

LETTERS TO JANE...

By A. PAULINE SANDERS, P.H.D. Iroquois, Pennsylvania Dear Jane: Being interested in both jingles and superstitions I have been doing some research work which resulted, I think, in interesting findings which I want to share with you. I started with the old nursery jingle brings the snow. Makes our feet and fingers glow. February brings the rain. Thaws the frozen lake again. I wanted to find out about the significance, if any, of February second, so-called Ground Hog's Day, and weather prophecy. In addition to the religious significance (of which there is much), I learned a great deal about Feb. 2, which is really Candlemas day. In very early English history it was the husbandman's landmark. It marks the close of the winter, festive season which had begun with Halloween. At this time the reign of the Lord of Misrule came to an end. As a proper celebration the Yulelog was rekindled and young and old danced around and threw birch sticks into the fire. Holly mistletoe, and all the old Christmas greens were replaced with box herring, the English poet, mentioned this in one of his poems. In Scotland, it long has been

one of the "quarter days", a day on which the quarterly payment of rent is due. Candlemas was used long ago for weather prophecy and this is undoubtedly the reason for present day selection of Feb. 2 and the groundhog, who is naturally sound asleep until about April 1. Here's the old verse I found: "The hind had as lief see his wife on the pier; As that Candlemas Day should be pleasant and clear." This verse is a bit hard on the farmer's wife so maybe you will like this one: "As far as the sun shines into the cottage on Candlemas Day—So far will the snow blow in a forceful May." The one most like the groundhog version is: "If Candlemas Day be fine and clear, The winter will be soon at its end. If it be rainy, frosty and cold, The winter but will be long." But if Candlemas Day brings clouds and rain, Winter is gone and will not come again." Turning to current news our attention is focused on taxes, family incomes and employment. The cheers go up when taxes go down but chances are the average worker will have no more than \$30 extra to spend in 1944. The report of one research project indicates that even a man with a wife and two children, earning \$100 per week will gain only \$34 in the course of the year. He may have \$9.20 instead of \$10.20 deducted from his pay check for Federal income tax, but deductions for social security payments will rise from \$1.50 to \$2.00. For 36 weeks or until payments have been made on \$3,600, he will have only a fifty cent gain weekly. For the remaining 16 weeks, he will have a full dollar gain, but the total for the year will be only \$34. Sometimes homemakers think

they aren't important or can't do much about National economy. If each of us helps by doing her bit there is no telling how much influence we homemakers can exert. For example, the \$34 saved in taxes can disappear with nothing to show for it, or it can be a recipe for family budget. Careful food management can be an important item. Yours for better homemaking, PAULINE.

nutritious. It is a good source of iron, copper, phosphorus and vitamins of the B family. Here's a little trick. When making potato fritters or potato pancakes (by whatever name you call them) flatten them on the skillet after you have spooned them onto the pan. This will make them thinner and crispier. Yours for better homemaking, PAULINE.

REILLYS

by LAURA DELATRE and SIMONE HAUERT Mrs. Paul Blick is a patient in the St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pinal and family of Altoona visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Delatre of this place. Raymond Rosian of this place motored to Dayton, Ohio, recently. Mr. and Mrs. George Haurer visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thie and family in Hastings on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis and family visited at the home of Lloyd Davis in Mundys Corner. Mrs. Marie Roman visited in Altoona recently. A supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dranch recently. Those attending were Mrs. Thelma Legrand and daughters, Twila, Patricia and Debbie. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and Sherry Doney visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holler Jr. on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kline of Hastings visited at the home of Mrs. Ropp on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ropp and family were visitors in Hastings on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nagle and family of Hastings were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piasco Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rematt and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delso on Sunday. William Whiteaman visited relatives in Coupon recently. Bernard Prevost visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holler Jr. in Carrolltown over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Delatre were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Delatre. Mrs. Rose Marie Prevost returned from the hospital on Saturday and is convalescing nicely at home. Beth Ann Prevost spent 13 days at the home of Martin Holler Sr. in Ashville.

