

Planning Purchase Of Electric Pump

Because of an emergency condition, Cambria County Commissioners last week received court permission to purchase an electric pump without going through the procedure of advertising for bids—the pump will cost approximately \$2,000.

The new equipment will be used in the heating system for the Ebensburg Courthouse. At the present time there are two such units

in operation, but are reported in poor condition and likely to break down.

The pumps provide the power which circulates steam from two boilers through the courthouse heating system. The order for the new pump has been placed with the Stanton Barnhart Heating & Plumbing Co. of Johnstown.

In petitioning the court for permission to make a direct purchase the commissioners said that because of the scarcity of electric pumps, they did not believe they would receive bids even if advertisements were circulated.



May your happiness be complete and all-embracing in the days to come

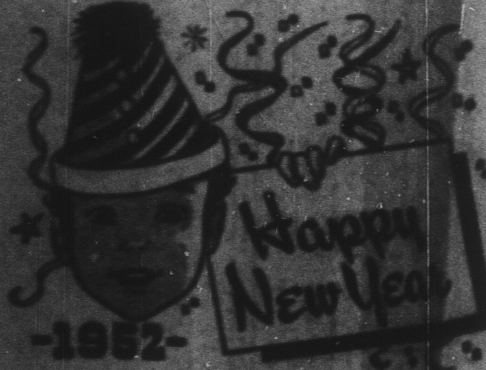
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Calendar, Relatively New, Unified Time

The Gregorian calendar has been in popular usage only since the late 16th century, and was the first calendar to bring about such a world unity on the time front.

Yet it has not satisfied everyone. In fact, someone is always trying to introduce a new one.

One of these, concocted by a schoolboy about the time of the first World War, was considered seriously for many years. It was even brought to the attention of Congress in 1945 and the countries of China and Great Britain showed interest.

Entitled the Edwards Perpetual Calendar, the plan offers striking revisions from the present Gregorian. To start, New Year's Day is not attached to any month of the year, but precedes Monday, January 1. Monday, incidentally, always starts the week, with Saturday and Sunday at the end of the week, where, it would seem, a week-end belongs.

There are 91 days in each quarter, with 30 days in each of the first two months of a quarter; 31 in the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth months of the year. Christmas, birthdays and all other holidays would always fall on the same day each year, and, a feature appealing to the superstitious, there would never again be a Friday, the 13th.

And, lest we forget, something for the girls, leap year day would be a distinct 24-hour period between June and July—no more chance.

The calendar was worked out by Willard E. Edwards, a lieutenant in the navy during World War II. Edwards presented his calendar to the delegates to the San Francisco conference in 1943, where it met with much approval. He was soon swamped with letters from all parts of the world acclaiming the proposed calendar. Time, however, passes on and the pages of the Gregorian calendar still replace themselves, year after year.

Chatham Islanders Are First in World To See New Year In

Shepherds watching their flocks on the Chatham Islands, New Zealand, will welcome the New Year while milkmen in America are making their rounds on the last day of the old year.

When the bells of the little church on one of the islands, a British colony of about 200 persons, ring at midnight to welcome a new year, it is high noon according to Big Ben of London and is but 7 a.m. on sleepy New York.

Chatham Islanders always celebrate the New Year, first because they are located nearest to the starting point of time—the actuality's date line. It is made to curve east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean. The islands are just east of the line.

The incoming year leaves the islands and races westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. Chatham Islanders will be preparing to sit down to their New Year's dinner when rolling mobs are warming up to greet 1952 on Times Square.

Chinese Thought Debt Had to Be Paid Up By End of Old Year

The Chinese long hide New Year's traditions worthy of note. No doubt made popular by ear-mongers, there was an old belief that if one did not pay debts before midnight on New Year's Day, he lost "luck."

For centuries China celebrated New Year's during the first of the first moon, usually about the first of the February—but she was before adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1912.

In earlier times, celebration began a week prior to the Eve, when houses were paid to the Kitchen God and cleaned on the "Fifteenth day of the First Moon" by the Feast of Lanterns, or "Feng Chieh." It was a custom to exchange greeting cards and presents through the entire month.

