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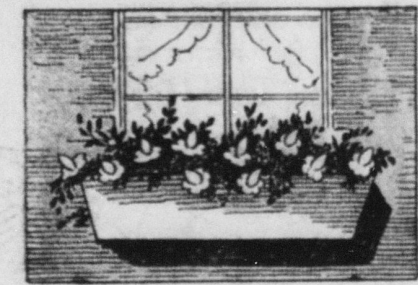
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APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS INCREASES CONTEST ENTRIES

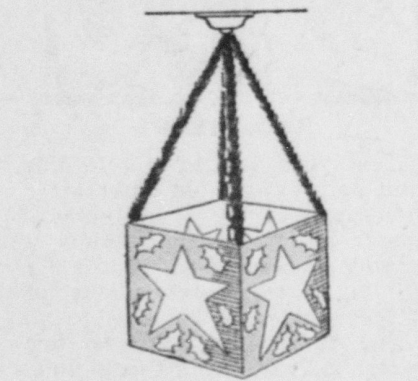
A considerable number of homes have already been lighted and decorated in celebration of the Yuletide, with many more in process. Judging by the number of persons who have signified their intention of entering The Centre Reporter's Christmas Decorating Contest, this season's competition will be closer than any previous one.

The prize awards—now on display at the Reporter office—continue to attract many passersby and to increase the interest in the contest. These awards consist of: First prize, I. E. S.

Holiday Lighting That You Can Do



Porch and window boxes will bloom with Christmas flowers if you fill them with branches of pine and holly and place a string of colored lights, with small metal foil reflectors among the branches.



This sort of star shade for a porch light can easily be made from a small square hat box. Cut the star with a sharp knife, paste yellow cellophane in back of it and hang it with green or red rope.



An ideal Christmas scene for the window is the one above showing the Three Wise Men as they journey through a city. It can be made of two large pieces of heavy cardboard, the sizes depending upon the width of the window. The front cardboard cutout (the three men on camels) should be dark green or red (even black), so that it will silhouette against white cutouts in the back (of the buildings of the city). These two cutouts can be kept firmly erect by nailing one of them to one side of a strip of two-inch by four-inch wood, the other cutout being nailed to the opposite side of the wood block. Then place a Mazda lamp between the cutouts (more than one if a better silhouette effect is to be obtained).

6-way Floor Lamp; second prize, I. E. S. Junior Floor Lamp; third prize, I. E. S. End Table Lamp. Their retail value totals \$49.90.

Every person desiring to enter the contest will have an opportunity to win, as the awards are to be made on the basis of beauty, rather than elaborateness. A smaller display may win just as a larger one could. For example, an effectively lighted doorway, tree, hedge fence or porch may win out over a decorating job that is not so quickly and well done. Full consideration, however, will be given to every display that is entered, whether large or small, simple or elaborate.

This contest, as stated before, is open to all residents of Centre Hall borough and Spring Mills. There is no entry blank to fill out—you automatically become an entrant the moment you turn your lights on.

Be sure to have your outdoor display turned on during the evening of Thursday, December 22, as the judges will then be visiting all displays. And also, the judges will be around early, so turn your lights on with the approach of darkness.

61,000 BENEFIT CHECKS ISSUED SINCE FEB. 1

More than 61,000 benefit checks, totaling \$680,549, were issued by the Pennsylvania Division of Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service up to the first of this month.

As of November 30, a grand total of 6,671,894 checks, amounting to \$67,971,233, had been disbursed since the start of benefit payments February 1. The average check was for \$11.19.

It's strange, isn't it, that the prosperous club man whose great wealth may have been brought about through shady transactions, always has a revolver handy, just in case—

MR. AND MRS. J. M. SPICHER OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

A few lines were devoted to the Reporter last week to the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Spicher, at their home at 909 Fourth Avenue, Juniata, on December 10.

