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PATTON HUNTERS LEAD COUNTY IN KILLING OF DEER

Season Closed Last Week Was Most Successful, No Fatal Accidents.

SMALL GAME SLAUGHTER.

Graded increase in the number of deer killed in Cambria county in the few years since their shooting was legalized has been attested by the record for the 1924 season, which closed last week. Records submitted to E. H. Thompson, Cambria Game Protector, show that 84 deer were legally killed in this county in the period from December 1 to 15, inclusive, Sundays excepted. Last year the kill reported was 73. Most of the deer slain in Cambria this year went to Patton hunters, who brought down a total of 18. The others were scattered. Many deer were killed in the Beaver Dam region, and still others quite close to Johnstown on the Laurel Hill Ridge. Only one spike buck was killed, the others ranging from two points to 10 points, the number of these being as follows: Ten point 1, Seven point 1, five point 2, four point 3, three point 2, two point 8, spike 1. This record shows altogether too many young bucks slain for the total number of deer in the county, but complies with the law. Only two illegal deer, both females, were killed.

Another feature of the season was the fact that this year there were no fatal accidents. During the hunting season of 1923 Cambria county had three fatal accidents and two non-fatal. This year the record was five non-fatal, most of them slight accidents.

Beats stories, before and after the big game season, were scoffed at by local hunters, but the records of the game protector show that four bears were killed by hunters within the county. The records are incomplete, as some hunters fail to submit returns promptly and figures are based only on what has been reported to the game protector.

Under the existing code all hunters who took out a license this year are expected to file a return with the state game commission. The return is compulsory, and the penalty of refusal of license another year if the return is not filed. The return is a compilation of figures for the season by the game protector. It is expected that the return will be filed by the game protector.

Approximations of the amount of small game killed in Cambria county for the 1924 season show some rather amazing figures. Despite poor weather at the beginning of the season, the kill of rabbits was larger than in the preceding seasons, while more squirrels were shot than in a number of years. The only falling off was on ruffed grouse, and several theories are advanced as to the falling off of this game bird.

Edna Dumm.

The funeral of Miss Edna Dumm, who died at her home in Loretto on Saturday morning, was held at nine o'clock Monday morning at St. Michael's Catholic church at Loretto, after which the remains were placed in the family plot in St. Benedict's cemetery at Carrolltown.

The deceased died of an ailment of the throat. Her age was 27 years. She was the daughter of Mrs. Daniel Dumm.

Surviving members of the family are Mrs. Ellen Dumm, mother of the deceased, at whose home she died; Frank Dumm, also of Loretto; Gordon Dumm, of Carrolltown; Earl Dumm, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. William Bender, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Thomas Laner, of Indiana; Met Dumm, of Cresson, and Mrs. Serenus Miller, of East Carroll township.

Geo. Blumhardt, of Chest Springs, was a recent business caller here.

Harry Riddle, by his father, Harry Riddle, Sr., of Franklin, has brought suit against Richard Claire, also of Franklin, to recover damages of \$15,000. This amount is claimed as compensation for the injury and permanent disability of the right leg of the child as the result of an automobile accident claimed to have been the fault of the defendant.

Two hundred and fifty bags of mail, it is said, came into the Patton Postoffice on Monday of this week, it is said. With the outgoing mail also being tremendously heavy, it is keeping the local postoffice force on the jump.

The Courier was in error last week in stating that the Penn Central Co. gave a reduction in rates of lighting to the merchants for the extra street illumination. This company cannot do this, but they did cooperate with the Patton merchants.

Have you made this a musical Christmas? If not, there is still one more day, so don't delay. Simpson's studios are headquarters for everything in the musical line.

Clair Ansel is again to be seen circulating among his pals. Clair is home from Penn State College to spend the holidays.

Clark Heist is spending the mid-year vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heist, of Palmer avenue.

Jack Moren, of Altoona, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moren, of North Fifth avenue.

LOCAL HIGH AND ALUMNI IN FIRST GAME OF YEAR

The first basketball game of the season in Patton was held in the local high school gymnasium last Thursday evening. The Patton high played the big Alumni team in a winning game. L. T. Bots acted as referee and Deacon McCallerty as score-keeper. The local high team was coached by Mr. Oiler, head of the English Department of the Senior High. Considering that the Alumni team did not have a chance to work out together they played a most splendid game, with the never say die attitude to the finish. After seeing Thursday's game we feel safe in making the prophecy that the high school basketball team for the season 1924-1925 will be much better than the one last year, and we will look forward to many interesting games for next year. The following is the line-up:

