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EDITORIAL

Helpful advice: Don't overdo Christmas.

December is a good month in which to drive carefully; if you have managed to live this long, why not try to last out the year?

Just after the formation of a "National Committee on Food for the Five Small Democracies," with former President Herbert Hoover as honorary chairman, word came from London that the British Government, after due consideration, had determined to prevent the shipment of foodstuffs to the people in areas conquered by Germany.

It was no ordinary tooth, that lower right molar, but it had ordinary failings, like yours and mine. For it became abscessed and had to be pulled. And the patient didn't walk home from the dentist's but

stayed in a hospital three days. And because that tooth didn't behave and had to be yanked out, city newspapers devoted an entire column to it with photo embellishments. For the tooth belonged to the wife of the Duke of Windsor, our own American-born Wallis Warfield, for love of whom, an English monarch gave up his throne.

Boys and girls of Centre county are especially well-behaved this week as if they did not know.

One of these days somebody will give you a Christmas present that you really want. In the meantime, you can worry along with what you get.

A loan of \$50,000,000 to Argentina for the purpose of stabilizing her currency has been announced. The money will come from the gold stabilization fund. Secretary Hull describes the loan as a part of our collaboration to develop hemispheric economic defense.

Administration officials continue to give some study to the financial situation of Great Britain. Since Lord Lothian's speech, asserting the need of the British for financial assistance, there has been considerable interest in the question. While it is assumed that lack of financial credit will not end the ceaseless flow of supplies from this country to Great Britain, it is parren that American officials are very anxious not to be misled into granting credits which are not necessary. Of course, the whole question will await congressional action but we think the reader can take it for granted that this country will extend almost unlimited material aid to the British regardless of the method which has to be adopted.

The situation in the Far East continues to be quiet, but recent utterances of responsible Japanese officials seem to be designed to feel out American public opinion. The Japanese statesmen carefully study that they do not want any war with the United States and emphasize that this will not happen if both Japan and the United States "mind their own business." This phrase, interpreted Japanese fashion, warns the United States to keep out of the Far Eastern area where responsible Japanese officials insist that the interests of Japan are paramount. Recent indications are that Japanese statesmen include Thailand (Siam) and Burma in the sphere of Japan. The hint is also broadly given that the dispatch of any American warship to Singapore would present a serious complication which might result in hostilities.

It is just possible that Germany is using the Fall and Winter months to prepare for a gigantic assault against the British. Campaigns, such as those launched by Germany against Poland and Belgium and France, require vast preliminary arrangements, which would take months to complete. It would be unfortunate if the people of this country conclude that the British have successfully thwarted Hitler's attack. We must not presume that Der Fuehrer is ready to admit that he cannot win the war. The safer assumption is that he is bending every energy to get ready for an offensive such as the world has never seen before. When the all-out attack comes it will probably be accompanied by an aerial offensive that will make the present raids look tame. The sea will be the scene of violent fighting and the channel ports alive with German raiders, determined to overthrow the British empire. What is now going on may well be but the preliminary stages, designed only to weaken the British as much as possible.

REBERSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bair and son, Gerald, and the former's mother, Mrs. Ida Bair, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Koper at Altoona on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moyer visited Mr. John Meyer and Mrs. Flora Lambert at Tyrone recently.

Mahlon Cummings has gone to Pitsburgh where he has secured employment. Mrs. Gertrude Corman is seriously ill at this writing. Her daughter, Mrs. Irvin Swank, and son, Paul, from Williamsport were called home last week.

Mrs. Rose Gramley went to Jersey Shore last Friday where she will spend the winter with her son, Stuart Wolfe, and family. Cyrus Moyer moved last Thursday from Wolfe's Store to Bellefonte, where he is employed at the Titan Plant.

Mrs. Carl Burkholder and daughter, Mary Kay, and Miss Estella Hosterman of Centre Hall; Mrs. J. B. Malone and daughter, Yvonne, of Millheim called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Breen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers and son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans, daughters, Ginger, Nancy and Connie, of Danville called on Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byers, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sauers of State College, were Sunday visitors at the homes of H. S. Small and Mrs. M. C. Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gramley of Flemington were Thursday visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gramley.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Weaver and daughter, Elva, of Reading were weekend guests with Mr. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Weaver, Sr.

Miss Phyllis Page went to Greensburg on Tuesday where she will be employed as manager of a dairy store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Diehl and daughter of Alliquippa; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender and daughter, Joan, of State College; Mrs. Kate Nicholson, Mrs. William Williams and Mrs. Emeline Kustenbender of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fiedler, and Mrs. Harry Homan of Aaronsburg; and Mr. Herbert Gobbie of Spring Mills, were recent callers at the home of Miss Emma Sholl and Mrs. Ella Diehl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moyer have closed their home and have gone to Bloomsburg where they will spend the winter months with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Matcifer.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Duck of Millfurnburg, called on the latter's aunt, Mrs. Alice Crouse, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beahm and

son, Larry, of Aaronsburg, called at the J. E. Zeigler home on Monday. Mr. L. A. Baker of Muncy was a Wednesday visitor at the W. H. Hakenburg home.

