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I. E. S. LAMPS FOR CONTEST WINNERS

Awards Valued at \$51.00 to Be Made in Local Home Lighting Competition.

The Centre Reporter will this year award a beautiful light-saving I. E. S. lamp to each of the three winners of the Christmas Home Lighting Contest. This decision was largely induced by the fact that the I. E. S. lamps that were given last year created such favorable public comment and were so well received by the winners of the 1938 competition.

Lighting up for Christmas is, of course, an old custom. And each year it has a way of bringing back the traditional cheer it created in the long ago. Until a little more than a decade back Christmas lighting was largely limited to the interior of the home. In more recent years however, outdoor lighting increased, the theory being that it being that while indoor lighting creates the Christmas spirit within the home, outdoor decorating spreads it throughout the community.

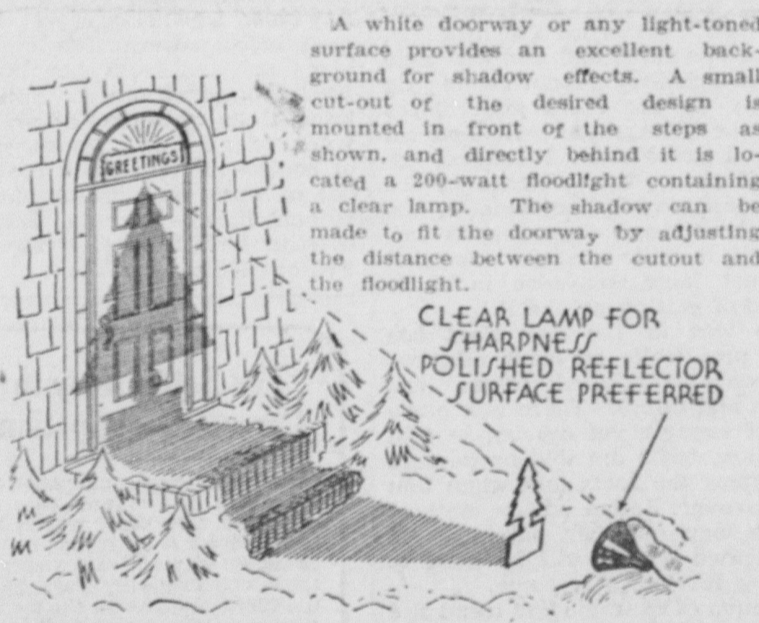
It is with the latter purpose in mind that The Centre Reporter is sponsoring the present contest. If our efforts help in any way to make this a brighter and cheerier Christmas for Centre Hall, this newspaper will feel well rewarded.

Three prizes are to be given for the three best lighted and best decorated homes. But the lighting schemes need not be large or elaborate. Beauty will be the greatest factor—and beauty is almost always a matter of simplicity. A front door entrance, a hedge, a bush or tree, window decorations—there is no limit to the type of decorating and lighting that you can do—and still be in line for a prize.

Each prize will consist of an I. E. S. lamp. First award will be an I. E. S. 6-way 3-candle floor lamp; second, an I. E. S. Junior floor lamp, and third, an I. E. S. end table lamp. All of these are of the popular light-saving type, providing wonderful light. They are beautifully styled, too—the winners will be delighted with them. Total value of the prizes is \$51.00.

No entry blank need be signed. All any one need do is to light up in the Yuletide spirit, and the judges will be around to view your home a few days before Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIP FOR HOME DECORATORS



A white doorway or any light-toned surface provides an excellent background for shadow effects. A small cut-out of the desired design is mounted in front of the steps as shown, and directly behind it is located a 299-watt floodlight containing a clear lamp. The shadow can be made to fit the doorway by adjusting the distance between the cutout and the floodlight.

CLEAR LAMP FOR SHARPNESS POLISHED REFLECTOR SURFACE PREFERRED

CASES LISTED FOR CRIMINAL COURT AT DECEMBER TERM

The following criminal cases are to be tried on Monday, December 11: Arthur J. Rocky, f and b; Donald Dyke, f and b; Horace Shope, statutory rape and f and b; William F. Weiser, arson; Chester Squires, a and b; James H. Bird, v. v. code; Kathleen Brown and Wilbur Miller, larceny; Christian Heaton, a and b; R. S. Ripka, v. v. code.

These cases are listed for trial Tuesday, December 12:

George Hurtcock, George Socie, Joe Shirokie, John Fetecenko Jr., malicious mischief; Todfield Gravish, Jr., involuntary manslaughter; Edward Reed, George Poorman, Harry McTigue, burglary; Louis Lucas, larceny.

