

An auto club official says that motorists who speed across the country miss a great deal. He should see the broken fences and telephone poles.

To All of You—A Very Merry Christmas



Blessed be this great day and the year to come. May the Lord watch over the ones you love.

MADMOISELLE SHOPPE
PATTON, PA.

PEACE ON EARTH

Charter Members Honored By K. of C.

Charter member night was observed by the Barnesboro Council, Knights of Columbus, Tuesday of the last week at a meeting in the Polish Legion Hall on Bigler Ave., Spangler.

A charter for this council was obtained 31 years ago. Fifty men of the original membership in Council 227 are active today in the organization.

Dr. C. E. Overberger, an initial officer and one of the present trustees, gave an interesting talk on the history of the council. A spiritual message was given by Rev. Father John R. Reichert.

Following the business sessions, a card game, having a Christmas turkey as first prize, was conducted by G. J. Durbin. Otto Kline of Spangler became owner of the award.

To Renovate Classrooms

Gallitzin Borough School Board last Thursday evening announced renovation plans for two high school classrooms at a meeting in the school.

New lighting will be installed in the commercial room and in the laboratory. New furniture also will be purchased and installed in the rooms. Next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 10.

To Inspect Eating Places

Members of Barnesboro Board of Health last Thursday night announced that eating and drinking establishments in the borough will be inspected Jan. 2-15.

Businesses whose sanitary conditions are found wanting will lose their licenses if they still do not meet the board's health requirements following a 15-day grace period.

Perfect Present

By Willard Olvan Persing

THE REASSURING WEIGHT of the nickels and dimes in his pocket took the bite out of the raw Saturday afternoon. Surveying the street from the eminence of three dollars for the first time in his eleven years, Jimmy Sands thought it was a pretty nice world after all.

After enjoying this sense of prosperity for a few seconds, he remembered that he'd have to hurry if he wanted to hide the Christmas present before his mother woke up from her nap. A frown came over his face as he glanced around to locate his pup. Mike wasn't anywhere in sight.

He started to whistle, but his attention was caught by little Sammy Farr, big-eyed with excitement and fright, running toward him.

"Hey, Jimmy!" called Sammy. "They took Mike!"

Jimmy's heart sank. He knew who 'they' meant, but he had to make sure. "Who took him?"

"The dogcatcher. Mike tried to run away, but they caught him down at the corner."

Little Sammy wiped his nose on a ragged cuff. "I didn't have time to hide him like we always did be-



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fore when that old dogcatcher came around.

"I shouldn't have left him down here by myself, but I didn't wait to wake Mom up." Jimmy sat down on the step and buried his face in his hands. Sure, he thought, they'll keep Mike five days before they get rid of him, but a license will cost two dollars and a half.

Then he straightened up; he had three dollars in his pocket, three dollars all his own, that he had earned by running errands, selling junk, and saving the few pennies that his mother had given him for candy.

If he bought a license for Mike, he wouldn't be able to buy the new purse for his mother, but he could buy a nice handkerchief or something with the fifty cents that he would have left.

A boy of eleven couldn't cry in front of a seven-year-old so Jimmy blinked away the tears that came when he thought of fuzzy, playful Mike being tossed into a pen full of big snarling dogs.

"I wonder if they'll feed him good?"

A SENSE OF SHAME kept recurring when Jimmy thought of his mother's shabby old purse. She'd had it as long as he could remember, and he had seen her stop several times to admire the shiny black one with the gold-colored clasp that was in Hoffberg's window. He had been looking forward to Christmas morning when she could carry the new one proudly to church instead of hiding the old one's shabbiness by tucking it under her arm. It just wouldn't be right to spend that money for Mike's license.

"Come on, Sammy, if you'll keep it a secret, I'll let you go with me to buy Mom's present." Maybe he could leave the purse with the landlady until after his mother had gone to work. Jimmy was glad that she wouldn't have to clean up those offices on Christmas Eve and Christmas night.

Jimmy's mother smiled at him over the potatoes she was peeling for their supper. "Didn't you come up the front way?"

"Yes," Jimmy closed the door and walked over to stare out the one window in their room.

"You didn't leave Mike out in front?"

"No—" The tears that he had been holding back poured out. "The dogcatcher took him away." Jimmy sank into a chair by the table and buried his head in his arms.

