

Happenings of a Day in Central Pennsylvania

CLERGYMAN DIES ON EVE OF TRIP

The Rev. J. L. Nicholas Had Contemplated Journey to Florida When Stricken

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—News reached here of the death of the Rev. J. L. Nicholas, a retired minister of the Lutheran church, at the home of his son, the Rev. C. M. Nicholas, of Pottsville, on Wednesday, at the age of 73 years. He was making preparations for a trip to Florida to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Fahs, when he became ill suddenly. His death followed.

He retired from the active ministry several years ago, after serving forty-five years, when he came to Mechanicsburg and lived in South High street until the death of his wife. Then he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Fahs, in South Market street. Since then he had been with his son, the Rev. C. M. Nicholas, who is a graduate of Gettysburg College and a veteran of the Civil War, a member of the famous 20th Pennsylvania Regiment, First Infantry Division. He was a member of Col. H. I. Zinn Post, No. 415, G. A. R., of Mechanicsburg, and served the post as chaplain until he left this place.

Surviving are the following sons and daughter: The Rev. W. H. Nicholas, of Springfield, Ill.; the Rev. J. C. Nicholas, of Allegheny; the Rev. C. M. Nicholas, of Pottsville, and Mrs. W. H. Fahs, of Fruitland Park, Fla.

The body will be brought to Mechanicsburg to-morrow afternoon, arriving here at 2 o'clock and will be taken to Mechanicsburg cemetery direct from the station, for burial.

Will Debate Senate's Wisdom As to Big League

Louisville, Pa., Dec. 19.—Pupils and residents living about the district served by the school, Center township, have organized a literary society and elected Ernest M. Stambaugh, president; David A. Tressler, vice-president, and Miss Beulah Davis, treasurer.

Mrs. Robert Bagnell Is Speaker at Mechanicsburg

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Robert Bagnell, of Harrisburg, gave an interesting address in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening on the missionary jubilee meeting in Boston, Mass., which she attended. Mrs. Morris Swartz, of Harrisburg, also spoke. Mrs. C. M. McKelvey sang a solo. Three little girls, Marie Geiwicks, Doris Hershman and Pearl Kitzmiller sang and Miss Valeria Johnson gave a solo. Mrs. A. Carson Stamm, of Harrisburg, attended the meeting, which was under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Norman A. Warfel Dies of Cancer at Millersburg

Millersburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Norman A. Warfel, for many years leader of the Millersburg band, died Wednesday after a long illness of cancer. He was aged 39 years and is survived by his widow and six children. Mrs. Warfel was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of Talwe tribe of Red Men. The funeral will take place from the Reformed Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will be in charge of his pastor, the Rev. L. E. Bair. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Students Return Home For Holiday Vacations

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 19.—The first Marysville students to return home from college and university arrived yesterday. Miss Jeannette Sellers, a freshman at Goucher College, Baltimore, will spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sellers. Alton W. Lick, a first year student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lick.

Irving Students Make Merry on Holiday Eve

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—This morning the students at Irving College left for their homes to spend the holiday vacation, which will continue until Wednesday, January 7. Previous to their departure a party was held at the dinner hour last evening. The dining room was gay in decorations of holiday greens and Christmas trees. Presents were presented and Christmas greetings exchanged. There was much merriment and a happy atmosphere.

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Mr. John Hoptay Tells How Cuticura Healed Pimples

"I had pimples and blackheads over my face and they hurt so that I could not wash my face or rub my hand over it. The pimples came a head and were large and scattered over my face. This trouble lasted about three months and I tried soaps and creams, but none seemed to heal. Then I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and I used two cakes of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment when I was healed." (Signed) John Hoptay, Box 175, Dixonville, Pa.

Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Tablets promote and maintain skin purity, skin comfort and skin health, often when all else fails. The Soap to cleanse, purify and beautify, the Ointment to soften, soothe and heal. The Tablets to powder and perfume. Soap 25c, Ointment 25c and 50c, Tablets 25c. Sold throughout the world. For sample each free address: "Cuticura Laboratories, Dept. H, Malden, Mass."