School Christmas Entertainment

The Centre Hall borough schools will hold their annual Christmas entertainment in the local high school auditorium, Thursday evening, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock.

Everybody is invited to come. No admission charge, but a silver offering will be lifted to defray expenses of operetta.

Architect for Penn State Undergoes Operation

Dr. Paul Philippe Cret, recently appointed as architect for the Penn State College, has undergone an operation for the removal of his larynx. It was announced in Philadelphia.

Dr. Cret's wife said that her 63-year-old husband is "doing as well as can be expected."

"I am hopeful that some day he will be able to speak again, but I am told that he will have to be taught," she said.

Dr. Cret won the gold medal of the American Institute of Architecture last year for "the most distinguished service to the profession."

LARGER FEDERAL GRANT FOR NEW BELLEFONTE "HIGH" LIKELY UNDER RULING

According to information emanating from Congressman VanZandt headquarters in Washington, D. C., and sent to all county newspapers, prospects for a new high school building for Bellefonte improved considerably as a result of the intensive efforts of the Congressman who for the past several weeks has had several conferences with Washington officials of the Works Progress Administration in an effort to provide a solution to the problem that has caused grave concern to the school district and the people of Bellefonte and vicinity as a result of the disastrous fire on February 13, 1939, that destroyed the school building and forced school officials to seek temporary quarters in housing a large number of students.

The Congressman's contention that the citizens of Bellefonte approved the school bond issue at an election held on April 18, 1939, and therefore the new WPA restriction of \$52,000.00 in the present law should not apply to the Bellefonte situation, was upheld in a decision of the legal department of the Washington office of the WPA. This decision means that the school district is not limited to \$52,000 Federal appropriation since the bond issue election was upheld prior to July 1, 1939.

Port Matilda Gets Approval of W.P.A. Project

Presidential approval has been received of the following W.P.A. project:

Port Matilda borough, in Centre county, Borough-wide, improve streets including excavating, grading, draining, surfacing, laying base, constructing shoulders, and performing incidental and appurtenant work. Public-owned property. Sponsor: Port Matilda borough council. Allotment, \$5,111.

Discharged from Hospital

Ardel Klinefelter was discharged from the Centre County hospital Sunday, having recovered from injuries following a carburetor explosion while working on his car at Centre Hall a short time ago.

SCHOOL BOARDS REORGANIZED

Monday night was the time for new members on school boards to take the oath of office, and also, time for reorganization.

On the Centre Hall school board, R. S. Hagan began his second term as school director. L. O. Packer, elected at the last general election, was present at the meeting, but agreed to await a legal interpretation of the law regarding his eligibility owing to length of residence in the borough. The board reorganized by electing R. S. Hagan, president, and F. Y. Goodhart, vice-president.

(Later.—On Tuesday, the matter of Prof. Packer's eligibility was cleared up and that evening he took the oath of office and was declared a duly elected member of the local school board.)

The Potter township board took on two new members, namely, Maynard Barger and Edgar Rimmer, the retiring members being A. L. Slaterbeck and G. H. McCormick. The latter, however, will continue as secretary of the board since his four-year term as such has not expired. The board reorganized by electing John W. Delaney, president, and Maynard Barger, vice-president.

17 CASES OF CHICKEN POX IN CENTRE HALL BOROUGH

Chicken-pox, bordering on the epidemic stage, is prevalent in Centre Hall, and health officer John H. Puff has quarantined seventeen homes in the borough within the past two weeks. The children affected are primarily those in the primary grade of the public school. Miss Helen White, teacher. The attendance in this school as a result of the disease has been cut approximately fifty per cent.

Grant for Centre County Hospital

Welfare Secretary Arthur Sweeney has approved a \$3,500 quarterly payment to the Centre County hospital, Bellefonte.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

TOTAL \$103.06 FOR DISTRICT
The Red Cross contributions from the local district up to the present time totalled \$103.06. These names have been added to the membership list since last week: Mrs. Robert Wetzel, George Rimmer, Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Donald Miller, George H. Stover, Mrs. Thomas Delaney, and the Earlstown school.

Shoots Self in Foot.

J. W. Nicholson, caretaker at the Raymond Johnson place in Kohler Valley, Seven Mts. above Potters Mills, shot himself accidentally in the foot with a 12-gauge shotgun, on Monday, while hunting for deer. He was taken to the Lewisiston hospital.

It is believed the injury is not serious.

