

Christmas Program At Dry Run School Set Next Thursday

Event Scheduled 1:30; Public Asked to Attend

The pupils of the Dry Run Public School will present a Christmas Program next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22, starting at 1:30 o'clock, and the parents and the public are cordially invited to attend. The program will be as follows:

Mixed Up Welcome by Twila Legrande and David Fiasco; opening songs, America and Silent Night, by group; greeting, James Humenik; recitation, Lazy Betty by Judith Sholtis; recitation, Christmas Time by Myrna Merrill; song, Baby Jesus by Phyllis Baker; recitation, That's Christmas by Twila Legrande; recitation, Hark! Hark! Hark! by William Bantker; song, Candy Kisses by Phyllis and Hazel Baker; recitation, Christmas Cheer by Irene Lallemand; recitation, Merry Christmas by James Lallemand; song, Here Comes Santa Claus, by Phyllis Baker and Myrna Merrill; dialogue, A Christmas Lesson by Grace Prosser, Shirley Prevost, Judith Sholtis and John Bailey; recitation, A Christmas Story by Alfred Delattre; recitation, A Sure Way by Patty Delaso; reading, A Nice Mary by Arthur Gobert; recitation, A Little Girl by Barbara Shulik; song, Santa's Coming by Twila Legrande and Irene and James Lallemand; recitation, The Greatest Man by Joseph Rabick; recitation, To You by Arthur Gobert; dialogue, Grandpa's Christmas Surprise, by third and fourth grade children; song, The Old Fashioned Tree, by Myrna Merrill and Phyllis Baker; read-

ing, Smiles, by Richard Roberts, Blair Baker and Robert Whitman; song, Jingle Bells by the school; recitation, A Christmas Speech, Myrna Merrill; tableaux, A Busy Mother, Nancy Kirkpatrick; reading, The Nicest Day by James Lallemand and John Merrill; baton act by James Humenik, Grace Prosser, Twila Legrande, Myra Merrill and Irene Lallemand; baton act by Irene Lallemand and Twila Legrande; dialogue, A Visit To Santa Claus by entire group; song, Come All Ye Faithful, pupils of rooms 1 and 2 and the closing song, Good-by to You, by the 3rd and 4th grade pupils.

Frank Schwab Is Rotary Speaker

Tells of Operation of Patton Recreation Park

Frank Schwab, chairman of the Patton Recreation Commission, discussed the commission at a meeting of the Hastings Rotary Club last Tuesday in Demento's Restaurant in Hastings.

In his talk, Mr. Schwab, former All-American football player at Lafayette University, told of Patton Recreation Park, a social center in Patton, the community swimming pool and the program which kept the centers in operation. An open discussion was held after the address. Some of his experiences as a football player then were related by Mr. Schwab. Rev. Father Adalbert Kalsch of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Hastings, reported that the recreation center in the basement of the church will open this week. This will be the second such center to open in Hastings—the other being in the Hastings Methodist church.

Rent Control Office Getting Reports Of Overcharging

The area Rent Control Office in Johnstown gets reports each month on between 30 and 40 landlords who have not registered their rental units.

And in nearly all cases, says Leo H. Akers, rent director, the landlords are overcharging. In many of the cases landlords are not aware of the fact that their units went under rent control as of April 1, 1949, the date the new rent law became effective. In other cases landlords never have registered their units in the seven-year history of rent control.

November was a particularly busy month for the rent office at 124 Main Street, Johnstown. A total of 2,386 persons visited the office, 1,596 asked their questions by telephone and 786 made inquiries by letter or card. That's a bigger volume of service business than was handled in October.

During the past month 178 petitions to increase rents on 246 units were approved. Nine were denied. The 265 units rented for a total of \$5,798 before the boost and \$7,583 afterwards. Reductions in rents are sometimes ordered too, Mr. Akers said. In November 58 such cases were processed and 30 reductions were ordered. The first rent charged by a landlord was higher than the comparable rent permitted under the rent law.

Of the 79 formal complaints filed by tenants during November, nearly all were satisfactorily adjusted through the rent office practice of conference with the landlords involved.

Landlords refunded \$345.70 as the result of overcharges. Court action is taken only as a last resort after voluntary compliance attempts fail.

The office is interested in all evictions on controlled units which they must be cleared through the rent office. Many persons still do not understand the regulations, Mr. Akers said. Copies of the question-and-answer sheet on the regulations are available at the Johnstown office.

COMPANY BUYS PROPERTY

The Bethlehem Steel Company of Johnstown last week bought a property containing 17 1/2 acres in Cambria Township from Russell J. and Nellie E. Edwards, of that place, for the sum of \$6,000.

Grand Jury Praises Officials At Cambria Co. Institutions

Venire Hands In Report Thursday Last Week

Cambria County's grand jury expressed itself as being generally well pleased with the condition of county-operated buildings and institutions when it submitted its customary report to the court last Thursday.