Mr. Spicher is a retired railroad conductor of the Cresson Branch, Pittsburgh Division. He was placed on the honor roll June 1, 1931, after completing 40 years of service.

Due to ill health Mr. Spicher has been confined to his home for the past few years, but is happy to greet his friends and comrades at all times.

Mrs. Spicher, formerly Miss Colyer of Potter township, has been an active worker in the church and of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Conductors, of which she is a past president. She has always taken a keen interest in music and at present is pianist for the Auxiliary of the O. R. C's.

Their children are: Mrs. S. S. Claycomb of Johnstown, and James J. Spicher of Altoona. They have one granddaughter, Mrs. Freda Claycomb Burkett of Carlisle, and one great-granddaughter, Barbara June Burkett.

CAMBRIA COUNTY JUDGE PREDICTS PASSING OF J. P.

President Judge John T. McCann of Cambria county, criticizing magistrates who send cases to court in order to collect costs, predicted it was "only a question of time until we will eliminate the present system of justices of the peace."

Dismissing three defendants on directed verdicts, the Cambria county jurist declared:

These cases should never have been returned by the squires. They clutter up the work of the court and impose hardships on poor people. The best thing people can do is stay away from the office of squires.

One of the defendants was accused of assaulting a man who complained the defendant's dog had chased his chickens.

DON'T PUT PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHECKS IN BIBLE

State Treasurer Ross reveals that since 1931 the State issued ten thousand checks that at this time remain uncashed. The checks represent \$48,000. Checks not cashed within seven years cannot be cashed at all.

All the Commonwealth's checks bear instructions they must be presented for payment within 60 days from the date of issuance. However, replacement requests are honored up to a seven-year deadline.

DECEMBER CIVIL COURT WITHDRAWN—BUT ONE CASE

Due to the fact there was but one civil case up for trial at the civil court to have opened on Monday of this week, Judge Ivan Walker postponed the case until the next regular meeting of court in February of next year, thus saving the county much needless expense.

\$185,000 FOR AIRPORT AT BLACK MOSHANNON

Governor George H. Earle has set aside an additional sum of \$35,000 in State funds for the further extension of the Black Moshannon airport, according to word received and released by Senator Edward J. Thompson. To this fund, Senator Thompson disclosed, will be added an additional \$150,000 in WPA funds. The money will be used to extend the north-south runway and place a hard surface upon it and to construct the necessary buildings at the huge central Pennsylvania air base which is under construction.

POSSIBLE REVAMPING OF STATE TEACHER TENURE ACT

State Senator Leo C. Mundy, D., Wilkes-Barre, author of the State Teacher Tenure Act, has predicted the next legislature will revise the tenure act at least to the extent of excluding married women from the teaching positions probably through a provision authorizing school boards to hire their own policy regarding hiring of married teachers.

Opinion appears to be more settled in favor of an amendment to withhold protection of the tenure statute from teachers for a 3-year probationary period.

John H. Burkholder is President of Potter Twp. School Board

The Reporter erred two weeks ago in stating that at the reorganization meeting of the Potter township school board M. A. Burkholder was elected president. It was John H. Burkholder who was elected to the office. M. A. Burkholder continues his membership on the board, however.

The Millheim Journal indicts motor cops for violating driving rules, and accuses a driver of a ghost car with rank violations in passing over the diamond in that borough without stopping. Road cops are not at all choicy in selecting parking places for their Indians, the sidewalks or crossing is good enough. Driving up to a sidewalk like a crazy man, necessitating the sliding of wheels to make a stop, is ok. to a man in uniform, provided a man in uniform does it. These, of course, are minor offences, but when committed by other than cops it means the payment of a fine, varying in amounts.

HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIPS SOLD IN POTTER TOWNSHIP

Memberships in the Centre County Hospital Corporation were secured by forty-five individuals in Potter township, a larger number than last year. The solicitors were Mrs. G. H. McCormick, Earl Frazier, Bertha Sharer, Lillae Brooks, Helen White, Genevieve Ruble, Mrs. Daniel Daup, Mrs. Martha Yearick Kline.