Alumni	High School	
Nelson	For	Blake
B. Larimer	For	Witherow
Christoff	Gen.	Leocava
Yerger	Gen.	Hunter
Lacina	Gen.	Catherwood
Fouls, Hunter	4 out of 5	Lacava
9 out of 1, Blake	2 out of 3	Witherow
0 out of 1, Montieth	0 out of 1	Yerger
0 out of 1, Woomer	0 out of 1	Woomer
0 out of 1, Nelson	0 out of 1	

The score by quarters: First quarter, 12 to 4, in favor of the High; half, 26 to 18; third quarter, 36 to 28; fourth quarter, 38 to 34. Local basketball fans will enjoy the games these two teams play and managers are requested to let the Courier know beforehand when the games are scheduled and to see that courtesies are shown in Courier reports.

Dennis Duffy.

Dennis Duffy, a former resident of Carrolltown, and well known all over the north of Cambria county, died recently at the home of a niece in Patton, after an illness of one month, pneumonia being the cause of his death. Mrs. Duffy predeceased her husband to the grave two years ago. Mr. Duffy was for a number of years an employee of the Northern Cambria Street Railway Company, and was later caretaker at the Miners' hospital in Spangler. After leaving the north of the county, he lived for a time in Philadelphia, before taking up his residence at Patton.

MANY ALIENS SEEK FINAL CITIZENSHIP

There will be 300 aliens seeking final citizenship papers at Naturalization court to be held in Ebensburg on January 6, 7 and 8, according to an announcement by Probationary George Walker Williams. This is the largest number of applicants ever to be called in the court for final papers, but 100 of them were called at previous naturalization courts, some of them not appearing and others failing in the tests.

The examination of the applicants on their fitness for admission as applicants will be conducted by two federal agents and will be before Probationary Judge John E. Evans and John H. Moran, of the Common Pleas Court.

ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

Miss Edna Stutton spent the last few days in Altoona with friends and relatives.

Joe Sprun, of Chest Springs, was a business caller here recently.

Agnes Warner has returned to her home here after spending a few days in Altoona with friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. James Carl visited in Patton recently.

Leo Cretin, of Chest Springs, was a recent visitor here.

A. W. Hahn was a recent business caller in Ebensburg.

Christopher Crossman, of Pittsburgh, was a recent business caller here.

Charles Annis, of Patton, was a recent visitor here.

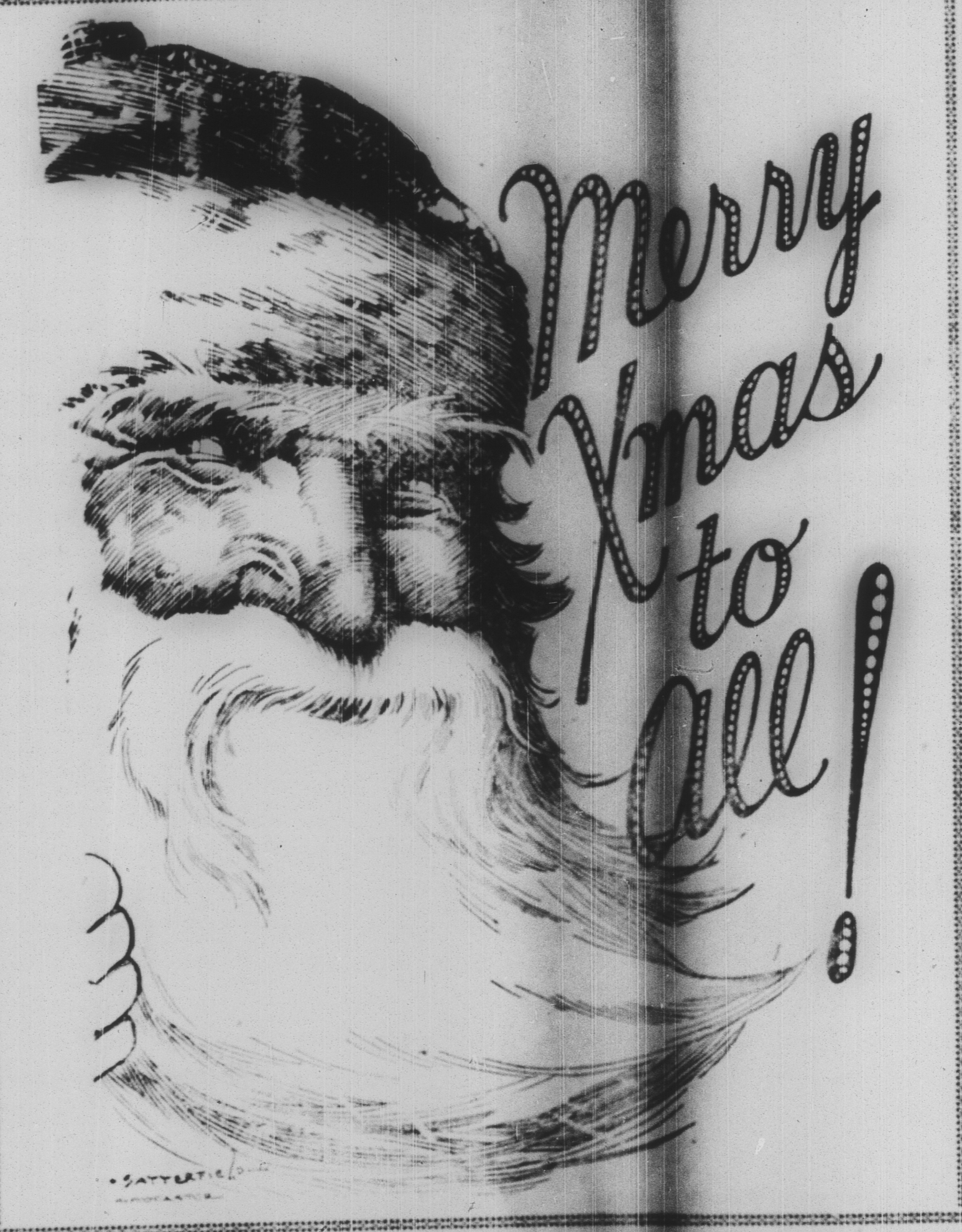
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Father Kelly, of Cresson, spent a few days during the week here with friends and relatives.