Highly commended by the jury were Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Beattie, warden and matron at the county jail; Mrs. Emma Daugherty, matron at the children's home; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McQuillen, superintendent and matron at the juvenile detention home; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, superintendent and matron at the county home for the aged, and District Attorney Samuel R. Di-Francesco and his staff.

The report to Judge John H. McCann was concluded with a number of recommendations. Rev. James Allen Kestle, pastor of the Franklin Street Methodist Church in Johnstown, was the foreman of the jury which made these suggestions:

County jail—Additional facilities for conducting workup sessions; enlargement of the jail library.

Children's home—Renewed plaster where needed; purchase of a clothes dryer; relocation of fire escapes between new and old buildings; repairs to the schoolhouse.

Detention home—Purchase of blinds, repainting of some rooms and repairing of a wall in an upstairs room.

County home—Replacement of steps with a ramp system and installation of fire walls; installation of higher gates at the top of stairs; further development of kitchen facilities; some steps to alleviate present over-crowded conditions.

Courthouse—New floor coverings in the courtrooms and at entrance to the library; operation of elevator during lunch hours; placement of water coolers in the courthouse halls.

Mining Vocational Training Gets 'Shot In Arm' At Safety Meeting

Interest in mining vocational training in the area underwent a definite revival at the meeting of Ebensburg Council, Joseph A. Holmes Association, last Friday night in the Ebensburg Courthouse.

A committee, which will study ways and means of setting up the educational program in district schools, will be appointed by the council in January.

Definite steps to train young men for the industry were taken after members discussed all aspects of the project.

Ira P. Bradley told of the council's efforts along similar lines a number of years ago. He pointed to the need for additional well-qualified workers in coal mining operations.

Joseph W. Hunt, head of the mineral industries extension service of Pennsylvania State College and E. M. Johnson, principal of Ebensburg-Cambria High School, were the principal speakers. Mr. Hunt reported on the mining education program being con-

Crochet Champ



HOLDING the victor's cup, Joseph Doling of Dunbar, N. J., smiles happily as he views his prize-winning entry in the men's division of the Needlecraft Bureau's nationwide crochet contest. The award was made at an exhibition in Chicago. (International Soundphoto)

Spangler Legion Hears Of Europe

Europe's economic condition was the subject of a talk by Raymond V. Lantzy during a meeting of Lyng's Wetherson Post 569, American Legion, in Spangler Sunday night, Dec. 4.

Mr. Lantzy, a Spangler resident recently returned from a trip to Europe. He said Germany is making a recovery in building to its pre-war economic level. England, on the other hand, he said, appears to be making little progress.

Application blanks for the veterans' bonus will soon be available at the post home it was announced. A community tree in the Spangler is now up and was decorated by post members.

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7 Persons Given Gambling Count Fines By Co. Courts

Forgery Charge Brings 11 to 22 Months In Jail

Ten persons—seven of them charged with gambling—entered pleas of guilty in court at Ebensburg on Monday afternoon. Those who appeared before Judge Ivan J. McEnrick were directed to pay fines of \$25 and costs of prosecution.

In another courtroom, Judge John H. McCann imposed fines of \$100 and costs on those who admitted to gambling. Both Judges suspended sentence on second charges where the defendant had been arrested more than once.

The other three defendants who appeared in court—all of them before Judge McCann—received sentences ranging from 11 months in jail to 19 months on probation.

The stiffest sentence went to Robert F. Horton who admitted to a charge of forgery. He was sentenced to serve from 11 months to 22 months in the county jail. Although Horton was identified as a resident of Johnstown, it was indicated that he had no permanent address recently. For a time he had been living alone in Upper Yoder Township, one officer said.

Assistant District Attorney, David C. Wolfe said that Horton had forged and cashed five checks, totalling \$141, in as many Johnstown business places. He indicated that there were other similar cases against the defendant.

Virgil Richardson, the first man to be arrested in this county under a new Act of Assembly, was told he should leave the county as soon as he paid costs of prosecution. Richardson, a resident of New York City, was arrested in Cresson on Nov. 29 for "loitering and prowling" in the vicinity of several Cresson business establishments. He could offer no explanation for his actions. He was sentenced to 10 days in

Starford Miner Is Killed In Leap From Moving Car

An Indiana County coal miner was killed last Wednesday evening when he jumped from a Starford mine. Two other men were injured when they also leaped from the string of cars.

Victim is August Pazlick, 30, of Starford.

BUY PROPERTY IN COUPON

Elmer J. Pettenati and Geno Bernazzoli, both of Coupon, last week bought a property fronting 68 feet on Walnut Street in Coupon from Joseph and Grace Lurie of Coupon for the sum of \$8,000.

The state inspector was told men were returning to the mine interior to complete the evening shift after dumping coal outside. The 10 empty cars and the locomotive ran out of control after the trolley pole left the wire. The cars came to a stop 700 feet from the accident scene and were undamaged. None was derailed.

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