COLVER

by MRS. MIKE PASTER ENLISTS IN AIR FORCE Michael E. Paster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paster of Colver, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for four years of duty. He enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 22 and sent by plane to Lackland AFB San Antonio, Texas, where he is undergoing basic training. Ronald DellBello of State College spent a few days recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DellBello. Mrs. John Pavuk Sr., spent a few days last week with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bitchko and family in Vandy Gap. Robert Hill of Levittown spent a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck and daughter, Shirley Marie, of Cleveland, O., spent the week end at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kotick. Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Vancas and family of Ramer visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pavuk Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paster. Mrs. Mary Stoyka and Mrs. Frank Lagana left by plane recently from Pittsburgh for Miami, Fla., to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logan and daughter, Mrs. Stoyka is 8 years of age and this was her first airplane trip. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ball spent the week end recently with Mr. and Mrs. Regis Nairn in Sheridan, Pa. Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kosicki were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smolensky and children, Cezik Hill and Elias Kales. Lunsford of Nickers visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis of Retirew, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Rural Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lewis of New Castle. Mrs. Louise Tedeschi of Coral, spent last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guido Macchioni and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hallman and children of Creekside visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hallman. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wasniak and children and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Puch and son of New City, Pa. visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Manasick. Mrs. Martin Kosicki and daughters visited in Patton Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rossi and daughter of Meadville visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bukovitz. Mr. and Mrs. Olin Kuncelman announce the birth of a son at the Colver Hospital last Wednesday, Jan. 27. They have three daughters. Sympathy is expressed through this column to the Bert Hill family in the death of Mr. Hill's father, Cyrus Hill of Strongstown on Monday of this week. We read of more and more accidents on icy pavements—most of them because we haven't broken that will stop the car behind us. A thought for folks working on their income tax—supposing the government taxed you on what you think you're worth at your company!

Sesqui-Centennial Historical Notes

Bedford County and Huntingdon County

Bedford county is mountainous and hilly, yet parts of it have a rich and fertile soil. At the time of its erection one would traverse over a number of mountains and ridges among some of which is the following: Cove Mountain, Seneca Ridge, Sideling Hill, Rays Hill, Clear Ridge, Tussey Mountain, Dinning Mountain, Willis Mountain, Chestnut Ridge, and the Allegheny Mountain. Its principal streams are the Raystown Branch of the Juniata with the Augwick, Frankstown, Licking and Willis Creeks as tributaries. The Forbes Road passes through the county. The Scotch-Irish and Germans were the early settlers. Bedford, formerly known as Raystown, located on the Raystown Branch, is the county seat. Bedford is a summer resort settlement. We will have a lot to say about Bedford county and the part it played in the early history of our Commonwealth or its effect on the inhabitants of that part of Bedford County which lies on the waters of the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata, where the new state is here called Standing Stone Valley, part of Woodcock Valley, the waters of Augwick Creek and other northeasterly parts of the county. We will now pass on to Huntingdon County, which was erected out of a part of Bedford by Act of Sept. 20, 1787. It was represented to the General Assembly by a number of inhabitants of that part of Bedford County which lies on the waters of the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata, where the new state is here called Standing Stone Valley, part of Woodcock Valley, the waters of Augwick Creek and other northeasterly parts of the county. They labor under great hardships from their great distance from the present seat of justice, and the public offices for the said county, now in the town of Bedford. It was therefore enacted: That all and singular the lands lying within the bounds and limits, herein described and following, shall be and are hereby erected into a separate county by the name of Huntingdon County, beginning in the line of Bedford and Franklin counties, where the new state is here called Skinner's road, leading from Shippensburg to Littleton, crosses the Tuscarora Mountain, thence in a straight course or line to the Gap in the Shade mountain, where the road formerly called Pott's Road crosses the same, about two miles north of Littleton; thence by a straight line to the Old Gap in Sideling Hill, where Sideling Creek crosses the mountain; thence in a straight line by the northerly side of Sebastian Shook's mill on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata; thence by a straight line to Elk Gap, in Tussey's Mountain, computed to be about ninety miles east or westerly of the village of Huntingdon (formerly called Standing Stone), and from the said Elk Gap in a straight line, to the Gap at Jacob Steyer. Mr. and Mrs. Blair of Woolery's Mill formerly stood in Morrison's Cove; thence in a direct line by the southerly side of