Memberships were obtained by: Paul Wasson, Brown Hackett, C. B. Smith, Earl Frazier, L. R. Smith, J. F. Biddle, Tri-Hi-Y Club, Miss C. T. McClaskey, J. M. Carson, Mrs. G. H. McCormick, Mrs. C. A. Carson, Mrs. E. B. Palmer, H. E. Foust, F. F. Palmer, Earl Smith, J. L. Decker, John Delaney, Charles Crust, Bruce Runkle, Ralph Homan, Miles Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luse, George Fetterolf, Mrs. Ray Sharer, Charles, Neff, C. H. Neff, Mrs. A. Klinefelter, Mrs. A. W. Holderman, Marcelus McClellan, M. C. Delaney, Ralph William, John Duvor, Samuel Grove, Mrs. Samuel Grove, Clarence Blazer, Mrs. Charles Miller, C. G. Weaver, G. W. Sharer, Bertha Sharer, Harry McClellan, Vernon Wagner, E. M. Miller, Frank Dasher, D. F. Fohringer.

Donations, \$3.50. Total collected, \$48.50.

SENIORS IN C. H.-P. HIGH DANCE TO AID ECHEQUEUR

At the traditional senior dance held in the Centre Hall-Potter auditorium, Friday evening, the class of '39 netted approximately \$36.00 of the \$71.40 gross receipts.

Nearly two hundred fifty people attended this major social function of the senior year.

The decorations, arranged by a committee under the direction of Martha McClellan, chairman, combined the '39 numerals and the Christmas theme.

Two different groups provided the music for round and square dancing, an innovation at the local dances. The Keystoneairs furnished the swing melodies and a piano and violin combination the old-fashioned dance tunes.

All arrangements for the dance including committees for refreshments and publicity under the chairmanship of Frances Runkle and Donald Smith respectively were under the general supervision of Harold Bradford, president of the senior class.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF "TIGER" HAS TWO-COLOR COVER PAGE

The Christmas number of "The Tiger," local high school publication, makes its appearance with the close of the current school week, which also is the close of the year 1938 for all school activities.

The Christmas number is especially pretty with a two-color front cover. A winter scene, a starlight night, and snow in abundance, is the illustration which was done on linoleum blocks by the school's artist, Russell Reish.

The two-color (red and black, with a sharp contrasting white as revealed in the cut-outs with the white paper as a background) was the young artist's first attempt at the more intricate two-color arrangement. His work is most commendable, and we predict a future for the young artist should he seek his fortune along artistic lines.

A tint block silhouette on the inside pages is Edgar Harter's first attempt as a craftsman, and upon him will devolve the task of carrying on when Russell Reish graduates, in 1939.

The text matter of the 8-page magazine reflects the Yuletide spirit in prose and poetry. A praiseworthy feature of the school paper is the originality of the text matter. It is that 100 per cent, and succeeding numbers of the school paper reveal an improvement in journalistic style, thanks to the highly efficient instruction on the part of Mrs. Agnes Jamison, English teacher, and the guiding spirit of "The Tiger."

Eighteen advertisers have given their support to this particular number and are deserving the patronage they solicit through their ads.

We, the Reporter, take modest pride in our part of the publication since the printing was done in our shop.

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB OWNED BY PENN STATE

Penn-Luton-Loo, the Southdown lamb bred and fitted by the Pennsylvania State College, which was selected as grand champion at the 39th annual International Livestock Exposition at Chicago recently, was finished on oats, a little barley, bran, linseed oil meal, plenty of roots, including turnips and mangels, some clover and plenty of alfalfa.

The lamb was born last January. P. C. Mackenzie, superintendent of the College livestock, said, "His mother was bred by the College and his sire bred in England and imported to this country two years ago. The sire is officially known as Luton Hoo 678.