Miss Phyllis Page was a weekend guest at Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. Leopold and four children and Earl Burd of Mt. Carmel spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burd.

Mrs. S. L. Gephart and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver of State College called in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Breen, accompanied by Billy Bierly, visited in Bellefonte on Sunday. Carlos Tyson, who is employed in Harrisburg, spent the weekend with his family.

The Rebekah Lodge held a Christmas party in the I. O. O. F. hall last Thursday evening. Miss Helen Zettie, who is employed at Laurelton, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. John Reich.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cummings gave a birthday dinner in honor of

their son, Ralph, on Sunday. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cummings of Lake Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cummings of Williamsport and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings and son, Dean, of town. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moyer and Mrs. Emma Corman were Thursday visitors in Williamsport.

Mrs. W. H. Hakenburg was confined to her bed several days last week because of a heavy cold. Charles Kreamer of York, Pa. and Ruthie Bierly of State College, spent Sunday at the C. M. Bierly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright Walker of Lewistown, visited at the J. C. Brungart home on Sunday. Kenneth Haines and mother, Mrs. M. C. Haines, and Mrs. Lulu Royer were business visitors in Williamsport on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Garrett were Sunday guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tyson of Millheim.

Mrs. Elsie Auman visited at the John Heckman home in Centre Hall several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Schrack and three grandchildren of Loganton were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Tina Brungart. Mrs. Blanche Schreckengast of Millheim, visited among friends in our town on Friday.

Mrs. Evelyn Weiser went to Altoona, on Sunday where she will be employed in a beauty parlor. Prof. and Mrs. Ray Dotterer and Mrs. Eida Musser of State College, called at the home of friends in Rebersburg, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ziegler and sons Bill and Dick of Flemington, called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kreamer and baby Marjorie Ann, Sunday. Paul Breen is ill at this writing with tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wolfe and Mrs. Rose Gramley were recent business callers in Lewistown. Last Friday evening, members of the local Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reareck to honor a shut-in member of the organization, Mrs.

Fred Feil. Those present were: Mrs. R. A. Babcock, Mrs. Annie Stover, Mrs. R. W. Meyer, Mrs. A. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. A. Wert, Mrs. Francis Wert, Mrs. Paul Weagly and daughter, Ada Mae, Mrs. S. O. Mallory, Mrs. E. H. Hosterman, Mrs. E. S. Hosterman, Mrs. K. S. Breen and daughter Janet, Mrs. Nora Weber, Mrs. S. G. Ziegler, Mrs. Russell Breen and son Larry and Mrs. M. W. Breen.

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In Our Churches

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BELLEFONTE

The Rev. Clarence Arnold, pastor, will celebrate the coming of Christmas Day with a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve from 11 o'clock until midnight. The program will consist of the singing of Christmas carols, selections by the choir, the Christmas Lessons, and a brief sermon. This Christmas Vigil Service will be broadcast over the community sound system. Citizens of Bellefonte and community, whose churches are not holding a service at the same time, are cordially invited to attend.

The following is the order of service: Organ Prelude, "Pastorale"—Frank... Miss Mary E. Sloop, Organist. Processional Hymn, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful"—Portogallo. The Introit—The Gloria Patri. The Kyrie—The Gloria in Excelsis—The Collect. Scripture Readings—Titus 2:11-14, Isaiah 9:2-7. Anthem, "Come And Worship"—Hever... The Junior and Senior Choirs. Scripture Readings—Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14. Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Redner. Scripture Readings—Titus 3:4-7, Luke 7:13-20. Anthem, "The Light of Bethlehem"—F. Abt... The Junior Choir. Violin Duet, "O Jesu, Bambino"—Petro Yon... Herman McClure and John S. Dubbs. Hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night"—Fink. The Offering. Offertory, "Cradle Song," from "The Christmas Oratorio"—Bach... Miss Mary E. Sloop, Organist. Anthem, "Silent Night"—Gruber-Lorenz... The Senior Choir. The Sermon, "The Grace of God," Titus 2:11-14... C. E. Arnold, Pastor. The Christmas Prayer. The Benediction. Recessional Hymn, "Joy To The World"—Handel. Organ Postlude—Selected... Miss Mary E. Sloop, Organist.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BELLEFONTE

The Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22. 9:30 a. m., Sunday School. 10:45 a. m., The Service and Sermon: "The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness." 7:30 p. m., Vespers and Sermon: "Rejoice in the Lord Always."

BELLEFONTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school in the Chapel at 9:45 a. m. Harry C. Taylor, Supt. Morning Worship in the Church at 10:45 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. Shibli, of State College. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon a Cantata and fine program of Christmas music will be rendered by the Senior Choir to which all members of the church and their friends are invited. No evening service. On Monday evening, December 23, the Christmas entertainment for the Sabbath School will be held in the Chapel at 7:15 o'clock.

PORT MATILDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Howard E. Oakwood, Minister. Services Sunday, December 22: Bible School, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Unionville—Evening worship service at 7 o'clock instead of the usual hour of 7:30. Worshipers are requested to come promptly at 7. The Monday evening Bible-Study Class Monday, December 23, at Miss Rowan's home. Subject: "Our Lord's Birthday," a Christmas theme. The Rev. Harry Rimmer, D. D., recently pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Duluth, Minn., famed preacher, scientist, and author, will speak in the Show Shoe Methodist church Sunday, December 22, at 11 a. m. and at 5 p. m. We are informed everyone is invited to attend. The pastor would encourage his people to attend as he counts it a most unusual privilege to have him in our midst.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, Pastor. Church School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 o'clock. Christmas Party and program for Intermediate, Junior and Primary Departments of the Sunday School, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Christmas play Sunday evening at 7:30. Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday evening, 11 to 12 o'clock. Sunday evening at 7:30 St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church will present a Christmas play entitled "Crowded Out," by J. W. G. Ward. It is a play containing a prologue, four scenes and an epilogue carrying a cast of 12 men and six women. Years after the death of Jesus, the old innkeeper at Bethlehem, who has now become a faithful follower of the Christ, recalls for his grandson, the events of that fateful night when Mary and Joseph applied at his inn for lodging. This play includes the following program of music: End of Prologue—"O Little Town of Bethlehem."

End of Act 1—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

End of Act 2—"Silent Night."

Processional—"We, Three Kings of the Orient."

End of Act 3—"O Come All Ye Faithful."

During Act 4—Organ and solo—"The Adoration."

End of Act 4—"Joy to the World."

Postlude—"Hallelujah Chorus," Organ.

Christmas Eve service, 11-12 o'clock, December 24.

This is a carol service divided into three parts: The Prophecy, the Preparation, and the Fulfillment.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services beginning Sunday, December 22 and continuing through Christmas Day will be in charge of the Rev. W. A. B. Holmes, of Harrisburg.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22: Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Midnight service Tuesday, December 24, at 11:30 p. m. Prelude, "Agnus Dei," Bizet—Miss Maryjays (setting of Holy Eucharist). Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Spence—Jack Yeager, soloist. Postlude, "Adeste Fideles," Villbac—Dorothy B. Schrad, violin soloist. Christmas Day, December 25, services at 9 a. m.

ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH

Evans David Brown, Pastor. Group rehearsal Friday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, with sermon theme, "A True Christmas Need." Allen Christian Endeavor League at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30, with sermon theme, "My Christmas Spirit Abide." Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Christmas exercises at 8 o'clock. Everyone is always welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH, BELLEFONTE

The choir of the Methodist church will present their annual candlelight service this Sunday afternoon, December 22, at 4 o'clock. The program will be as follows: Processional, "O Come All Ye Faithful"—Portuguese Hymn. Scripture.

Prayer... Rev. Hartsock. "Silent Night," Franz Gruber... Girls' Chorus. "There's a Song in the Air," Karl Harrington... Girls' Chorus. "Andantino," Julius Eichberg... Violin Trio. "Pastorale," Ethelbert Nevin... Violin Trio. Offering. Selected Cantata: "The Story of Christmas"—H. Alexander Matthews. "Behold the Days Come" Men's Chorus. Soprano Solo and Chorus, "And the Angel Said" Mrs. Ernest Martin. Soprano Solo and Chorus, "There Were Shepherds" Mrs. Robert Gehret. Tenor Solo and Chorus, "And It Came To Pass" Allan Hewitt. Soprano Solo, "O Lovely Voices of the Sky" Miss Jean McGarvey. "Behold There Came" Men's Chorus. Soprano Solo and Chorus, "And When They Were Come" Mrs. Ernest Martin. Contralto Solo and Chorus, "Sleep, Holy Babe!" Mrs. Ann Levi. "Awake, Put on Thy Strength" Chorus. Duet, "For the Lord Hath Comforted" Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin. "Christ, to Thee" Chorus. "Salut d'Amour," Edward Elgar; "Agnus Dei," Georges Bizet. Violin Trio. Benediction... Rev. Hartsock. Recessional, "Joy to the World," George F. Handel. Violin Trio: Mrs. Louis Schrad, John Dubbs, Allan Hewitt. Directors: Mrs. Louis Schrad, Mrs. Philip Wion, Miss Betty Smith.

Miner Hurt By Rock

James McBlane, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBlane, was injured while working at the Morris Run mine Tuesday when a stone fell on him. He was taken to the Bloomsburg State Hospital and treated for abrasions of the left side of the chest and abdomen and a laceration on the left side.

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