TENNIS PARTY FOR KIDS
Hastings Local 953, U.M.W.A., Local Order of Moose, Firemen's Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hastings, joined together last Monday in giving children of the community a Christmas party.

To French Canadian 'Jour de L'An' A Great Occasion

The exchanging of gifts and general family reunions are important to the French-Canadian celebration of "Jour de L'An"—the New Year's Day.

The conclusion of Christmas day is the signal for a frenzied period of cooking and baking. Making ready for an overflow of relatives and visitors that mark the celebration of the first day of the year. In most Canadian cities, midnight Mass is celebrated and it is at Christmas time.

The "Patriarch," or "Pere," is an important man on New Year's Day. As each member of the French-Canadian family arises on the first day of each new year, he seeks not a word to anyone, but has been to the father of the house to ask for his blessing. Individually, all mem-



bers of the house come on bedded lines to ask, "Pere, give me your blessing," and the father exhibits a hand and says, "May God bless you, my child, I bless you with all my heart."

Just as at Christmas, everyone in the family goes to church, after which the family reunion gets underway. Mothers and daughters begin to sing and they, too, go first to the head of the house for his blessing.

The dinner for the day is almost a feast. The menu usually consists of soup, meat balls, tartlets, rolls, cream puffs and fruits.

After-dinner hours are spent in conversation among the older family members while the children play.

Sometimes during the first month of the year all the married members of the family take a turn at inviting the family over for a "fritot," or "fritot," the idea being that it starts a custom which will continue the course of the year.

January 1 Date Fairly Modern

The custom of welcoming in the New Year on January 1 is a relatively modern one. Down through history the holiday was a movable one and many people and nations celebrated at different times of the year.

The vernal equinox, March 22, was celebrated as the start of the new year by the Jews. The Greeks celebrated on December 21, the time of the winter solstice. The autumnal equinox, September 22, marked the beginning of a new year for ancient Egypt.

It was not until the coming of the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582, that the sundial was laid for a universal celebration. The continent of Europe, having celebrated New Year's on March 25 since medieval times, was the first to adopt the calendar popularly.

Yet it was not a complete adoption. Great Britain provided the weight that finally tipped the scales in favor of Gregory's calendar in 1752, when the British parliament officially established New Year's day as January 1.

Bible Foretold Future On New Year for Scots

The early Scots believed that it was possible to foretell the events of a coming year by turning to the Bible on New Year's Day.

It was long a custom to place the sacred book upon a table and open it at random, placing one finger on the printed page. The entire chapter then was read carefully, with the belief that the message it carried described in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.



YOUTH WILL BE SERVED . . .
And this one apparently is calling for service right away, which, after all, is in keeping with the spirit of the season. In other words, do right by the New Year and it will do right by you.

KEEP FARM RECORDS
To know what the farm business is doing, keep a farm account book, starting with the new year, reminds E. L. Moffitt, Penn State extension farm management specialist.

Cambria Women, 4-H Girls Asked To Exhibit Clothing At Farm Show

By Mrs. June K. Griffith, Home Economics Representative

Competition is keen in clothing classes at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Women and 4-H Club girls are advised to check carefully the garments they plan to exhibit.

In the open class division, any woman in Cambria County is eligible to make entries. We suggest that each would-be exhibitor obtain a copy of the premium list and observe carefully the rules and regulations for each class in which she plans to enter garments for competition.

All open class exhibits must be sent or brought to the show not later than 6 p. m. January 12. All articles of clothing should have been made in 1951 by the persons exhibiting them.

The 4-H Club classes are open to all 4-H girls who have made articles in the clubs in which they belong. Exhibits must meet 4-H Club requirements and be selected through elimination in a 4-H Club round-up. These articles will be selected by the extension representative.

All articles for exhibit in the 4-H Club classes must be sent to the Agricultural Extension Office, Courthouse, Ebensburg, before January 8. Mrs. Griffith will see that articles are taken to the show and displayed in the proper place.