Eric Dennis, shepherd at Penn State, had charge of fitting the grand champion lamb. Of Dennis a Chicago paper said: "This lad has the uncanny knack of fitting fleeces and developing the quality of flesh that the judge likes on show sheep. Yes, it sometimes takes a youngster to show the old-timers a trick or two."

The Republicans are nominating Garner as the Democratic candidate for President in 1940. They are boosting him with the idea of defeating him, if nominated, at the election. Garner does not belong to this age from a point of politics and government. He is a fine old man, however.

DR. J. M. RUNKLE RETIRES; LOCATES IN WILLIAMSPORT

Dr. James M. Runkle, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed church in Altoona for the past 18 years, going there from Jeannette, announced his retirement from the ministry. Dr. Runkle was a former pastor of St. John's Reformed church in Williamsport.

Dr. Runkle preached his last sermon in Altoona Sunday a week, and he and his wife will take an apartment in Williamsport in January.

Dr. Runkle is a native of Potter township. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and the Seminary, and was successful in his long career as a minister.

TAKES SULPHUR OF ZINC IN MISTAKE FOR SALTS

It was probably due to the heavy dose of sulphur of zinc taken by Edward Lair that saved his life, or at least it lessened the immediate suffering. The large dose taken in mistake for epsom salts caused vomiting and relieved the patient.

Mr. Lair, on discovering his error, went to the Hagan garage, made known what he had done, and asked that a physician be notified, and then retired to a small compartment in the rear of the garage.

The physician prescribed taking milk liberally, which advice was followed with good results.

The two drugs have a very similar appearance, but there is no similarity in their action.

PARENTS' DAY AT STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Eight hundred fathers and mothers mingled with their boys at the Huntington Industrial School, at Huntington, on Sunday, at the seventh observance of Parents' Day.

Ten boys, chosen as outstanding, were cited by the trustees and given a month off their terms. Commander Pennington said it would mean that "two or three" will be released before Christmas.

Eight others were selected for special commendation and 48 were awarded bonds of honor.

486 PENNSYLVANIA CCC BOYS TO BE ENROLLED

Forty-eight hundred and sixty-six Pennsylvania boys will receive Christmas presents in the form of enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps. It was announced this week by Arthur W. Howe, Jr., State Secretary of Public Assistance. Of this total 4,560 will be white boys and the remainder will be negro.

Pennsylvania boys sent south or west will be enrolled by the end of the year in their own areas.

ALUMNI CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE, DECEMBER 29

The Centre Hall-Potter high school alumni association will hold its annual Christmas dinner-dance, Thursday evening, December 29, at 7:30 o'clock. This occasion is open to all members of the association and invited guests.

The music will be furnished by the Keystoneairs orchestra and the dinner by the ladies of the Reformed church. The admission price of seventy-five cents includes the privilege of the floor for dancing.

GRADE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXERCISES, FRIDAY EVENING

Friday, December 23 at 8 o'clock, the Centre Hall grade schools will present "Christmas in Old England" in the days of Knights and Ladies. All eight grades will participate, together with the choral club of the high school. There will be an offering lifted to bear the expenses.

Everyone is welcome.

Turkey Dinner at Sunset Diner.

Turkey dinner, Sunday (Christmas) at Sunset Diner, on Route 222, Se. on Mountains.

MR. AND MRS. FRED LUTZ ENTERTAIN MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Sixteen members of the Men's Bible class in the Lutheran church became guests for the evening of Friday at the well appointed home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lutz in Pleasant Gap. The time was most enjoyably spent in conversation and listening to music on the guitar by Robert Rhoads and singing by his daughter Shirley. Shirley is but five years old, yet has performed twice over the radio station at Williamsport. Warren Lutz, with a Jew's harp accompanied Mr. Rhoads, the combination working out in fine harmony. Mr. Rhoads, quite genteel in appearance as well as in manner, is employed at the Titan Metal works as a tool and die machinist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are experienced hunters of big game. The former killed his second bear this fall, and always gets his quota of deer, while Mrs. Lutz took some pride in killing her third deer in Potter county during the recent season when strolling through the woods alone, and managed to drag her quarry to the road just when two game wardens stepped up to see that all was on the level. The son, Warren, is also keeping up the family hunting record, having made a kill this season.