ST. BENEDICT

Mrs. Robert Day spent part of last week in Crescon at the Joseph Phelps home. The Missionary society of the local Presbyterian Church met at the Stafford home last Friday evening. Attending were Mrs. T. H. Saylor, Mrs. Jim Stratton, Mrs. Gust Anderson, Tillie Lang, Ann Symons, Jane Hunter and Mrs. Stafford. Bob Hunter, Bill Knarr, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carroll and Bob Stoltz of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson of Springfield spent Sunday in Oil City with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stoltz. Mrs. Leroy Lawrence entertained her club Thursday evening at her home. Attending were Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Harry Hunter, Mrs. Verio Berringer, Mrs. James Hunter, Mrs. Charles Myers, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hunter won the prizes. Mrs. Norbert Feigener, Mrs. Harry Moore, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Joseph Symons and Mrs. Ann Symons attended the monthly meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of the Miners' Hospital last Tuesday evening. Miss Celine Miller of Pittsburgh spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller. Sunday visitors at the Joseph Symons home were: Mr. and Mrs.

To Fete School Patrol

Sixteen members of the School Safety Patrol from Barnesboro schools will be feted at a dinner sponsored by Voliak Post 508, American Legion, Barnesboro, at 6:30 p. m. Monday in the post home. Cyrus Davis, Cambria County commissioner, will be guest speaker. The program will be in charge of the Legion and Barnesboro PTA. Mrs. Grant Bougher represents the PTA on the arrangements committee.

DANCE

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Blair's Mill, at the foot of the Allegheny mountain; thence across the said mountain in a straight line, to and along the ridges dividing the waters of the Conemaugh from the waters of Clearfield and Chest Creeks, to the Westmoreland County line; thence by the same to the old purchase line which runs from Kittanning to the west branch of the Susquehanna River; and along the said line of west branch, and on the same to Moshannon Creek, and along the remaining lines and boundaries which now divide the County of Bedford from the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Franklin, the place of beginning. Huntingdon, on the River Juniata, because of its strategic location, was named the county seat. This county, too, lies within the great central mountainous district and therefore has a very rugged surface. The Juniata River flows through the center of the county and weaves and finds its way through the ridges and valleys. The Raystown Branch struggles and writhes its way through the precipitous ridges which for centuries tried to impede its descent into the Juniata river. It joins it below the county seat at Huntingdon. Iron ore and lead ore are found in abundance in the county. During the period of the Revolutionary War its lead was sent in making bullets for the Patriots. It had many furnaces to smelt iron from its ore. A number of these furnaces were built by G. and J. H. Shonberger, who were prominent iron masters in Cambria County a little later. One of the outstanding furnaces in Huntingdon County was the Rebersburg furnace, owned by Dr. Peter Shonberger. The Juniata iron is famous for toughness and durability. The Kittanning Trail crosses the county and later enters Cambria County. The Pennsylvania Canal follows the Juniata River to Hollidaysburg where the Allegheny Portage Railroad takes its burden over the Allegheny Mountain on lifts and planes. Franks' own in the early days of Huntingdon County, was a very prominent town. One may see how important this county has become in the study of Cambria County. The Pennsylvania Canal System, the Allegheny Portage Railway, the Pennsylvania Railway System, the Kittanning Path, all of which are intimately connected with Cambria County. Blair County was organized in 1846 and we find a dispute in the boundary line between it and Cambria in the vicinity of Gallitzin, Tunnelhill borough, and the Buckhorn region, which is now being surveyed with a purpose to ascertain the correct location. This line was the boundary line between Bedford county and Huntingdon County when the latter was erected in 1787. Our next paper will take up the erection of Somerset County. MAHLON BAUMGARDNER

