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Proclamation Here Bans Liquor Sales Christmas Eve, Day

Clubs, Taverns Asked To Close for 16 Hours

WHEREAS, for the past several years Patton has conducted an extremely successful experiment resulting in nothing but good for the entire community, and WHEREAS, in these days of a troubled world, the Spirit of Christmas should now, particularly, be observed by all of our citizens as a time of reflection and true observance of the Birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, the founder of Christianity, IT IS but fitting and proper that the residents of the Patton community reflect this spirit in the manner that this holiday was originally intended.

THEREFORE, I, Robert Forsythe, Burgess of the Borough of Patton, hereby proclaim that in the interest of our people, their families, and of our religious observances, that ALL taverns licensed clubs, or other vendors of alcoholic beverages will close their various places of business from 10:00 o'clock, p. m., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1954, until 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1954. All the above places are to have all patrons and guests vacated from their premises by 10:00 o'clock on Christmas Eve (Friday).

ROBERT FORTSYTHE
Burgess of Patton Borough

Haluska Proposes Statewide Option Ballot On Racing

State Sen. John J. Haluska of Patton, in his "As I See It" column this week, announces that he will sponsor a bill in the 1955 session of the State Legislature calling for a referendum on the question of pari-mutuel horse racing in this state.

He plans to introduce the bill shortly after the session convenes in January. It would call for a statewide vote at the 1955 fall session on the horse-racing question, and would provide that if the vote is in favor of racing, the state would be required to establish a racing commission and the other in Cambria County.

For the complete story, see the Senator's weekly column on the editorial page.

Patton Chamber Has Annual Dinner

A total of 49 members and their guests attended the annual Christmas banquet of the Patton Chamber of Commerce held last Thursday evening in the dining room of the American Legion House.

Toastmaster for the affair was Louis Stoltz, who introduced the evening president of the Chamber, John I. Bernard, and the incoming chairman, Charles Hoppe.

Entertainment after the full-course turkey meal was provided by Miss Yolande Taylor and Miss Williams, who sang solos, accompanied by Mrs. Clifford Decker. Dancing and cards concluded the evening's outing.

MEMBERS AND FILM

A film on safety measures in mine haulage was shown at the meeting Friday evening in Marshall Union Hall of Mosscreek Chapter 683, Holmes Safety Assn. Mrs. Andrew G. Schwenker, Patton, U. S. Bureau of Mines, presented the film. In other business Fred Schrock was named chairman of the unit.

Beaver Valley School	7.84
Reads Twp. High School	2.50
Hastings-Elder High	6.52
Hastings-Elder Joint	8.12
St. Mary's Parochial	3.00
St. Bernard's Parochial	4.00

No gift boxes were received at the chapter headquarters during the month.

Tree At St. Mary's Has Over 500 Lights



(Press-Courier Staff Photo)

The 55-foot spruce above, located in front of St. Mary's Church in Patton, is typical of outdoor decorations in this area each year. The tree, one of the most perfectly formed in Northern Cambria County, this year has over 500 colored lights. It is decorated annually by Patton Fire Co., with this year's installations being made by Ed Woosner, Mark and Bob Albright, Germaine and E. G. Niebauer, Harvey Mulligan and John Geormino.

Clearfield Branch R. C. Residents Get 32 Pints Blood

Bloodmobile to Visit Hastings On Jan. 26

A total of 32 pints of blood were used in the Northeast and North Central portion of Cambria County during November according to a report by George Eads, chairman of the Clearfield Branch of the Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross.

No bloodmobile visit was made in the branch during the past month. However, the mobile unit will visit Hastings on Wednesday, Jan. 26, and the residents are being asked to donate a pint at that time.

Blood received by residents of Clearfield Branch during November included: Patton, 11 pints; Hastings and Finton, nine pints; Blandburg, two pints; and Ashville, one pint.

Other activities for the month, according to the report, included a verification of emergency leave for a Dysart serviceman and a report for the military for a Hastings resident.

Junior Red Cross membership funds were received from 13 schools, with the amounts contributed being as follows:

Dean Twp. School	1.42
St. Augustine School	1.21
Nagle School	1.00
St. Augustine School	1.55
Blandburg School	6.00
Finton School	6.00

Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church Will Be Ordained

The Rev. Jean P. Jordan, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Patton, will be ordained to the priesthood at ceremonies on Saturday of this week, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a. m., in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at McKeesport.

Rev. Jordan will be presented by the Rev. James Morely of the Trinity Church, Monessen, formerly of McKeesport.

St. Rev. Austin Fardie, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will conduct the ordination ceremonies.

