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A Merry Christmas

Once again the months have rolled along and the Christmastide is at hand. Aside from the troubled condition in the world and the economic restrictions that will be placed upon our nation, in the interest of the world, to most households it means enjoying a happy experience these days and there has been more prosperity than has been the case for years. However, with the bleak outlook of the future, the joyousness of the season is somewhat dissipated.

The heritage of our American freedom dictates to us that there never is any real individual freedom unless we all are willing to sacrifice to attain, and retain, it. Therefore, this Christmas, like in the days of the wars of the Nation, must be tempered with the thought that we are relying upon the mercy of the Creator in making our world a peaceful one with justice and equality, peace and tranquility to all peoples. Perhaps if all of us had a bit more recourse to our Creator, to the principles expounded by the Prince of Peace, this Utopia might yet be realized.

Therefore it behooves us of the staff of the Union Press-Courier to wish each and everyone of our readers, our advertisers and our patrons the compliments of the season. A Very Merry Christmas! We do this in the thought that we all must rely upon the mercy of the Creator in making our world a peaceful one with justice and equality, peace and tranquility to all peoples. Perhaps if all of us had a bit more recourse to our Creator, to the principles expounded by the Prince of Peace, this Utopia might yet be realized.

But Christmas now is upon us. To the many homes and families throughout our area it will mean a day of real rejoicing and of thanksgiving that our still remains one land in which the individual is the master of his own soul. To the millions who live behind the Iron Curtain countries Christmas means little and the Babe of Bethlehem is denied the people the tenets of His teachings of nearly two thousand years ago. That we are privileged in this turbulent world to do so surely means that all of us really can enjoy the Spirit of Christmas.

Like all of the original settlements of these United States, in every nook and corner there were pioneers who blazed the trails of civilization. That also took place right here in our own Cambria County at Loretto, at Beulah, Ebenburg and old St. Joseph's Settlement (Hart's Sleeping Place), and in the factual and legendary stories that attend them all the Christmas season is mentioned with brighter aspects than the balance of those periods of progress. Like our pioneers, we too enter into the holiday spirit—let us hope with a thought of reverence rather than one of revelry.

On Closing for Christmas

The proclamation of Burgess Theodore Ott relative to the closing of beer and liquor dispensaries from 11 o'clock on Christmas Eve until the afternoon of Christmas Day surely can't be met with any other response than a laudatory movement by the great majority of our citizens. After all, Christmas is a holiday that is not intended for a carousing celebration. It should be a day of rejoicing spiritually—a day, too, of prayer.

Christmas is a day for the children. Of course to make it a joyous day the presence and full cooperation of the parents, both father and mother, is needed. Too often this is not the case in many a home. Maybe the parents, or at least one of them, are absent. Maybe that absence is causing sufficient worry to the rest of the family to completely ruin the holiday. The closing of the public drinking places is a wise and sensible move.

War Brought Home to Us

There is a tendency on the part of many people to view the Korean War as something apart from us—something that is happening thousands of miles away in Asia. But the casualty lists are reported the fact that we have been, and are, in a war is swiftly coming right back to our doorsteps. Fallen soldiers, sons of Northern Cambria County folks, are among those never again to come back home.

Like those days of World War II, there also are many parents, wives and loved ones here in our midst who live from day to day with an anticipated hope of receiving word from a soldier in the battle areas. They read the newspapers, they know their soldier is in danger. They can only hope and pray. Most every family well knows their plight from past experience.

Building A Fence

We note from time to time that this individual, or this club, has made a donation toward the building of a fence to the Patton Athletic Field. That's good news for the community, and particularly for the folks of our area who are interested in sports—the backbone of good Americanism. Patton, over the past couple of years, has accomplished the construction of the basic groundwork for a fine athletic field. While there are some other things to be done before it meets with the standards looked forward to by the promoters, the main objective presently is to enclose the field with a fence.

It's a sad commentary on the population of most all communities that there are always a number of people who want to have the pleasure of witnessing sporting events without paying for the entertainment. Naturally, if all people were of that disposition there would be few sports for sports cost money. Fencing in of the athletic fields leaves these parasites on the outside—or else, they pay. Let's hope that when the spring months arrive, the construction of a fence around the Patton Athletic Field will have become a realization.

Let's Pull Together

To our mind, a statement, or rather a plea we heard the other night hits the nail on the head. It was made by Arthur Godfrey, nationally-known entertainer, and although we can't remember his exact words or convey in writing the soft tones of his voice, it went something like this:

I'm not much at making speeches. We all have our fun and our laughs these days, but deep inside us there is an awareness of the times around us. We know that we are in a bad way, we work for a boss and if we have something constructive to offer, whether we like the man or not, we give it to him and let him expand and work out the details of the idea. We don't go around complaining because he isn't much of a boss.

