

Russell Little Made Seven Hundred Pictures During the War of Local Service People

Sent Photos to 400 Local Boys for Mailing Home During Yuletide Season of 1944; Collection Is Now Stored Away

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Christmas, 1946, should revive many fond memories in the minds and hearts of the residents of Patton area for Russell J. Little, better known as "Russ."

The Patton druggist with his thoughtfulness and kindness brought much happiness into the homes of many servicemen during the Yuletide holidays of 1944, at a time when many hearts were laden with anxiety.

Christmas, 1944, brought the "battle of the bulge" in Europe and to many Patton residents it brought increased concern for their loved ones. But perhaps a little of that concern was erased by the pictures received from their servicemen-sons, all through the courtesy of Russ Little.

An amateur photographer and owner of the Patton Drug Co., Russ "snapped" the pictures of all Patton area servicemen and women who would permit him to do so. Photos Sent Airmail

Prior to the 1944 Christmas season he sent over 40 snapshots, including an extra envelope for mailing the picture home, to service personnel. The postcards, all sent airmail, were mailed in October to those stationed in the States and abroad.

With each picture went a copy of a letter which read: "I am inclosing a Christmas card and an extra envelope for you to mail to a loved-one for Christmas. Wish you an early overseas Merry Christmas season, and hoping that we will see all you boys home soon. As ever, Russell J. Little."

Russ summed up his personal satisfaction with the statement, "I really got a big kick out of sending the boys pictures during the Christmas holidays of 1944."

From Several Sources

The picture collection, which has grown to well over 700, was partially produced from reprints from photographs sent home by the soldiers to their relatives and friends. Others were snapped in Russ' home studio above his drug store. All prints are mounted and of the same size.

The collection was displayed in

BAKERTON ITEMS

By M. A. PANCAK

BARNESBORO MISS BRIDE OF WILLIAM PATTON AT RECENT CEREMONY

At a pretty candlelight service in the Methodist Church at Bakerton, Miss Phyllis Tripp, daughter of Mrs. George Smeed of Barnesboro, became the bride of William Joseph Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Patton of Bakerton, on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 6 o'clock. Rev. Ralph S. Krouse officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Miss Ruby Williams was organist.

Miss Kathryn Shaner attended the bride as maid of honor and Miss Thelma Pattison, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. Cadet Nurse Regina Schilling of Johnstown, and Paul Schilling of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dooley and children of Johnson City, N. Y., visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Muir.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Columbus included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Molinari and sons, Angelo and Joseph, of Potosi.

Mr. Harvey Fowler of Akron, O., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fowler.

Miss Lona Girolami of Pittsburgh spent the holiday here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Girolami.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pancazak were recent callers in Johnstown. Miss Bernetta Bonifil of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bertolino and son of Indiana were recent callers at the home of Mrs. Vincenzina Bonifil.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donatelli and family spent a few days in Altoona recently.

Miss Agnes Polites visited with friends in Hollidaysburg recently. Mr. and Mrs. Pius Murphy and son, "Mickey" of Akron called on friends and relatives here.

CHRISTENING FEAST HELD HERE SUNDAY

A christening feast was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Contorchick in honor of their granddaughter, Joann Polinsky, Polinsky of Conneaut Lake, who was baptized at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sunday a P. M. The couple now are residing temporarily at the home of the groom's parents.

These items arrived too late for publication (last week.) Holiday guests at the home of Miss Ruby G. Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnston and son, all of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams of Cresson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pancazak of Wilkes-Barre spent the week end here at the home of Mrs. Joseph Pancazak.

Mrs. Charles Horn and daughter, Bernadine, were visiting in Philadelphia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polites and daughter of Akron are spending a week here at the Nicholas Krynick and John Polites Sr. homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riddles and daughter, Marion, of York, Pa., were callers during the week at the home of Mrs. Sue Regan.

Miss Gladys Wiseman, a student at Penn State, spent the holiday here at the home of her parents.

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