

NO, SIR!
I NEVER BUY
OF PEDDLER

**NOT WITH SUCH FINE
BARGAINS IN OUR
HOME NEWSPAPER!**

NOTICE
THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY hereby gives notice that on the 15th day of November, 1946, it filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity permitting abandonment of (1) that portion of the Shick's Cove Branch extending from a point south of Curry to the end of

FREE!
BLACHPORD'S
AMATEUR HOUR
SHOW
123 P. M. EVERY SUNDAY
BROADCAST FROM
W. F. B. G.

the branch at Henrietta, a distance of approximately 3 miles; and (2) that portion of the Bellwood Branch extending from a point north of Bellwood to a point south of Blandburg, a distance of approximately 2.25 miles; all in Blair and Cambria Counties, Pennsylvania.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY v73

LEGAL NOTICE
The following Account has been examined and passed by the Register of Wills and remains on file in his office, for the inspection of parties interested and, unless exceptions are filed thereto, will be presented to the Orphans' Court for absolute confirmation on Monday, December 16, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., at which time the Court will proceed to the auditing of same:

Partial Account of R. E. Sharbough, Executor of C. A. Sharbough, Attorney for Accountant: Fred J. Fess.

A. A. NELSON, President Judge of the Orphans' Court, MICHAEL J. HARTNETT, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Ebensburg, Pa., Nov. 16, 1946. v79

Administrator's Notice.
In the Estate of Frank H. Beers, late of Roade Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration in the Estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

HAROLD G. TROXEL, Administrator, Glasgow, Pa.
Morgan W. Evans, Attorney for Estate, Ebensburg Trust Building, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. et

The Union Press-Courier is equipped to do all types of job work. Place your next order with us.



God Rest You—

God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was born upon this day.
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas Day!

—Old English Carol

**Legends Tell Story
Of Christmas Tree**

Christmas trees are as old as Christmas itself, if the story which has come down to us from the first Yuletide is true.
The legend relates that after the Three Wise Men and the shepherds who had heard the angels sing "Peace on earth and good will to men" had worshiped Mary's babe, trees began coming to Bethlehem to worship the Holy Child; trees from all parts of the world.

First came the native palms from around Bethlehem, then came the maples, oaks, birches and hemlocks. At last there crept in a tiny fir tree from the frozen North. It was so small and modest that none paid any attention to it until suddenly a star dropped from the skies and twinkled on a bough of the little tree, then another and another, until the fir tree was spangled with celestial lights.

Decoration Men is Old.
Many more stories are told about the Christmas tree. The idea of decorating trees for festivals is very old, going back to the Egyptian pharaohs, whose people dressed their homes with palm leaves in mid-winter.

Another story is about Winifred, an English crusader who happened upon a grove of Thor's oaks, one of which was a young fir with a mighty oak in honor of Thor, their thunder god. Winifred stopped them from sacrificing a young boy to appease Thor's "anger," then with his great sword felled the oak with one stroke. In its place there suddenly appeared a young fir with a star twinkling on its top branch.

"Here," said the Christian knight, "is the living tree. This shall be the sign of your new worship. Carry this fir tree into your home and worship it there."
Origin of Tree.
Some historians say the Christmas tree originated in Alsace in 1605 when the people brought fir trees to their homes and decorated them with paper roses, apples and wafers.
America's first Christmas tree was set up in Foster, Ohio, in 1818, by August Ingard, a German immigrant. The first lighted tree in a church was at a Cleveland Lutheran church in 1848.

**Christmas Decorations
Have Deep Meaning**

Not many, probably, know of the deeper meaning associated with the three plants we ordinarily use for Christmas decorations, an authority writes. The holly has prickles and red berries. By the prickles we confess the bitter life of Jesus on earth, His watchings, His fastings, His weariness, His crown of thorns. By the berries we confess that He shed His blood for sinners.
The yew has little outside bark, but only a small rind, to teach us not to make a great outside show of religion; it is a lasting timber, suggesting the soundness of a Christian; it has many branches, meaning plentifulness in good works; and it is always green and prospering, even as the Christian should always grow and thrive in grace.
The laurel has the significance of victory. Jesus came into the world to loose the bands of sin, and to ascend up into Heaven, leading captivity captive.

When Pope Noel comes to France a French Christmas, the French Santa, "Pope Noel," comes on Christmas eve with gifts to pack into empty shoes. In southern France the burning of the Yule log is a ceremony when wine is poured over it as it blazes in the hearth.

Many Christmas trees are located in Florida, Kentucky, Maine and Arizona. All are small towns. But on December 25 it is Christmas everywhere.

**NEW YEAR'S
CELEBRATION**



LUCILE PARKER was standing at the door of her apartment looking out at a gorgeous New Year's setting—the heavily packed snow, the crisp seasonal atmosphere and the moon shining down upon it all!