Frank and Lewis Couples, of Cresson, visited here Monday.

Indian Leads Senate

Sen. Charles Curtis of Kansas is the new Republican leader in the Senate, elected after senior Senator Warren of Wyoming declined. Senator Curtis is more than half American Indian.



JOHN P. MEREDITH DIES AT BUTLER, PA.

John P. Meredith, aged 64 years, a former resident of Patton, and well known to many readers of the Courier, passed away on December 19th, at Butler, Pa., death being due to heart trouble, of which he had been a sufferer for some time. The remains were brought to Patton, and the funeral was held on Sunday at 12:30 o'clock and were in charge of the Rev. W. A. Graham, pastor of the local M. E. Church. Interment was made in Patton cemetery.

Mr. Meredith is survived by his widow and three children. He was a member of Patton Aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles. It is seven years since the Meredith family left Patton.

From Portage Dispatch.

From the Portage Dispatch of the last week we glean the following: "The Patton Courier," edited and owned by Thos. A. Owens, has a birthday. They are now 31 years of age. The Patton Courier is one of the best and newest county papers, coming to the Dispatch exchange desk. Thos. Owens was at one time connected with the Dispatch. We congratulate "Tom" and wish him many more birthdays, both editorial and otherwise. Good luck, "ole top."

White Xmas Is Likely.

A white Christmas is the forecast of the United States Weather Bureau.

In its regular weekly weather forecast the bureau reported the possibility of cold weather and snow in every portion of the United States, except the extreme south and west.

Victim of An Accident.

Lambert E. George, aged 58 years of Nanty-Glo, is a patient at the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, where he was admitted on Sunday evening in an unconscious condition suffering of injuries to the head. Mr. George was found lying on the sidewalk in front of a store in Nanty-Glo, and was removed to the hospital. He is unable to explain the manner in which he received his injuries. He has a deep laceration of the head but is reported to be in fairly good shape.

CLEARFIELD WILL ENTERTAIN LODGE

The Allegheny Region Anniversary Association of the I. O. O. F., at their 1924 meeting at Ebensburg selected Clearfield as their 1925 meeting place and the time is the month of April. Clearfield lodge it is said, means to show their brethren that they make no mistake in selecting that city, and so he had an active working committee is already hard at work.

Miss Lydia Reffner, of Saugher, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Williams, several days last week.

Miss Yvonne Yerger, was in Barrenboro on Wednesday evening.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting held in their hall in the Good building on Monday evening, the Walter Mc Coy Post of the American Legion, elected the following officers for the year 1925:

Commander, A. J. Jacobs; First Vice Commander, George DeLozier; Second Vice Commander, Crawford Nelson; Third Vice Commander, Edna Wilkie; Treasurer, Chas. Schwab; Adjutant, Fred Inkead; Executive committee, Ralph Linger, Thos. O'Neill, David Gwyn, Ed. Wilkie and Albert Shuman.