MUSIC IN STORY OF GREAT BIRTH

Shiremanstown Congregations Are to Hear Splendid Festival Harmonies

Shiremanstown, Pa., Dec. 19.—On next Sunday the Christmas spirit will pervade all of the services of St. John's congregation. The subject of the sermon for Sunday morning will be "The Day Spring." Sunday evening St. John's pastor will conclude his series of sermons on "Evangelism in the World."

The music at both services will be in keeping with the season. On Sunday morning Miss Elma Sennert will sing "The Voice in the Wilderness," by Scott. Sunday evening Mrs. Herbert Price Hunt will sing "The Holy One of Israel," by Care. This solo is of recent publication and has been sung in several eastern cities by one of America's English opera singers, with great success.

Christmas tide at St. John's will be a day of great rejoicing, receiving and giving. On Christmas morning at 8:15 o'clock a brief service will be held and will be chiefly musical, the pastor preaching a short sermon. On Christmas evening at 6:30 o'clock the Bible school and congregation will unite to celebrate the day in praise, poem and prayers. St. John's vestal choir, augmented for the occasion, will sing selections from George B. Nevill's Christmas cantata, "The Adoration." Christmas carols, both ancient and modern, will be rendered by the congregation. The culmination of the season will be an unselfish and free-will offering for others. The offering will be devoted chiefly to Germantown home at Philadelphia.

Personal and Social News of Towns on West Shore

Dr. Ralph Nauss, of Greenville, Ohio, is visiting friends at New Cumberland.

Mrs. John P. Krone has returned to Millford, Del., after visiting her mother, Mrs. William C. Parks, and Mrs. William C. Parks, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Gilbert Starr, son, Kenneth, and Mrs. Ralph Snaper, of Shiremanstown, were Harrisburg visitors on Thursday.

Miss Sarah Wrightstone has returned to Shiremanstown after visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray, Harrisburg.

Mrs. Jacob Souder, of Shiremanstown, was a shopper in Harrisburg on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krone, son Boyd, Mrs. John Sheaffer, son Gerald and daughter Ariene, of near Williams Grove, visited Mr. and Mrs. Landis W. Parks at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Miami S. Erb, of Harrisburg, on Tuesday visited Joseph Erb, who is critically ill at Shiremanstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kingsborough, sons Merle, Paul and Eugene; Mrs. John L. Miller and Mrs. Jacob B. Frey, of Shiremanstown, were Harrisburg visitors on Thursday.

C. H. Gross, of Roxbury, was a business visitor at Shiremanstown on Thursday.

Mrs. E. W. Rupp has returned to Shiremanstown, after a week's visit to her brothers and sisters at Big Head woods.

Mrs. Scott Brinton, of Shiremanstown, was called to Camp Hill Thursday evening by the death of her step-brother, Otto Barlup.

Miss M. Irene Stone, of Shiremanstown, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hutton in Mechanicsburg on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sheaffer and Mrs. Lewis D. Eshenbaugh, of Shiremanstown, were capital city visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. N. M. Spahr and daughter, of Mechanicsburg, spent Wednesday with the former's parents at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. Wavie Miller has returned to Shiremanstown after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Zerbe at Bavertown.

Male Chorus Will Sing Carols at Wrightsville

Wrightsville, Pa., Dec. 19.—Christmas carols are to be sung in Wrightsville by the male chorus of Grace United Evangelical Church, under the direction of Garfield Slutz. The singers will be accompanied by two cornets, clarinet, baritone and trombone, and will start at midnight in their tour of the town. The members of the chorus are Jerome Diehl, Harry Frey, Paul Benedict, Arthur Howard, Charles Metzger, Sterling Sechrist, Raymond Diehl, R. C. Benedict, the Rev. Paul E. Keene, Paul Moore, Paul Sipe, William Frey, Harry Thomas, Clarence Sipel, Robert Paulus, Charles Poff, Carl Knisley and Howard Shaw. Miss Beulah Benedict is pianist of the chorus.

DIES AFTER HEARTY MEAL

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 19.—Clayton Erisman, 68 years old, carpenter, cabinetmaker and builder, died suddenly while sitting in a chair at his home in West Walnut street. He ate heartily of supper and after being shaved downtown came home. He was a native of Marietta.

