

PATTON BRIEFS

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Rev. Thomas A. McQuillen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this place, and Miss Evangeline E. Stanley, of Turtle Creek. The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 23rd.

Lee Hoover of Harrisburg is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoover.

Russell Donahue, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Donahue, who has spent the past six months in New Mexico, has returned to his home.

The Monday night bingo parties that the I. C. B. U. have been sponsoring for the benefit of St. Mary's Church will be discontinued until after the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Noonan and son, Billy, will leave Saturday for Detroit, and will make their future home there.

Mrs. Eileen Karlheim of Mellon avenue, is seriously ill at her home of pneumonia.

Mrs. Virginia Jolly is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Garrity.

Joe Gamert of Cambria was injured about 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon when he was caught under a fall of rock. His right leg was fractured and his left arm was injured badly. He was removed to the Miners' hospital at Spangler.

Clarence Yeckley was admitted to the Spangler hospital on Tuesday afternoon as a surgical patient.

Jimmy Dietrick, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dietrick of Cambria, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Spangler hospital on Sunday night.

Among those killing deer last week were Earl Bearer and son, Joseph; L. A. Yeckley, Gerald Eckerd, Harry Strittmayer and Ferd Thomas.

Mrs. James Beckwith of Murraysville has returned to her home after spending the past ten days at the Mary Garrity home.

John A. Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company has announced the company will distribute a Christmas bonus of \$1,500,000 among employees earning less than \$5,200 a year, who have been employed more than six months.

The Four-H Club met at Miss Rachel Gwynn's home on December 4th to begin their second year of sewing under direction of Miss E. Eastman, Home Economics teacher. The girls are going to make a school outfit, having received their first lesson in drafting. The club is going to make Christmas wreaths to sell, to obtain money for its summer camp fund. The newly elected officers are as follows: President, Helen Tirpak; Vice President, Barbara Weakland; Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Weakland; Song and Game Leader, Martha Gwynn; and News Reporter, Martha Pettorini.

The annual Christmas party of the American Legion Auxiliary of Patton, was held on Monday evening in the Commercial hotel. A dinner preceded the program. Mrs. Helen Kline, of Portage, Cambria County council president, was the honor guest. Mrs. Elizabeth Sheehan was in charge of the meeting.

As is the annual custom, the Mid-night Christmas mass will be observed at Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday night, December 23rd, be-

Classified Ads

TWO HEATERS for sale. One heats 5 to 6 rooms, in fine shape, price \$25; and one Air tight heater price \$8. Inquire Mrs. A. Hofer, 415 Palmer avenue, Patton.

ginning at 11:30 p. m. Carol singing will precede the services. Nicktown Branch, Knights of St. George, will hold a cinch party in St. Nicholas' hall on Sunday, December 17th, starting at 8 o'clock sharp. Cash prizes will be awarded. The proceeds of the party will be for the benefit of St. Nicholas' Catholic church, Nicktown. The public is invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

John Weakland, of Chest Springs, while hunting deer on Tuesday of last week, shot instead a lynx, more commonly known as a bobcat. The animal weighed about 30 lbs. Mr. Weakland's bag was the cause of a lot of interest when displayed in Patton recently.

Read the ads in this edition. They will guide you to the best stores to solve the Christmas shopping problem.

The Patton Music Club will hold a holiday dance on December 28th. The plans for the event were discussed recently. Mrs. Clifton Derringer was named chairman of the committee in charge of the dance.

Prizes for Best Lighting, Etc.
The Patton Chamber of Commerce, together with the Garden Club, will again this year offer prizes for the best outdoor Christmas decoration in the Patton section. The first prize will be \$5, the second \$3 and the third of the prizes, \$2. Last year this feature proved popular and brought out a large number of beautiful greens and lighting decorations. This year likely will surpass last. Do your part. Even if you don't win, you will have helped in making the Christmas spirit live in a municipal way. Incidentally, Christmas music will be broadcast by Huber's Hardware, who are furnishing in ground equipment.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SALES ON NEXT THREE SATURDAYS

Don't fail to attend the Northern Cambria County Community Sales to be held on the next three successive Saturdays, Dec. 16, 23 and 30, at Farm adjoining Patton. Sales start at 1 p. m. sharp. Cattle, horses, hogs, poultry and lots of miscellaneous articles for these December sales, such as new clothing, new and used hardware and tools, machinery, grain, produce, etc. Come to buy or to sell. Terms: Cash.—COL G. G. BLOOM, Manager.

HUNTING SEASON MEANS ADDITIONAL WORK FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES

The hunting season not only brings out the shooters but it also brings out the telephone trouble shooters. Stray shots which find their way into the lead sheath of telephone cables bring seasonal spurts into the working days of the trouble shooters.

"In this territory where hunting is particularly popular, our lines come in for a share of the shot," said John C. Mott, manager for the Bell Telephone company. "A bird sitting on a telephone wire presents a good target—and bang—Mr. Hunter lets go with both barrels."

Game hunters are not the only ones who cause damage to the wires. The glass insulators on the cross-arms have always been grand targets for little Johnnie to try out his new rifle on. A .22 bullet in a telephone cable can raise hob with the service.

There is a recent record of a bullet penetrating a cable near Jeannette which put fourteen lines out of service until trouble shooters could locate an drepal rthe damage. On one occasion during the past year, 56 subscribers' telephone service was affected by one shot. As this happened right in Springdale, Pa., it was attributed to some youngster trying out his marksmanship.