In order not to conflict with other lodge meetings, it was decided to hold no meetings a month after the first and third Mondays at eight o'clock P. M. At the next meeting plans will be formulated for the coming year. A committee has been appointed to form plans for a "pop and get-together" meeting to be held in the very near future. The date of the same will be published in the next issue of the Courier.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Beatrice Ratowsky is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ratowsky over the Yuletide season. Miss Ratowsky is located at Pittsburgh.

The smiling face of John Mitchell is again seen in Patton, he is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mitchell, of N. Fifth avenue.

The many friends of Miss Mildred Murray are glad to see her home again. Miss Murray is a student at Goucher college and is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Murray.

Leo Cooper, John Allen, Murray, Jerry Flynn and Clair J. Ulrich, all students at St. Francis College at Loretto, are at their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Leonore Cawber is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cawber, of North Fifth avenue. Miss Cawber is attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mary Jane and Harry Buck, who have been suffering of an attack of diphtheria, at their home on Bosch avenue, are very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saly, of Lantz Island, New York, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Saly's mother, Mrs. Cecelia Lehman, of Palmer avenue.

Misses Helen Farabaugh, of Carrolltown, and Luella, Aina and Elsie Byrne, of Patton, and Messrs. Arthur Lieb, Clete Meisel, and Ed. Farabaugh, of Carrolltown, were Sunday evening callers at the home of Miss Lucy Crowell.

WILLIAM BLAIR DIES AT MINERS' HOSPITAL

William Blair, of this place, who was accidentally shot in November, died Monday morning at the Miners' Hospital in Spangler, as the result of complications which developed within the last few days. Mr. Blair was 38 years of age, and is survived by his widow and eight children.

Blair was accidentally shot in the leg several weeks ago and was removed to the Spangler institution where he appeared to be on the road to recovery until complications developed.

The funeral will take place here tomorrow, his body having been removed to his late home in Patton.

BOY KILLED WHEN THROWN FROM TRUCK

While riding in the rear of an automobile delivery truck, Oscar Jensen, aged 14 years, a member of the Freshman class of the South Fork High School, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen, of that place, was killed about 4:15 o'clock last Thursday afternoon when the machine skidded, struck a telephone pole and then turned completely around, throwing the boy out onto the brick road, the lad landing on his head. The Jensen boy sustained a severe fracture of the skull.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the Jensen residence.

CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT TO U. S. SUPREME BODY

The Democratic State Committee will go the limit in any fight that may be undertaken to gain justice for Warren Worth Bailey, in the computation of the election returns for Congress in this district.

Full participation in the battle for Bailey was agreed upon at Philadelphia yesterday at a meeting of the state organization, and it is believed that an early argument before the supreme court of the United States will result.

The question at issue is whether the common plea judges, acting as a computation board, have the authority to go behind the face of the returns and open ballot boxes to determine whether error or fraud had been committed in a congressional election.

To Ask Bid on Road.

It was announced at the county commissioners office this week that bids will be asked soon for the construction of a new highway between Lovett and Beaverdale, a distance of 1,408 feet. The road was taken over some time ago as a county highway and was passed upon favorably by the Grand Jury at the December term of court. The action of the Grand Jury was approved by the court on Monday.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Courier will not be published next week, on account of the holidays, but the Job Department will be open as usual.

We wish all our readers A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

GIVE YOURSELF A REAL TREAT ON XMAS DAY

The Grand Theatre, in Booking "The Love Master," Gives You All A Chance to Enjoy Xmas.

Of interest to all the Patton theatre goers is the announcement that the Grand Theatre has booked for showing both on Christmas afternoon and night, that greatest of all pictures in which a dog takes the leading part, namely "The Love Master." Strongheart, the greatest of all canine stars, features. He has appeared in Patton in various other pictures but this picture is said to far surpass all the rest of them. It will be a fine holiday attraction.

Showing with the "Love Master" on Christmas Day, will be a two-reel "Our Gang" comedy. The admission prices will be 15c and 35c, and you will find the program more than worth it.

On New Years Day, the Grand has booked another great special, "Lullaby of the Field." This is an attraction that no doubt many of you have heard about, and that all of you will want to see.

MID-NIGHT MASS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A high mass at midnight Wednesday will begin the Christmas season at St. Mary's Catholic church. The other Masses Christmas Day will be held at 8 and 10 A. M. A very large crowd is expected to hear the midnight mass and special arrangements are being made by the ushers to handle them. The large church of St. Mary's, is usually taxed to capacity, on this occasion, and it becomes necessary for people wishing a seat to be there a half hour or more before the Mass begins.

There will be special music by the splendid choir of St. Mary's. The altar decorations and the crib will help instill a Christmas spirit in everyone present.