Civic Club to Decide in Memorial to Heroes

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 19.—The Marysville Civic Club at a special meeting this week failed to take action on the erection of a proposed memorial to borough men and women who were in the United States service. No action was taken because of the poor attendance. A final decision is to be made at a meeting the first Monday night in January.

Forsakes Teaching to Go Into Coal Business

Newport, Pa., Dec. 19.—Business has become more attractive than teaching. Prof. George W. Barnitz, principal of the schools here, has just tendered his resignation, effective January 1.

Professor Barnitz will return to his home at Carlisle, Pa., where he will engage in the coal business. He is a graduate of Dickinson College.

WOMAN TRIES TO POISON FAMILY

Sanity of Annie Vocci Will Be Passed on by Lancaster County Court

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 19.—Charged with attempting to poison her brother-in-law, Frank Martello, with whom she lived, and attempting to take the lives of his three small children in various ways, Miss Annie Vocci is in jail here. She was arrested after barricading herself inside the house and defying the constable with a stream of Italian incoherence. According to Martello's story, the woman attempted to make away with the children in brutally hurling flat irons at them. Falling in this through poor marksmanship, she broke heads from matches and "The Holy One of Israel," by Care. This solo is of recent publication and has been sung in several eastern cities by one of America's English opera singers, with great success.

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The woman's sanity will be determined and the court will probably send her to prison, where her mental condition can be inquired into. If she is found of sound mind the charge of attempted murder will be heard next week so that the case gets into the January court.

Lemoyne Ministers in West Fairview Pulpit

West Fairview, Pa., Dec. 19.—The anniversary services in St. Mark's Lutheran Church will close Sunday. Last night the Rev. L. A. Bush, of Lemoyne, preached. To-night the Rev. H. K. Lantz, of Shiremanstown, will preach. No services will be held to-morrow night. On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a memorial service in honor of church organizers will be held. In the afternoon the Rev. M. S. Sharp, of Enola, will have charge of the service. In the evening St. Mark's young people will conduct the service.

Enola Choir Is to Sing Cantata Sunday Night

Enola, Pa., Dec. 19.—A choir assisted by an orchestra will sing the cantata, "Holy Night," in Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Mr. Bainbridge will be in charge. Composing the committee on arrangements are Mrs. L. B. McCaleb, Miss Mable Seitz, Mrs. Charles Young, Mrs. Harry Myers, Mrs. John Campbell, Miss Margaret Knab and Miss Carrie Knab.

TO ELECT CEMETERY OFFICERS

New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 19.—On Friday, December 26, the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting in Kraeiger's shop at New Market at which time officers will be elected.

MAKE MERRY IN HONOR OF GIRL

Ninth Birthday of Elizabeth Keister Is Celebrated in West Shore Town

New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 19.—Mrs. William Keister, of Market Square, gave a party yesterday in honor of her daughter, Elizabeth Keister's ninth birthday. The decorations were read and green. Games were played, soap bubbles blown and there was a clothespin hunt, after which a dainty supper was served.

The table piece was a small Christmas tree decorated with red beads. There was a birthday cake with nine candles. The favors were little red baskets, small Christmas trees planted in boxes filled with candy. Those present were Maxine Beckley, Betty Kirkpatrick, Eleanor Oren, Margaret Smith, Mary Aisler, Olive Oren, Margaret Oren, Sara Emlock, Helen Gray, Elizabeth Keister, Sara Louise Keister, Eugene Oren, Clarke Baker, Kenneth Shaffer, Leslie Crenkleton, Joseph Hutchinson and Billy Wright.

Schools of West Shore Give Christmas Program

Christmas entertainments were given in West Shore schools this afternoon. The schools closed this afternoon to reopen Monday, December 23. Prof. Clyde Hoover, supervising principal, advised parents who have children becoming of age before June 1 to enter them in school within two weeks after Christmas. Plans are being made to take care of the few pupils who are expected to enter.

Perry's Enumerators Are Named With One Exception

New Bloomfield, Pa., Dec. 19.—With one exception the list of census takers for Perry county is complete, according to a list issued by Walter W. Rice, of New Bloomfield, census enumerator. The exception is in Penn township. The enumerators will start on their work on January 2. It is expected they will finish within the month.

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