All of us are part of this great nation. Individually we may or may not have voted for the administration in power, but the majority of the people did. A lot of would-be "tailors-in-the-back" would do better to offer constructive ideas rather than just point out that everything is all wrong. They should let the President and Secretary of State know what they think would be best to do. For gosh sakes, let's all work together.

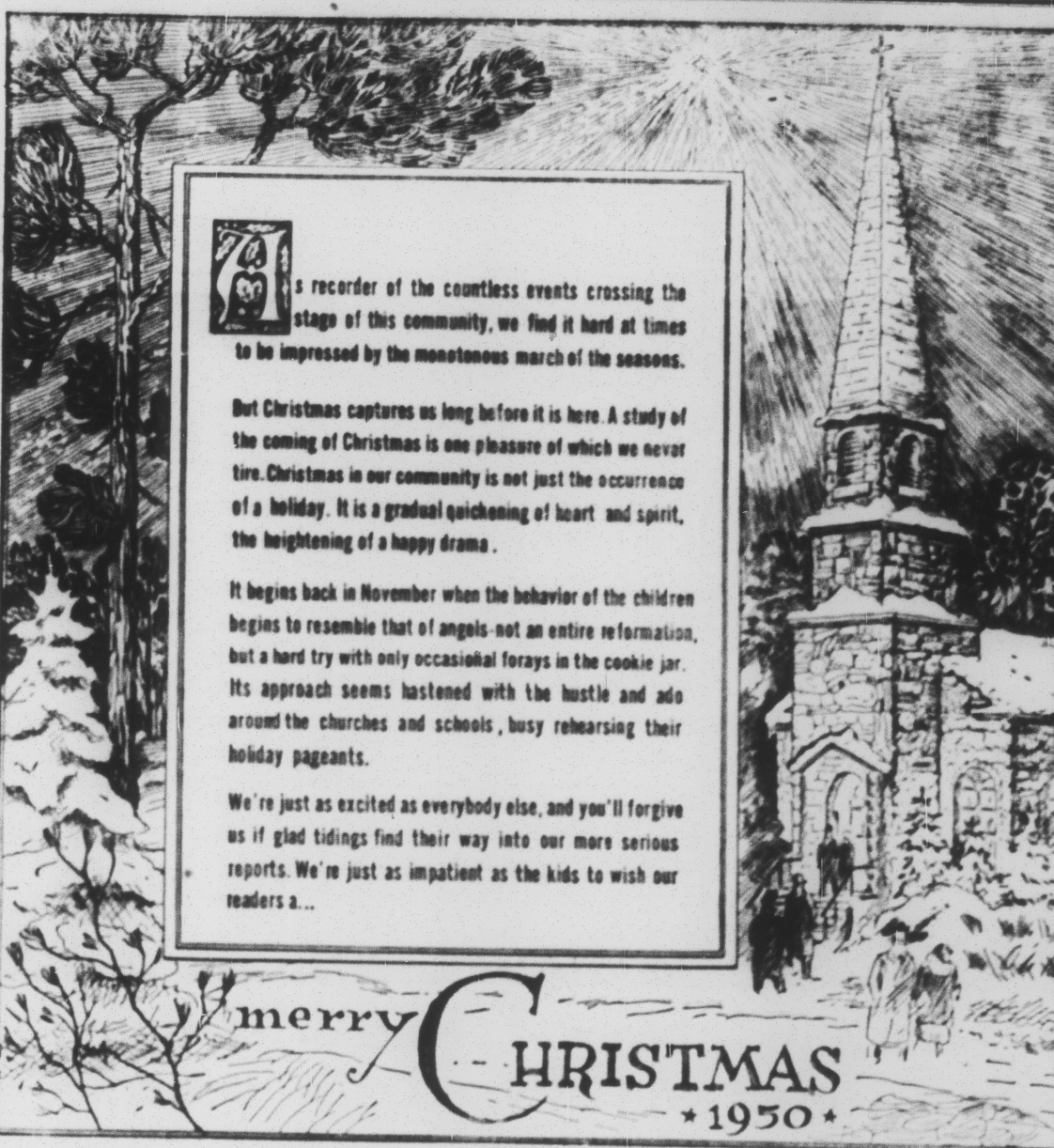
A Pat On the Back

Earlier this month Mrs. Margaret S. Cramer, consultant for the State Department of Welfare, visited the Patton County Commissioners and the Cambria County Home management at the manner in which conditions have changed at the County Home during the past couple of years. After spending four hours on an inspection of the institution she dropped into the Commissioners' Office and complimented them on the way improvements have been made.