"What a night!" thought she. What fun it would be to join in the New Year's celebration for once. This she had not done for some time, as her husband had always attended the annual stag party and had never thought she minded.

Now when he kissed her good-by and happily rushed off, she somehow felt a stifling vacancy in her heart, and longed to go with him.

The stag party, ablaze with lights, was in full swing, the very air permeated with the rip-roaring,



In Rashed a Band of Masqueraders Waving Banners.

hilarious spirit of New Year's! Streamers and decorations hung from walls and ceiling, also banners bearing all sorts of quotations such as "No Ladies," "Night of Nights," and so on.

At the very height of the celebration with the music raging in thunderous tones, the door opened, and in rushed a band of masqueraders waving banners, blowing horns and scattering confetti.

The orchestra started playing—"My Wife's Gone to the Country, Hurrah!"

That was too much! The masqueraders pulled the masks from their faces and the startled stage beheld their own wives.

Before they knew it each one had a partner and was dancing merrily, regardless of entangled streamers and confetti, regardless of the unexpected interruption, regardless of everything, only conscious of the New Year's Spirit.

© Western Newspaper Union.

**New Year's Day
Saw History Made**

New Year's day may not seem very momentous to us, but in the past it has seen history made. It was the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of negro slaves.

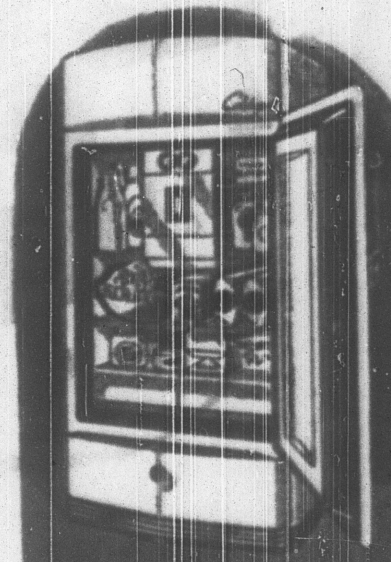
Following is a list of important events that took place on New Year's day:

- January 1
- 28 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.
- 1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
- 1735 Paul Revere born.
- 1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
- 1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
- 1792 Kentucky entered the Union.
- 1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
- 1814 American dragons attacked the British who had seized St. Paul, N. Y.
- 1815 Gen. Jackson repulsed British when they attacked New Orleans.
- 1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
- 1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves went into effect by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1907 Pure food law put into effect.
- 1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
- 1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

**Old New Year Customs
Survive in Scotland**

In Scotland, New Year's day is said to transcend Christmas as the most important festival of the year. Many old customs still are preserved and widely followed. "First footing" is a midnight custom of New Year's eve. The person who first, after the stroke of the new year, sets foot inside the house of a friend, remains the guest throughout the day and is a privileged friend throughout the year.

**An Ideal
Xmas Gift!
COLDSPOT**



Price Reduced for Xmas Only . Now **\$138**

The super-six offers you famous Coldspot quality—plus dazzling beauty and the last word in convenience. Gleaming stainless steel shelves . . . stackable foodex with two porcelain drawers and glass shelves . . . convenient storage tray with aluminum cover . . . convenient hand-bin . . . everything you ever hoped for is there—Plenty of shelf space, too . . . 11-2 sq. ft. In fact, all the features of a \$200 box.

INDIANA JOHNSTOWN
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
In the estate of John W. Lilly, deceased, late of the Borough of Patton, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

C. J. URICH, Executor, Hastings, Pa.
C. RANDOLPH MYERS, Attorney for Executor, Ebensburg, Pa.

SUB. MERCHANT
You Can Rent An Ad Space Here In Our NEXT ISSUE

COWHER, NEHRIG & CO.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

"SERVICE"

To the Community.
To the Individual.
To Young or Old.

This Bank bases its business aims and its ambitions as a community endeavor on

CONSERVATIVE SERVICE

First National Bank
at Patton

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



—AND AGAIN we have an opportunity to tell our friends, our customers in the communities served by us, that we wish them the **MERRIEST CHRISTMAS** they ever had. We wish we could visit each one of you to greet you personally . . . to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage, your good will, and your unflinching courtesy — but since this is impossible, we are using this space as a means of expressing our sentiments. Though the ad may not be large, the spirit behind it is — every member of the management and sales force of our stores sincerely wish you and yours the merriest Christmas ever and a Happy New Year.

McCrorry's
5c and 10c Stores

PATTON — EBENSBERG — BARNESBORO
CRESSON — PORTAGE — SOUTH FORK
WINDBER — INDIANA

J. EDW. STEVENS
FUNERAL DIRECTOR

KNOWN BY SERVICE

PHONE SERVICE, Day 3651, Night 2651