Judging of exhibits will be completed by the time the show opens Monday morning. All girls and women who visit the show are urged to visit the clothing exhibits.

Exhibitors in the clothing classes are reminded that their articles cannot be removed from

the Farm Show before 4 p. m. on Friday, January 18.

For other details in regard to exhibits, women and 4-H Club girls are advised to consult the 1952 premium list and contact the Extension Office in Ebensburg for one of these premium lists.

Slick Named to Co. Airport Authority

Appointment of Wilson Slick of Johnstown as a member of the Airport Authority was announced recently by the Cambria County Commissioners.

Mr. Slick is one of three persons appointed to the seven member board by the commissioners. The other county appointees who have served since the authority was established are Thomas F. Riley, Johnstown, and Attorney Randolph Myers, Ebensburg.

The authority was established in May, 1950, to supervise operations of the Municipal Airport in Rishland Township. Until that time, the airfield had been under direct supervision of the city.

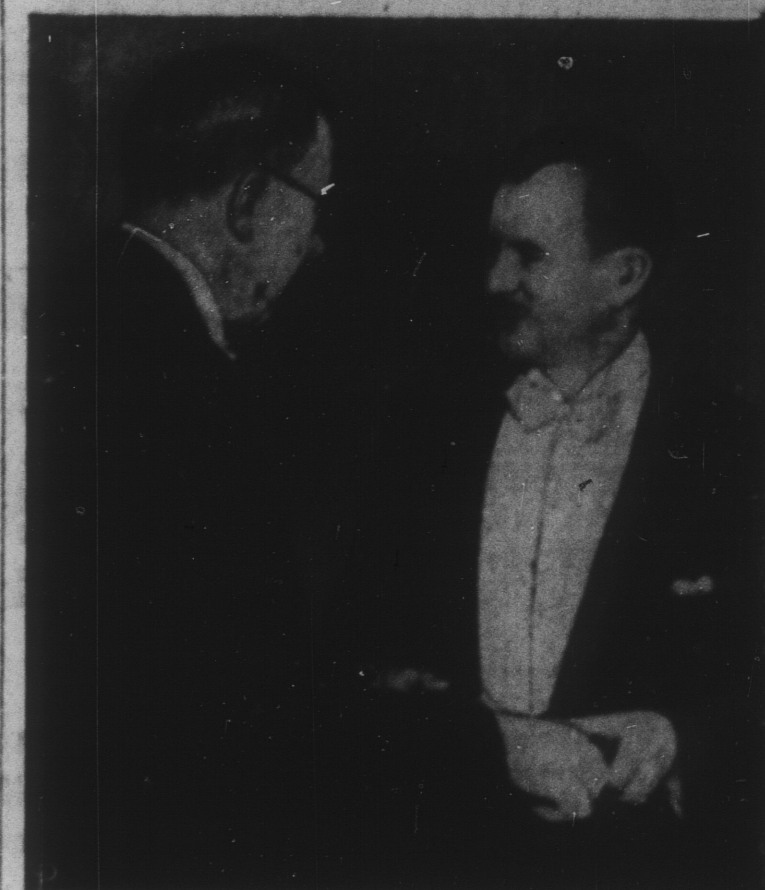
Four other members of the board, all appointed by Johnstown City Council, are Ralph E. Hough, chairman; Walter W. Krebs, William H. Katterson and Frank A. Womer.

\$750.00 DAMAGE CAUSED

Philadelphia—(PNS)—A five-alarm fire has gutted a waterfront grocery warehouse here and caused damage estimated at close to \$750,000. Sixty employees fled to safety but two others had to

be rescued by firemen. The fire occurred at the height of the evening rush hour and inbound and outbound elevated trains were halted.

U.S. CHEMIST GETS NOBEL AWARD



DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY in Stockholm, King Gustav Adolf (left), of Sweden, presents the 1951 Nobel Prize in chemistry to Dr. Edwin M. McMillan, Award co-winner, Dr. McMillan, of the University of California, was one of three Americans honored. (International Radiophoto)

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