ALUMNI DISCUSS PROJECT FOR CENTRE HALL-POTTER SCHOOL

Projects for the benefit of the Centre Hall-Potter high school were proposed at the alumni association meeting Friday night in the high school building. The proposals included flags of the United States and Pennsylvania for the auditorium, a new mimeograph machine for the office, and library books, but the matter was tabled for discussion at the Christmas meeting.

The president, Robert Bradford, appointed this nominating committee: Mrs. William Bradford, Robert McCormick, and Bernice Frazier.

Suggested dates for the Christmas banquet were Thursday or Friday, December 28 or 29.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Hart Clearfield
Bessie Julia Smith Clearfield
Ellsworth E. Shope Howard
Kathryn Helen Miller Bellefonte

THREE LOCAL GROUPS OF HUNTERS IN ALLEGHENIES

Three parties of local hunters are encamped in the Allegheny mountains for a part of the deer season. One party, the Homans, are located on the Lock Haven-Reno road and comprise the following: Ralph, Ernest and W. H. Homan, Bob Homan, George Luse, Ralph Luse, Hayes Ralston, Bruce and Lawrence Hartley, Daniel Bloom, Charles Ramer, James Frohm, George Long, Ray Decker, and A. P. Krape.

This party had their limit of six bucks by Monday evening, and so returned home Tuesday. The lucky shots were Dan Bloom, Ralph Luse, Ernest Homan, Charles Ramer, Bob Homan, and Bruce Hartley.

Another group, encamped along the Reno-Snow Shoe road, includes Dan S. Daup, Albert Emery, George Goodhart, Joe Confer, John and Roy Dutrow, and others.

A third party, encamped near Mo-shannon includes Paul Zellers, the Knarr and Meeker members, Paul Fetteroff, E. W. Miller, and others whose names could not be learned.

The first party has pitched a tent, while the second and third groups have permanent hunting lodges where they are comfortably quartered.

Buy Christmas Seals.

52 BUCKS FALL IN PENN DISTRICT OF SEVEN MTS. IN FIRST TWO DAYS

Friday, the first day of the deer season, saw the usual army of men take to the woods and mountains to chase the wily buck from his native haunts.

Hunting—and finding—were both good.

Locally, day hunters had a field day, many successes being scored. The first report of a slain deer came early in the morning when Harry Gross of town, got out of his car on top of Nittany mountain, walked a short distance back of the Detwiler property and in a few minutes shot a fine buck.

In rapid time it was learned the following hunters had met with success: Rev. D. R. Keener, who shot an eight-point buck; Jack McClenahan, "Billy" McClenahan, Stewart Musser, Sam Shutt, Bob Frazier, Billy Breen, Robert Walker, Walter Barger, B. Gardner Grove. Most of these were killed on Nittany mountain or in Greens Valley.

William Glasgow shot an 8-point buck on Tussey Mountain, on Saturday. Eleven deer were killed in the vicinity of the State House in Greens Valley the first day.

Harry Burris got his buck on Nittany Mountain, Saturday.

The Bradford party—D. W. Phillip, Clyde Bradford, Wm. Hanna, Chester Wagner, Dean Ripka, James Relsh, David Bohn, and perhaps several others, shot three bucks the first day near the old Bradford stamping grounds in Seven mountains.

John Caldwell, of Meadville; Ike Kiser and Sam Besh of Rothville; John Rudy, Russell Lair and Guy Kellerman of Centre Hall, each succeeded in killing a buck until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The first three mentioned gentlemen were making their headquarters at the John Rudy home. Kellerman shot his buck near the barn on the Kennedy farm, west of town.

Harold Potter and Harman Mechon of Meadville, also at the Rudy home, and hunting with another group, each succeeded in killing a buck.

John Reifsnnyder of Linden Hall shot a ten-point buck the first day on Nittany mountain close to his home. The animal weighed 165 pounds.

Report from Penn District, 7 Mts.

That fifty-two buck deer should fall to the onslaught of the deer hunters in the first two days of the current season in Penn District, Seven Mountains, indicates that this field, once a most prolific deer grounds, is again coming into its own.

Forest Ranger John Meeker, supervising this district from the State House, gives the Reporter the following report on the first two days of the buck season:

Evergreen club of Chester, at Crowfield road—2.

White Pine Club of Bellefonte, at Crowfield road—1.

Underwood Club of Yeagertown, in Underwood Valley—1.

Twin Springs Club of Philadelphia, on Hessick's Trail—1.

Thompsonston Club, at Sassafras Run—2.