News stories have told the people of her laudatory report. The Board of Commissioners has spent much time and money to improve some of the institution's conditions. If conditions have been made at times, they were not intentional, and the sum total of our county's progress is the fact that the County Home is now in the hands of the present county administration.

Unfortunately, politics and politicians and newspaper stories usually lead all the faults that happen, but seldom the accomplishments that have been made in far greater degree. Along the line of those accomplishments are the County Home improvements, the new Children's Home now in course of construction, and many other things in both county general and institutional district categories.

Despite the unfortunate affair at the Cambria County Jail, notwithstanding the fact that the jail conditions in Cambria County have been listed by the state as the best in this section of the Commonwealth, and, in fact, among the best in Pennsylvania. Rating in Cambria County is good. In every one of our adjoining counties the conditions have withered away or are being improved. Action of the prison board and voluntary resignations have been care of the serious problem.



...a recorder of the countless events crossing the stage of this community, we find it hard at times to be impressed by the monotonous march of the seasons.

But Christmas captures us long before it is here. A study of the coming of Christmas is one pleasure of which we never tire. Christmas in our community is not just the occurrence of a holiday. It is a gradual quickening of heart and spirit, the heightening of a happy drama.

It begins back in November when the behavior of the children begins to resemble that of angels—not an entire reformation, but a hard try with only occasional forays in the cookie jar. Its approach seems hastened with the hustle and ado around the churches and schools, busy rehearsing their holiday pageants.

We're just as excited as everybody else, and you'll forgive us if glad tidings find their way into our more serious reports. We're just as impatient as the kids to wish our readers a...

merry CHRISTMAS
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George H. Wargo, BHS High Scorer, Gets Trophy

George Hester Wargo of this place, a junior in Barnesboro High School, and a swift moving, hard-hitting halfback on the BHS Red Dragon grid team, received a trophy at the banquet last Thursday evening for the high school band and football team for being the leading scorer in the tri-county area. Congratulations Hester.

Recent Deaths

Miss Grace Williams
 Hastings—Miss Grace Williams, 42 of this place, died at 4:45 a. m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 in the Miners' Hospital, Spangler. She was born Oct. 19, 1868 in Hastings, a daughter of William and Ethel (Cann) Williams.

Thomas I. Coulter
 Dean—Thomas I. Coulter, 74, of this place died at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, at his home from an heart attack. He was born in St. Augustine on Oct. 23, 1874, a son of John and Rebecca (Smith) Coulter.

Samuel Oldham
 Colver—Samuel Oldham, 54, of 154 First Street, died last Saturday, Dec. 16 at his home. He was born in Osceola Mills, July 5, 1896, a son of the late Samuel T. and Sara (Simms) Oldham.

Might Help Him
 The New York judge who sentenced a man to jail because he was lazy probably merely sent him up for a stretch.—The Altoona Mirror.

Christmas Greetings

May Christmas be a magic time of happiness for you—with everything you need to make for the realization of all your wishes.

May each day that follows prolong this magic spell and bring you good health and prosperity.

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Gallitzin Peewee Basketball League Underway Today

Gallitzin's Peewee Basketball League gets underway today, Dec. 21 at 7 o'clock, officials announced this week.

All games will be played in the high school gym. Openers in the six-team loop are the Polish Falcon Club against the Moose; St. Michael's Slovak Society against the Italian Mutual Society and UMW against the American Legion.

Gorman Peters is in charge of officials while Paul Rocus will handle the official scoring. Guy Monick, high school coach, and Harry Aho, junior varsity coach, head the rules interpretation committee.

Team rosters are as follows: Italian Mutual Society—Coach Alfred Buzzella, Chester Perry, James Sanders, John Novak, Val Vignasi, Gerard Grabowski; Nick Brennan, Richard Sprouse, Tony Roman, Tom Sopata and Don

Season's Greetings

It is truly a pleasure to greet you with our very best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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CHICK HATCHERY BURNS

Lancaster—(PNS)—Several of the large buildings of the Blue Lake Chick Hatchery near here were swept by fire and destroyed with a loss estimated at \$12,000 by firemen. Chicks and considerable amount of valuable equipment were destroyed.

Neighbors are people who cook onions with the windows open when you are going to have company.

Season's Greetings

The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

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