Mr. Lutz is an electrician and is employed at State College.

Long before the group retired they were invited to the dining room and sitting around a table were served with choice foods.

Merry Christmas to All

MILLHEIM TO CHIME CARILLON CHIME PROGRAM

A combined choir and carillon chime program, lasting an hour, will be provided for Christmas music lovers at Millheim on Sunday morning, December 25, at 7 o'clock.

The program will be heard from two large public address speakers located on the roof of Bierly's Radio and Electric Shop.

If atmospheric conditions are satisfactory no one in the borough will need leave home in order to enjoy the music.

The entire labor and expense connected with this program is being borne by Drew Kolb, manager of the Municipal Theatre, and Stanley C. Bierly proprietor of Bierly's Radio and Electric Shop.

STRANGERS SET OUT TO BEAT UNSUSPECTING RESIDENT

Three strangers traveling in a motor car attempted to fleece Frank D. Lee of Centre Hall by making an exorbitant charge for making "repairs" on the slate roof on his house. The men induced Mr. Lee to award the job with the understanding it was to cost him but a few dollars, but when the bill was presented it was \$46.80. Persons who since looked the work over declare a charge of \$5.00 would be too much.

The "slaters" insisted they be paid in cash, but Mr. Lee was unable to make payment in that way, so a check was given. Banks had closed for the day, but the men used their wits, loaded Mr. Lee in their car and drove up town by way of an alley and sent him to a merchant to turn the paper into cash. The merchant sensed the conditions and refused to honor the check.

The men obligingly gave Mr. Lee a receipt but failed to sign it.

Payment of the check, drawn on the Bellefonte Trust Company, was stopped.

Last fall the same group, it is said, managed to mislead a widow. She paid several times the value she received. Payment by her was made in cash.

Note: Since the above was put in type it became known that the check was drawn on the First National Bank of Centre Hall. It was presented for payment by one of the slaters, to whom Cashier Priest explained the check could not be paid. Later it is said to have been cashed at Pleasant Gap.

TRIPLETS BORN AT LOGANTON DIE IN HOSPITAL

Efforts to save two tiny baby boys after their triplet sister had died at birth, failed when the infants died in the incubator at the Lock Haven hospital, on Thursday.

The triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner, Loganton, Wednesday of last week, at the Wagner home in Loganton. The two boys, weighing but one pound, 11 ounces, and two pounds, 11 ounces, were taken to hospital, on Thursday.

The larger boy died in the morning following birth and the other in the evening.

CENTRE COUNTY GETS FUEL TAX REFUND OF \$22,952.15

Auditor General Warren R. Roberts has approved for payment the sum of \$22,952.15 to Centre county. This amount represents a refund of one-half per cent per gallon of tax collected upon all liquid fuels used, sold and delivered by distributors within the Commonwealth, taxable under the Constitution of the United States.

The moneys received by the respective counties under the aforementioned Acts of Assembly are to be used by the counties only for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of roads, highways and bridges, including the payment of property damage, now due or hereafter to become due, occasioned by or the relocation or construction of highways and bridges, and for the payment of interest on bonds issued for highways and bridge purposes.

1500 GRASSES

The largest grass research laboratory in the world is located at Pennsylvania State College. The Federal government is experimenting with 1,500 species of grass at the laboratory.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

With this issue The Centre Reporter writes "finis" to the year 1938. It is the last issue in the year for us since the custom of omitting an issue over the Christmas season will be observed as of yore.

The next issue, therefore, will bear date of January 5, 1939.

We wish everyone a most joyous Christmas. Especially would we extend the season's greetings to the Reporter's faithful correspondents who do so much to keep their respective localities represented in the Reporter's new column.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No paper next week.