Lost Creek Club, at Underwood Road—4.

Rock Oak Club, at Rock Oak spring—4.

Bradford party at Pole Bridge—2.

Fulton party, at Heckendorn Gap—2.

McKeesport Club, at Garrity run—1.

Sweetwood party, on Summit—3.

Paxinos Club, at Wildcat Gap—2.

Lebanon Club, at Getzels Gap—2.

Potters Mills day hunters—3.

Colyer day hunters—2.

Regulars, along highway—3.

Viscose Club—1.

Ten bucks were killed by various small groups of hunters, who came by auto from various parts of the state.

Only one illegal shooting was reported in John Meeker's district, and that a spike buck, which was brought in and reported by the guilty party.

Later:

John Jordan, of Colyer, shot a fine 10-point buck in Krise Valley, Seven Mountains, on Tuesday.

Six more deer were added to the number shot in Penn District, Seven Mountains, on Tuesday.

Stolen Deer Found

When the Bradford party hung up three bucks at their lodge in Seven Mountains as the result of the first day's hunt, last Friday, they were surprised to find in the evening that one of the deer had been taken down from the hangers and carried away. Investigation led to a chue, which was transmitted to Game Protector Thos A. Mosier, at Bellefonte, who found the head and hide of the deer in the possession of Fred Klinefelter at Madisonburg. Others were implicated in the theft. No action was taken.

Reports received from the three local hunting parties in the Allegheny mountains revealed that the first day's bag was three for the Homans, two for the Knarr, Meeker, et al, crowd and one for the Emery-Goodhart gang.

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MEETING AT PLEASANT GAP OF HOLLIDAYSBURG PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

One hundred and fifty-four Centre county members and friends of the Hollidaysburg Production Credit Association gathered in the Logan Grange hall at Pleasant Gap, Wednesday evening of last week and enjoyed a three-hour business and social meeting. Harry Corman of Spring Mills, director for Centre county, acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced the principal speakers of the evening.

Ross Nicodemus, director for Blair county, gave a report of the association's progress, and activities during the year. Mr. Nicodemus stated that the association starting as a new endeavor in co-operative financing in 1934 had grown consistently year by year and during the first ten months of 1939 had 400 farmer-members and had loaned to its members in 1939 almost \$250,000. Mr. Nicodemus further reported that farmers in the six counties served by the association owned over \$15,000 worth of stock in the cooperative and had reserves to protect its members' investment of more than \$15,000.

Prof. J. E. McCord, professor of farm management at the Pennsylvania State College, gave an interesting talk on the part that farm management plays in the proper use of credit. Prof. McCord made the point that credit properly used on a well managed farm brings returns to the farmer and that credit used improperly on a poorly managed farm only serves to increase the farmer's debt load without being of benefit to him.

The secretary-treasurer of the association, Wm. H. Bishop, spoke on the opportunity for service which the members have in telling their neighbors and friends of this co-operative lending plan. Mr. Bishop brought out the fact that the association lends short term credit at 4% per cent interest to farmers on their own stock and equipment as security, to be repaid according to a carefully worked out plan from farm income.

Wm. H. Johnson, secretary of the Production Credit Corp., Baltimore, Md., conducted a "Professor, Quiz" program on questions about the methods of operation of the association. Ten of the local members competed in the contest and a great deal of fun resulted.

Following the business meeting the group was served ice cream, cake and coffee by the Ladies' Aid of the Logan Grange. Members of the Logan Grange assisting in serving refreshments were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bidle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Corman, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mulberger.

EASTERN STAR HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR HUSBANDS, MONDAY

A Christmas party for Eastern Star members and their husbands followed the regular meeting Monday night and included a musical program by the choir besides the exchange of gifts. The program began with "O Holy Night," a soprano solo by Mrs. Harry Potter. Two tableaux followed: the angel scene enacted by Patricia Boorco, Joyce Bradford, Clara Lou Wetzel and Barbara Potter; and the nativity, by Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Clara Lou Wetzel, and Eleanor Potter. Mrs. William Campbell sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" during the first tableau and music for the second included the "Covenanter Choir" as a solo by Mrs. Wetzel and "Away in a Manger" by the two young girls.

The entire group sang the familiar Christmas carols and the choir sang "Gloria in Excelsis" as a closing number.

"THE HOME TOWN PAPER"

Clay W. Reesman of Camden, N. J., good friend of The Reporter and of whom it may appropriately be said, "small-town boy who made good in the city," sends us a poem which is well known to most country publishers. Its author is unknown. Mr. Reesman says, "I liked it so well because it's so true."

LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER

When the even' shade is falling at the end of the day,
An' a feller rests from labor and smoke, his pipe o' clay,
There's nothin' does him so much good, he fortune up or down,
As the little country paper from his Of Home Town.

It ain't a thing of beauty an' its print ain't always clean,
But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' mean;

It takes the wrinkles off his face an' brushes off the frown,
That little country paper from his Of Home Town.

It tells of all the parties and balls at Pumpkin Row;
'Bout who spent Sunday with whose girl and how the crops'll grow;

An' how it keeps a feller posted 'bout who is up an' who is down;
That little country paper from his Of Home Town.

Now, I like to read the dailies and the story papers, too,
An' at times the yaller novels an' some other trash—don't you?

But when I want some readin' that'll brush away a frown,
I want that little paper from my Of Home Town.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

W. A. Wagner of York, an antique dealer, was in Centre Hall on Saturday looking up business in his line.

Miss Patricia Booser was the guest of Miss Eleanor Armstrong at State College from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Booser and son David visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snyder of Camp Hill over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Royer entertained the former's parents and two sisters from Pleasant Gap to Sunday dinner.

Miss Gertrude Ishler, who lived with her father, the late George Ishler, until his recent death, is now living with her sister, Grace, in Tyrone.

Edgar Breen of St. Paul, Minnesota, who spent last week among relatives in this vicinity, visited with his sister, Mrs. Annie Brooks, Tuesday.

Over-night guests at the D. R. Keener home Saturday were Mrs. Keener's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shaeffer of Allentown, and father, Robert Schlegel, of Fleetwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick of State College spent Sunday here, taking dinner with the D. M. Bradford family and supper at the George McCormick home in Potters Mills. In the afternoon they called on friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hosterman visited Harry W. Dinges and Miss Anna Renninger in the Evangelical Home at Lewisburg, last Thursday, and found these former Penns Valley folks happy and contented in their new environment.

The struggle many subordinate lodges are having these days to hold together is leading to many consolidations. The most recent to be announced is that of Bald Eagle Lodge, I. O. O. F., which tonight (Thursday) in an official ceremony will consolidate with Centre Lodge of Bellefonte.

One hundred and twenty Christmas trees have been set up along the streets in the business section of Bellefonte. This is a bid for a larger and better Christmas trade for the county-seat business men. Driving through the tree-lined streets, their great number suggests the forest premeal.

The town of Pleasant Gap is to be congratulated on its building enterprise. In all sections of the town building is in progress. New homes are evidence of healthy growth in any community. Now all that the town needs to further its progress is to incorporate into a borough instead of being known as the south precinct of Spring township.

The following persons visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy, west of town, during last week: Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell (nee Edith Potter), and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter and daughter, and Jean McMahon, all of Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Biehl (nee Hazel Potter) and daughter of Rothsville; Mr. and Mrs. John Galbraith, the latter a sister of Mrs. Rudy, of Youngstown, O.

Down Penns Valley way, farmers go in for heavy hogs for the fall butchering. The Millheim Journal states that the largest head so far is one killed by Cleve Mussler in Haines township. This one dressed 69 1/2 pounds. Charles Bressler had one that dressed 550 at his butchering at Smulton, M. O. Stover of Millheim will have three near the five hundred mark, with probably others some equally large.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dutrow and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Centre Hall will leave today for Florida, where they will remain until April. Both couples are traveling with car and trailer, this being the first experience of the Dutrows, with trailer life. The Williams family has made two trips before with trailer. Their itinerary includes the East coast as far as West Palm Beach where they expect to cross the state and spend the holiday season at Arcadia, at the T.C.T. Homecoming and Jubilee, Sarasota, Tampa and St. Petersburg are also to be included on their route. Mr. Dutrow expects to find a great deal of pleasure in fishing in southern waters.

Frank M. Fisher of Centre Hall lost his pocketbook, containing an amount of money, identification card, auto driver's card, and an "Oregon Trail" half-dollar. The loss of the pocketbook occurred Saturday while on his way to Millheim. A purchase of gasoline caused him to lay his pocketbook on the seat beside him, and a few minutes later, in leaving his car to investigate some little car trouble, the pocketbook was undoubtedly swept onto the road. The loss was noticed a half-hour later, and returning to the scene, no sign of the pocketbook was to be had. Mr. Fisher is hoping that the cards and "Oregon Trail" half-dollar, at least, may be returned to him by the finder.