potter high school will hold their dance in the high school auditorium, Friday December 16, at 9:00 o'clock p. m. The Keystone will furnish music for round dancing and special music by local talent will be played for the square dancing.

MRS. CAMPBELL ENTERTAINS M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The class in the Methodist Sunday school taught by Mrs. Edith Campbell when living at Penns Cave, was entertained by her at her home in State College on Thursday evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent in engaging in the routine and a social period, during which time elegant refreshments were served.

MISS MARIÉ DOLL, BELLEFONTE, RECEIVED AN APPOINTMENT

Miss Marie Doll, Bellefonte, received an appointment as Junior Interviewer in the Pennsylvania State Employment Service, receiving the appointment under Civil Service regulations. She had been employed for a year in the State Employment Office in Bellefonte and will continue as such under her new appointment.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Don't write it Xmas. It's vulgar and un-Christian to do so. The enrollment of girls at the Laurelton State Village numbers 826, with a large waiting list. The First National Bank was the first to have lighted holiday decorations this season. The annual charity ball sponsored by the Bellefonte Elks Lodge will be held Friday night and is open to all members and their friends. Homer Smeltzer is occupying a section of the S. C. Brungart house, having moved there from the Howard Durst house on Conley lane. Millheim is preparing for more elaborate street lighting during the coming holiday season than heretofore and has awarded the contract for wiring and placing of lights to R. Stover Musser. Under a special ruling of the post office department the use of Christmas Seals on the faces of envelopes is permitted until January 15. At other times no labels simulating stamps are allowed on the face of letters. Mrs. Adam F. Heckman and daughter, Miss Sarah Heckman, are about to locate in Lancaster again where they had formerly lived and where a son of the former, Franklin Heckman, is teaching in the public schools. Millifburg borough engaged in distributing electricity to its citizens will be able to reap a better profit through the action of the Public Utility Commission's order to the Pennsylvania's Power and Light Company to lessen its rate. The Pennsylvania Farm Show will open Monday, January 16 and continue to Saturday. The new arena building with a seating capacity of 12,641 persons was made possible by the expenditure of \$1,200,000. The dimensions of the arena are about 240 feet long and 120 feet wide. State Superintendent of Public Instruction points out that at the opening of the 1938-1940 school term, all pupils a certain distance from the school attended must be transported at public expense and under conditions described by the State Department of Education. George Michael of Woodward visited with a niece in Centre Hall for a few days. Due to a heart condition Mr. Michael has been unable to work during the past year or more. He is looking forward to a time in the near future when he will be eligible to old age pension. Mail your Christmas packages early, because at the approach of Christmas mails become cluttered up and speed of delivery very much lessened. Wrapping packages with good paper and tying up with a stout string is next to the importance of writing the address in full and plainly. Miss Marie Doll, Bellefonte, received an appointment as Junior Interviewer in the Pennsylvania State Employment Service, receiving the appointment under Civil Service regulations. She had been employed for a year in the State Employment Office in Bellefonte and will continue as such under her new appointment. Water leaks of all kinds should have prompt attention at this season. Once cold weather is here the expense of correcting them will be multiplied many times and discomforts added. It would appear as a matter of economy the borough authorities ought to insist on speedy action. Leaks mean pump operations and that means needless expense piling up every day. Four, five- and six-hundred-pound hogs are quite numerous in lower Penna Valley, where pride in growing the largest hog in the neighborhood continues. Up to the present time the blue ribbon belongs to Fred Vonada whose largest hog dressed 822 pounds. Harris Stover came second with a hog of 610 pounds. These weights are not guess work, but are verified with great care. In Brush Valley a hog weighing more than 700 pounds was slaughtered by Jesse Day at Madisonburg. Although she fell down eight steps to the cellar, Mrs. A. H. Spayd escaped with no serious injury, other than a general shaking up, cuts and bruises. She was working at the head of the stairs and for some unknown reason fell to the bottom. She had a butcher knife in her hand at the time and this was found on the cellar floor. Mrs. Spayd was alone in the part of the house she was working and on recovering her senses called for Mr. Spayd who went to her aid and found her on her feet. At this time the lady has pretty well recovered from the shock and injuries. Some time ago the Westinghouse Electric Company, of Pittsburgh, put on a photographic contest offering prizes for best photographs showing an individual inspecting one or more of their electrical household appliances. Now it just happened that John S. Dubbs, with Janet Forsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forsburg, dropped into the electrical store of Bossart DeHaas, Bellefonte, and while there noticed the child looking very intently at one of the Westinghouse appliances. He snapped his picture, and later entered it in the company's photographic contest. Imagine his surprise when he was no need, last week, that he had been awarded second prize, an electric refrigerator.