Smiling to herself, Jimmy's mother placed a comforting hand on his shoulder and said, "I think it will be all right with Santa if you get your present tonight instead of tomorrow night." She took an envelope out of the shabby purse that lay on the table. "Merry Christmas, Jimmy."

Something in her voice made Jimmy open the envelope and look inside. "Mike's license!" Jimmy grabbed his cap and started for the door.

"You had better wait till tomorrow, Jimmy. It's late, and it's a long way over to the dog pound. They'll take good care of Mike."

FATHER OF THREE KILLED
Exeter—(PNS)—A 29-year-old miner, Henry Casper, of Old Forge, was almost instantly killed when struck by some runaway cars at a coal company here. He was the father of three children.

—Today should slay by one's best and most enjoyed day.

CONTRIBUTION Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf," or "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.

STABLE AT BETHLEHEM:
The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

TO FACE 10 CHARGES
Philadelphia—(PNS)—At least ten indictments face Philadelphia Councilman James G. Clark, who last month was defeated for reelection to that post. Assistant District Attorney Theodore L. Reimel said the charges include embezzlement.

Fresh, Moist Christmas Tree Actually Difficult to Ignite

Put It In Water Soon
As Possible After Cut

The most practical, satisfactory and convenient way to keep the Christmas tree fresh, green and resistant to fire is to select a fresh tree and then keep it in water.

So says the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A fresh, moist tree actually is difficult to burn and is easily kept so all during the holidays. One way to test for freshness before buying is to shake the tree and see if any needles fall. If so, the tree already is dry and will soon lose its looks and become a nuisance in the house. Also, if it is too old, it will not be able to draw up water.

A fresh tree that is given water will keep its color, fragrance and look alive. As soon as the tree is brought home, throw water all over it. Then cut about an inch off the butt end, slant-

wise, to open the pores for drawing up water. Set the freshly cut end promptly in water and keep the tree in a shady place until it comes indoors for trimming.

To hold the tree in water, a crosswise rack may be fitted over a pail or other container, concealed by a cover of metal foil. Small stones or brick pieces in the container to give weight and support so the tree won't topple.

Add water daily, because a five- or 6-foot tree can take up as much as a cup a day. Every needle gives off moisture in the warm dry air of the house and the tree must replace this moisture to keep fresh. The more moisture, the more fragrance.

For safety, set the tree away from the radiator, fireplace, stove, candles, hot light bulbs, or the television set—also out of entranceways or the line of traffic

Afternoon Woolens



Chalky green frock with vestee

WONDERFUL woolens play a starring role in the current sartorial scene, not only for smart daytime casuals but for charming afternoon numbers. A delicate pastel, chalky green, is the color chosen for this afternoon dress of sheer wool made with a molded bodice and a flaring skirt that can be worn with a stiffened petticoat if desired. Color is added by a little crossed-over vestee of green and pink plaided sheer that fills in the scooped-out neckline with its tiny standing collar.

GREETINGS



The abiding peace of Christmas be in your hearts

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For Christmas visitors. Most Christmas tree shoppers want a symmetrical tree with the branches even all around, but a flat-sided tree—which may not look so attractive outdoors—may be more convenient and better suited to a small room because it will fit against a wall or into a corner. Such a tree usually sells for less than one of perfect shape.

Christmas Cheer

At Christmas time we celebrate His coming. His wisdom. His Faith. Let us remember in the months ahead, the cheer that His teachings brought us now—and live by them every day.

Grand Theatre

Patton, Pa.

Merry Christmas

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Let's all do our best to have the happiest holiday of our lives

Hastings Bottling Works

Hastings, Pa.

Men of Good Will...

Offer to each other, their sincere blessings for a joyous Christmas, with Peace and Happiness for all. Accept them, these wishes of ours. Merry Christmas to all of our friends.

KELLY'S FAIRLAWN STORE

CARROLLTOWN, PA.

Merry Christmas

WALTER McCOY
POST 614
American Legion
PATTON

It's a wonderful family holiday—one we hope you all will enjoy to the utmost

Merry Christmas

Decorate your homes with love and affection in this, the happiest time of the year

BAKERTON SUPPLY COMPANY

merry christmas

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand! As young and old raise their voices in tune with the Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.

"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace, good health and continued happiness."

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