Animals often cause telephone people some trouble. Some squirrels, it seems, are definitely fond of the lead in the cable sheathing and after considerable nibbling in one spot, the storm resisting qualities of the cable are affected. This ultimately causes the cable to be damaged by weather.

When telephone poles are painted with whitewash at the base, it was found that porcupines found the whitewashed wood very succulent. It didn't take many porcupines, all gnawing a pole at the base, to render that pole dangerous. Poles are now painted with creosote as a preservative, which fortunately is unpalatable to "porkies". Bears, too, have been known to like to climb the nice straight poles. Although that form of damage is in the minority, it has been known to happen.

DOUBLE FEATURE AT GRAND THEATRE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

A bang-up double bill will be an attraction at the Grand theatre, Patton on Friday and Saturday of this week.

One of the features will be "The Cat and the Canary," a spine chilling mystery comedy with Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard in the starring roles. The picture is one that will keep you on edge throughout and has its comedy highlights interspersed with its mystery.

The other feature as a fast moving action, suspenseful drama and red-blooded romance "The Real Glory", and stars Gary Cooper, Andre Leeds, and David Niven. Cooper plays the type of foudtdoor role which has made him one of the screen's top notch stars, portraying a doctor who has joined the army and come to work in the Philippines to sharpen his experience.

"The Real Glory" is a picture that is "tops." Don't miss seeing the double bill.

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Joyous Christmas Was Frowned on By Early Settlers

The joy and singing now associated with Christmas was once frowned upon by ultra-pious churchmen of Puritan England. Their disciples who founded New England carried the same repressions for many generations.

In the middle ages Christmas became the greatest of festivals, celebrated with fetes, nativity plays and general jollity. Many of our rollicking carols date back to this gay period of yule rejoicing.

Such pomp and merriment marked the Christmas of Shakespeare's England, when a 12-day festive period was observed. Work was abandoned and young and old gave themselves over to merry-making.

The Puritans frowned upon the pleasures of the season, however, so in 1644 Parliament prohibited any festivities and ordered the day kept as a fast.

White House Maintains Traditions 139 Years Old

WASHINGTON.—Santa Claus makes his 139th visit to the White House this Christmas, carrying on a tradition started December 25, 1800, when Kris Kringle called on little Suzannah, granddaughter of President John Adams from Massachusetts.

The White House in those days was in an unfinished state and the great barnlike rooms were only scantily furnished, providing a great contrast to the beautifully appointed mansion of today. Yet the same joyous spirit prevailed on that Christmas morning, more than a century and a quarter ago, as that found in the White House this Yuletide.

From early years of our country, Presidents have set aside the heavy burden of state and made merry Christmas day with their families.

A Straw for Remembrance

Reminding gay celebrants of the poverty of the Christ Child, Christmas feasts in Poland always have a piece of straw sticking out from under the dining table cloth.

ROMANTIC SURPRISE IN DURBIN HIT AT GRAND SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Deanna Durbin's sixth picture, "First Love," comes to the Grand in Patton on Sunday and Monday next. Presenting the young star in a more mature role than any she has ever attempted, "First Love" finds her experiencing her first romance. The picture is an original screen play and was made at Universal studios by the same staff which produced all former Deanna Durbin successes.

Deanna will be seen as an orphan girl who is forced to live with an aunt and uncle, and two cousins her own age. They are rich and snobbish and look upon Deanna as a poor relation. The star's personality, consideration and kindness win over the servants and finally bring about an upheaval in the family.

In the picture Deanna encounters her first love affair, a boy and girl romance between herself and Robert Stack, a screen newcomer in the role of a young bachelor who is the object of the affections of Deanna and of Helen Parrish, who plays one of the snobbish cousins. And in the romance Deanna receives her first screen kiss—and her first proposal of marriage.

Rear the ads in the Press-Courier. You will find them filled with holiday gift suggestions.

A Merry Christmas to All A New Buick or A Pontiac

Would Make the Finest Gift for the Entire Family, as Would Also One of Our Late Model, Select Group of

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EVERY USED CAR WE SELL IS GUARANTEED BY OUR CO-OPERATIVE PARTS AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

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ALL GOOD TIRES, LOW MILEAGE. LOOKS AND RUNS LIKE NEW. FOR THE MAN WHO LIKES A LARGER CAR.

BUICK Model 48, Two Door Touring Sedan, with Radio \$785

LAFAYETTE 1937 Coupe for \$425

BUICK 1937, Model 41, 6 wheels, Equipped with Radio \$625

PONTIAC 1937, 2-door Touring Sedan with Radio \$465

PONTIAC 1936 4-door Touring Sedan with Radio \$425

FORD 1936 Two Door Sedan, is priced at \$325

BUICK 1935, Model 41, Four Door Sedan, priced at \$390

PONTIAC 1933 Four Door Sedan, at \$135

SEE OUR INDOOR PROVING GROUND!

WESTRICK MOTOR CO.

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Merry Christmas!

To our hundreds of friends!

MAY HAPPINESS AND JOY BE WITH YOU ON THIS MOST FESTIVE OF OCCASIONS. THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THIS STORE WISH YOU THE MERRIEST OF CHRISTMASSES!

BARNES STORE CO.

BAKERTON, PENNA.