A number of "measles" placards are to be seen on homes in Centre Hall.

Lewisburg post office is hopeful of becoming an office of the first-class by the beginning of the year.

At the Williamsport Dickinson Junior College, Donald Kingsley, Bellefonte, won first prize of \$20.00 in the annual spelling bee.

Miss Elsie Rearick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Milroy, in ill health for some time, is reported to be improving at this time.

Miss Bernice Frazier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frazier, is employed in the Coldron restaurant, taking the place of Mrs. Ralph Packer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hess of York on Sunday visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. Archey Moyer. Mrs. Hess was the former Gladys Heckman, R. N., well known about town.

Over 1,500 animals, horses, sheep, swine, beef cattle, and dairy cattle, will be on exhibition at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg, opening the week of January 16.

Checks for November milk, due on December 25, will be dated and delivered to 10,000 Sheffield dairymen in five states of the New York milkshed in time to provide cash for Christmas shopping.

December brings the year to an end in dramatic fashion, finishing on the last day of the week, Saturday, and starting off the New Year on Sunday. There's only one thing we ask for in 1939, and that's world peace.

The judges in the Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Centre Reporter, will be around to view your outdoor decorations this (Thursday) evening, from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock. This is a change from the time originally set.

The meeting of the Working Workers held at the Lutheran Sunday school class at the home of Mrs. Ernest Homan was attended by a large percentage of the members. The class is one of the active ones in the organization and is taught by Mrs. J. M. Coldron.

Mrs. Treasie McClellan, who is now with her son, Wilbur McClellan, in Lock Haven, continues to improve. A short time ago she underwent an examination at the Lewistown hospital where it was found the condition following a bowel operation was entirely satisfactory.

Next year the C. M. T. camps will be held from July 6 to August 4 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, Fort Hoyle, Md., Fort Monroe, Virginia, Fort Belvoir, Va., and Fort Howard, Md. (colored). Assignments to the camps for next season will start about March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kimbrell and son, "Sonny," of Centre Hall, last Thursday left on a two week's stay with the parents of the couple in Syracuse and Erie. Mr. Kimbrell has pretty well recovered from a recent accident in which he fell a distance of twenty feet onto a barn floor.

Ralph M. Bashore, Labor and Industry Secretary, announces two appointments under civil service from Centre county to the State job insurance division, namely, Marie Doll, of Bellefonte, junior interviewer, salary, \$1,860; and Forrest H. Bander, Fleming, assistant accountant, salary \$1,860 per annum.

It may be beneficial to high school pupils to visit a county court but why criminal court with its dirty, nauseating cases is selected over civil court always has been an unanswerable question, especially so when one realizes that the time for the visit must be set or at least sanctioned by the faculty.

Golden wedding anniversaries are being mentioned so frequently that their occurrence and noting become an item of minor news. This was not so some years ago, when the anniversary period was sufficiently rare in the community to attract more than local attention. This all goes to prove that the span of life is lengthening.

The Senior Service class in the Lutheran Sunday school held its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. J. E. Royer. An important item on the program was the packing of a box with gifts for the children of Loysville Orphans' Home. The fourteen class members also exchanged gifts among themselves.

An apparently heavy leak in the water line to the First National bank building was repaired on Friday. The leak was somewhere between the water main and where the private pipe line entered the building, but showed no waste of water anywhere. Correction was made by threading a three-quarter-inch pipe through the inch and a half old line. The large pipe was used to accommodate a water motor used as power to operate a printing press some years ago.

Wm. N. Duck, teacher of the fifth and sixth grade pupils in the Millheim grade schools, faced charges of improper treatment of a student preferred by Paul R. Byers in justice court before Squire J. R. Miller last Friday. Present at the hearing were the principals and the borough school board. Evidence as shown on the squire's docket indicated that the teacher acted within the regulations laid down by the school code and the case was dismissed.