Pope Denounces Trend.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Pope Pius XI, in his allocution delivered at the secret consistory yesterday in connection with the ceremony of degrading Cardinals who will open the Holy doors at New Years, warned against Socialism and Communism.

Believing that the social relief work in Russia, the pontiff said this would continue, but added: "The fact we have established relief institutions in Russia must not be interpreted as meaning we desire to support, in any way or another, the government, which we are far from approving."

"We deem it to be our duty toward all our children in God to warn and urge all mankind, chiefly the governments to endeavor by exertion of common efforts to ward off the grave dangers arising from Socialism and Communism."

MUSIC CLUB WILL MEET DECEMBER 30

The next meeting of the Music Club will be held December 30th, at 8 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall. Please note the change of date.

The artists of this program will be Patton musicians, now studying elsewhere. The club has been fortunate in securing these persons for the meeting, and a large attendance will be the best sign of appreciation. Because so many members will not be able to assist at the Carol singing it has been decided to cancel those plans and to concentrate all efforts on the December 30th meeting.

Shoot To Kill



RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

From Branch No. 96, nights of St. George, Patton, Pa.

Whereas, Our beloved Brother, Andrew Nodney, by the decree of our overruling Providence, has been called from his earthly suffering to a home where pain and sorrow is unknown and weary friends rest.

Be it resolved: That in the death of Brother Andrew Nodney, a member of this Branch, we do recognize that we have lost one of our good members who at all times was imbued with the pure principles of the order and whose life and conduct were a noble example to his character, either as a knight of St. George, or fellow citizen.

Resolved: That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the members of the organization are extended to the bereaved family of our deceased Brother, whose loss with them, we mourn.

Resolved: As a token of love and esteem for our deceased Brother, the Lodge Room and Charter be draped in mourning, and that these Resolutions be recorded in the Memorial Page of the Records of the Branch, and that the Secretary deliver a copy thereof properly endorsed, to the family of the deceased.

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FIREMEN HAVE A GALA AFFAIR LAST THURSDAY

Annual Supper and Dance for Members and Their Ladies Is Success Attendance Is Large

The annual supper and dance held by and for the Patton Volunteer Fire Company and their ladies was the stellar event in Patton last Thursday night, and was attended by more than one hundred and sixty people.

Elmer Crowell, the secretary of the company, acted as the toastmaster, and Dr. P. J. Kelly was the principal speaker of the evening.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church, acted as the caterers to the firemen at the supper, and nothing but exceptional praise was heard from all present as to the elegance of the repast.

Following the program at table, the firemen repaired to the dancing floor of the Municipal building, and the good old fashioned square dances and waltzes helped make the balance of the evening enjoyable.

Taken all in all, this year's supper and dance was the best in the history of the local fire laddies.

Prof. L. T. "Jr." Arrives.

Due to the cold weather of the last few days and fearing the little fellow might catch cold, Santa Claus delivered in advance a fine Christmas gift of a bouncing baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bots, at the Miners' hospital, Spangler. If his daddy can help it, Edison may have a rival very soon; or it may be that the Presidential chair is in view. The local cigar stores are doing a rushing business these days, for it is Mr. Bots' treat. We feel safe in saying that nothing is too good for the little lad. Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bots.

Epidemic of the Mumps.

Our neighboring town of Bakerton, is busy these past few days trying to keep in check an epidemic of mumps that have broken out. It has been quite prevalent among the little tots a school and for awhile it was thought necessary to shut down the schools. Twenty-two little children were sent home from one of the primary rooms in one day last week it is said.

Presbyterian Church.

A series of Evangelistic meetings will be held at the Presbyterian church, beginning Wednesday evening, December 31, and continuing over Sunday, January 11th. Rev. N. B. Wilson, of Barnesboro, will preach Friday evening, January 2, and Rev. Alfred Jeffery on Wednesday evening, January 7th.

First Baptist Church.

Alfred Jeffery, Minister, Sunday, December 28th, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10:45 a. m., Public worship, Sermon: "The Security of God's People." 7:30 P. m., Popular service, sermon: "A Retrospect and A Prospect."

On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at 9:00 a. m., a watch night service and social will be held with the W. W. G. in charge of the arrangements.

Calvary Baptist Chapel.

9:45 a. m., Public Worship; sermon by the pastor, 10:45 a. m., city school; Young and old alike are cordially invited to attend these services.

Camilla Peruso.

Camilla, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orazio Peruso, of near South Fork, died at 8 o'clock last Thursday evening at the parental home, following a long illness. She is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters. The funeral services were held at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon and interment was made at South Fork.

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