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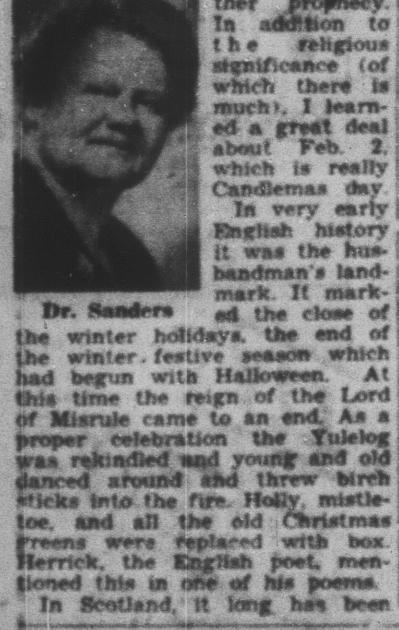


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PATTON Loyal Order MOOSE DANCES -- Month, February February 6--KNIGHTS OF RHYTHM February 13--JOHNNY MACK February 20--KNIGHTS OF RHYTHM February 27--KITTY LEE Feb. 28--Johnny Mack, (43rd Anniversary)

BLATT BROS. GRAND THEATRE PATTON, PA. FRIDAY and SATURDAY, February 5 and 6 EDW. G. ROBINSON, PAULETTE GODDARD, in VICE SQUAD ALSO ROBERT STACK, JOAN TAYLOR, in WAR PAINT IN THRILLING TECHNIKOLOR

SUNDAY and MONDAY, February 7 and 8 The great South Pacific adventure! Gony WORTH returns to Paradise with BARRY JONES, ROBERTA HAYNES, JOHN HUDSON, HANK ROSSON, THEODORE WORTH, CHARLES BARNESBORO, and JAMES A. ANDERSON. Director of Photography, Robert S. Hill. Music composed and conducted by Donald Dickson. An ABBOTT PICTURE. Directed by THE UNITED ARTISTS.

TUES., WED., THURS., February 9, 10 and 11 WILLIAM HOLDEN, ELEANOR PARKER, in ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO FILMED IN EXCITING COLOR WILD THRILLS AND SAVAGE ROMANCE! ALSO FOX NEWS AND COLOR CARTOON CASH NITES--3 DAYS MINUTE SPOOK SHOW--FRIDAY, FEB. 12 TWO HORROR PICTURES

BAKERTON

HONORABLY DISCHARGED Cpl. Patrick Farabaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farabaugh, was recently discharged from the U. S. Army at Camp Meade, Md. He spent 15 months in Korea, serving with the heavy truck battalion. C. M. Lehmer and son, Larry, spent the week end in Akron, O. Mr. Joy Valley is spending a week at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bobick of Jeannette. Mr. and Mrs. Blair Robb and children of Johnstown visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schilling over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Klawnski and daughter, Judy, visited Sunday with their son, Larry, at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bonfill served as godparents last Sunday at the christening of a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Valenty. The child was named Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tirabassi and children of Ebanburg, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bertolino of Barnesboro and Joseph Donatelli of Spangler were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Vincenzina Bonfill.

SALE!

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Pension Boost For County Employees Larger pensions are in sight for Cambria County officials and employees who now have the option of increasing their county-matched contributions to the Retirement Fund. The increase in contributions by county officials and employees will be the third since the fund was established in 1942. Under the original plan, officials and employees contributed from 2.5% to 7% per cent of their salaries, depending on their age when they entered the program and their sex. Presently, officials and employees are contributing from 3.84 to 8.40 per cent. Contributions under the new plan will range from 4.55 to 10.50 per cent. When the fund was created 11 years ago, regular county employees were required to join. The program was optional for elective officials. State legislation later required that all employees affect all members of the program. A new law passed during the last session of the Legislature enables officials and employees to increase their contributions and places the matter at the option of the contributing members, the county.

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