

NEWS OF STEELTON

CHILDREN GIVEN PRESENTS TODAY

Sixty-Five Gifts Presented by Mrs. Alden; Holiday to Be Observed

Presentation of gifts to sixty-five children of the town by the businessmen under the auspices of the Civic Club this afternoon officially ushered in the Christmas celebration which bids fair to eclipse all other observances of the holiday in the history of the borough. The children who were not provided with a Christmas in any other way were taken to the Trinity parish house at the close of school this afternoon and presented with gifts purchased by the businessmen. Mrs. C. A. Alden, of the Civic Club, who had charge of the money collections and arrangements for the gift giving, distributed the presents to the children. The treat consisted of one box of candy, an orange, game and pair of stockings. The Associated Charities to-night will distribute about twenty Christmas baskets to needy families of the borough. The baskets were taken around to the various homes in the borough in an automobile furnished by a businessman of the town. The visiting nurse had charge of presenting the gifts. In the baskets will be the Christmas dinner for the family and a gift for each member, including toys for the children. The schools closed this afternoon for the holiday and to-morrow

Red Cross Entertains Unfortunates at Party

Women and children residing in the outlying districts near the borough who are not in a position to enjoy any recreation this afternoon were guests of the Red Cross at a theater party and luncheon. According to Red Cross officials, three of the women are about 70 years of age and had not been out of their homes for any recreation for three years because of the illness of members of the families. One of the guests was a boy who is badly crippled, and an affair of this kind was something new to him. The party was given at the Regent Theater through the co-operation of Peter Magaro.

Steelton Personals

The Steel Company police last evening presented a turkey to Earl Kelley, superintendent of scales at the steel plant. William Harder presented the turkey for the policemen. Mrs. Beulah E. Thomas has returned to her home in Tennessee after spending several months here as the guest of her father, E. C. Henderson. George Cockill has gone to Lewisburg to spend Christmas. W. H. Whitebread has recovered after several weeks of illness.

New Lutheran Pastor Is Active in Church Work



THE REV. J. K. BOWMAN

The Rev. J. K. Bowman, who recently assumed his duties as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, succeeding the Rev. Mr. Lauffer, who accepted a charge in Altoona, is very active in the work of the local organization. He comes here from Philadelphia, where he was preaching for more than five years. In 1911 he graduated from Gettysburg College and three years later completed his seminary course.

McENTEE IMPROVED

Information received in the borough to-day from Lancaster was to the effect that Burgess McEntee, who is under treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, is slightly improved.

The condition of Charles Beidel, School Director and prominent businessman, who has been ill for some time, was reported as unchanged this morning.

BECKER'S FATHER DIES

The Rev. Daniel Becker, aged 66, of Idaville, Adams county, father of Daniel Becker, assistant cashier of the People's Bank, died at the Harrisburg Hospital yesterday. He had been at the local institution for nearly a week, having undergone an operation several days ago.

Use McNeil's Cold Tablets. — Adv.

CUTICURA HEALS SKIN TROUBLE

Pimples and Rash On Limbs and Body.

"I was bothered with skin trouble for several years, my limbs and body being broken out with pimples and a rash, with a burning sensation similar to prickly heat. The pimples were small and hard and they scabbed over. They were very irritating, causing disfigurement and loss of sleep. I used Cuticura, and after using four boxes of Cuticura Ointment with the Cuticura Soap I was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Marrie Schwartz, 1911 Point Breeze Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 25, 1919.

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BURN MORTGAGE AT ST. JAMES'

Church Debt of \$4,000 Wiped Out During Recent Campaign; Services Tonight

St. James' Catholic Church members at midnight mass to-night will witness the burning of the church mortgage which wipes out the final debt on the property at Front and Conestoga streets. A musical program will be a feature of the night's service.

Charter members of the church who will assist in burning the mortgage are: D. J. Crowley, John McCall, Cornelius Dailey, Thomas Dalley, Jeremiah O'Gorman, Frank Wiegner, M. F. Ludes, Menael Walsh and Kayton Kryzosiak.

The history of the local church organization dates back to the year 1874 where a mission was established at Baldwin, now known as the borough of Steelton. In the spring of 1875 the Catholic people obtained the privilege to hold services in the public schoolhouse situated at the corner of Adams and Front streets. Mass was celebrated in this school building from 1875 until the spring of 1879. During this time the congregation increased to such numbers that it became imperative to procure a plot of ground and build a place of worship.

Negotiations for the purchase of one acre of land were closed November 26, 1878. Work on erection of the church was started at once. In April, 1879, the church building had advanced so far towards completion that the congregation was able to meet regularly each Sunday.

The organization of St. James' parish was effected in October 1, 1887. From this time until 1892 a pastoral residence was erected on the church property, many improvements made to the church interior and extensive improvements to the grounds about the buildings. In 1895 an addition to the church was built. The cost of the property of the building renovated. The church was rededicated on December 22, 1895.

Officer's Bantam Hen Crows Like a Rooster

Besides his duties as a patrolman on the borough police force, Officer Behman is operating, on a small scale, not only has this patrolman been successful in raising a large number of highly prized fowls, but he is telling his friends about his bantam hen which crows like a rooster. When asked about his hen, Officer Behman declared: "Sure I have a bantam hen which crows like a rooster. The other morning I heard the bantam rooster crow and immediately afterward a fowl with a delicate voice imitated the rooster. I investigated and found the hen could crow. Later I watched the hen and found she does crow. The hen is three years old and lays, too. A friend of mine told me that a crowing hen does not lay but that rule does not apply here."

Clean Chimneys to Avoid Fire, Malehorn Requests

Fire Chief O. E. B. Malehorn said to-day that he would issue a statement in a short time advising property owners to see that the chimneys of every dwelling are cleared of soot. The majority of this winter's fires are said by the chief to have been caused by soot in chimneys. An urgent request will be made by the chief in his statement to residents to clear the chimneys and assist the fire department by avoiding fires.

FIRE CHIEF WARNS AGAINST CHRISTMAS FIRES

Fire Chief John C. Kindler has issued a big list of "don'ts" in efforts to prevent the occurrence of fires from carelessness during Christmas time. He especially warns against having lighted candles, lamps, etc., about the trees.

EARLY SERVICE

In the Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal), the Rev. Willoughby M. Parchment, rector, but one service will be held to-morrow. This service will start in the morning at 5 o'clock.

HOLIDAY HOURS

To-morrow the Main and Hill post-offices will be closed from 10 o'clock in the morning until midnight. There will be one delivery of mail in the morning, but rural carriers will make their regular delivery and the night collections in the city will be made.

POLICE HAVE TREE

A small Christmas tree has been erected in the hall at Harrisburg police station.

Ad Club to Hold Its Monthly Dinner



WILLIAM STROUSE

William Strouse will address the Harrisburg Ad Club at its monthly dinner to be held at the Penn-Harris on the evening of December 29. The subject of Mr. Strouse's talk will be on the clothing situation and in view of this speaker's close association with the National Retail Clothing Men's Association it is promised that some light will be thrown on the clothing question as pertains to the threatened higher prices. Other speakers of the evening will be John R. Guyer, who will discuss the question of "Advertising a Profession," and Senator John E. Fox, who's subject will be "Advertising a Bank." The program committee has issued an open invitation to everyone interested in advertising—either buying, selling or making advertising, and a large attendance is expected. Reservations for the number of places desired should be telephoned to Fred E. Rowe, of the J. Horace McFarland Company.

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Christmas Eve---



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Christmas Nineteen-Nineteen

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