Also taking part in the ordination service will be Rev. Gilbert Wait, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church, Bethel Borough, Pittsburgh, formerly priest of the Trinity Church at Patton and St. Thomas Church, Barnesboro.

Richard Wakefield, who is curate at St. Stephen's Church, also will be present.

The Men's Corporate Communion at the Patton church this coming Sunday will be Rev. Jordan's first Communion celebration.

Haluska Reveals Plans for Hospital in Patton Section

Three Sites Inspected For 25-Bed Institution

State Sen. John J. Haluska on Monday revealed plans for construction of a 25-bed, privately-owned hospital in the Patton section of the county.

The Patton senator said that three sites have been inspected, including those at Highland Grove, Reservoir Hill and along the Patton-St. Lawrence Road.

Sen. Haluska also disclosed that he will be administrator of the proposed Patton institution.

If such plans become a reality Sen. Haluska will be serving as administrator of two institutions, as he had announced several weeks ago that he would assume that job at the Hoxsey Clinic in Portage.

Sen. Haluska stressed that the proposed institution will be open "to any doctor licensed in Pennsylvania, be it chiropractor or chiropractor who will receive the same privileges as a medical doctor."

According to the senator, plans for the Patton institution do not include participation "in any way" by Harry Hoxsey.

Hoxsey is the controversial owner of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic in Dallas, Tex., which proposes to treat cancer successfully by methods not recognized by medical circles.

Haluska, who estimated cost of the proposed Patton Hospital at about \$250,000, also emphasized that the Hoxsey-type clinic now being readied in Portage will be the only one of its kind operated in Cambria County.

Earlier, the senator had said that once the Portage clinic was in operation, a more permanent Hoxsey Clinic would be constructed elsewhere in the county, preferably in Patton.

Plans for the Patton hospital call for operation of "a bona fide medical institution, the senator said. He added that Patton-area residents will be given the opportunity to invest in its construction and operation.

Area doctors, who will benefit by the hospital, are expected to be heavy investors, according to Haluska.

Rich Hill Coal Co. To Honor Ed Geus

Edwin Geus of Hastings retired yesterday after having completed 42 years as an employee of Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp.

Mr. Geus, who will be 69 on Jan. 18, was guest of honor at a dinner arranged by the Hastings community, yesterday in Woodley's Park Hotel, near Hastings.

At least a dozen Rich Hill officials, including foremen and various bosses at the mine, attended the dinner.

The native of Carrolltown, Mr. Geus has been a Hastings resident most of his life. He and the former Stella Buck of Clair Twp. have been married for 31 years.

The veteran mine employee took his first job at Rich Hill in 1912 as an electrician. He has remained in that field of work.

Install Modern Doors

Two Patton establishments recently installed new lightweight modern doors at the main entrances. Both the First National Bank of Patton and the Patton Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, installed the modern doors replacing the old style and heavy units.

Courier Newsboys Will Keep Money Collected

Next week will be newsboy week for the boys and girls who deliver your Union Press-Courier.

In line with the standing policy of the management of this newspaper each Christmas season, the Courier carrier boys and girls who deliver this newspaper to your home will be told to keep all money collected for the issue dated Dec. 23, 1954.

There are over 50 Union Press-Courier carrier boys and girls employed by this newspaper throughout the Northern Cambria and Southern Clearfield County areas.

Silent Police Force Assigned to Duty Near Local Schools

Another "new" was added to Patton Borough yesterday, Wednesday, 5-Day, when a "silent police force" went on duty.

Through the courtesy of the Coca-Cola Company, five "dummy" policemen were placed in the school zones of Patton. Burgess Forsythe requested through the grade and high schools that children refrain from tampering with or defacing these policemen. Any person caught tampering with the equipment will be duly prosecuted according to the law dealing with damage to borough property.

The Burgess and borough council are of the opinion that these "police" will reduce the danger to children going and coming from school. Motorists are also warned to obey these signs.

C. of C. Christmas Displays Brighten Up Patton Streets

Charles Hopper took over his duties as president of the Patton Chamber of Commerce during the unit's dinner-meeting held Tuesday evening in the Commercial Hotel at Patton.

Mr. Hopper, who is manager of Patton plant of the Phillips-Jones Corp., succeeds John Bernard, principal of Patton-Chest High School, in the post.

Highlight of the meeting was discussion on the present Christmas decorations being put up on Patton streets. These are sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, which also purchased the new material used.

During the present week, additional displays will be added, including a crib and a Santa Claus and reindeer. These displays already are constructed, and need only to be put up. Any volunteer labor to do this job will be appreciated.

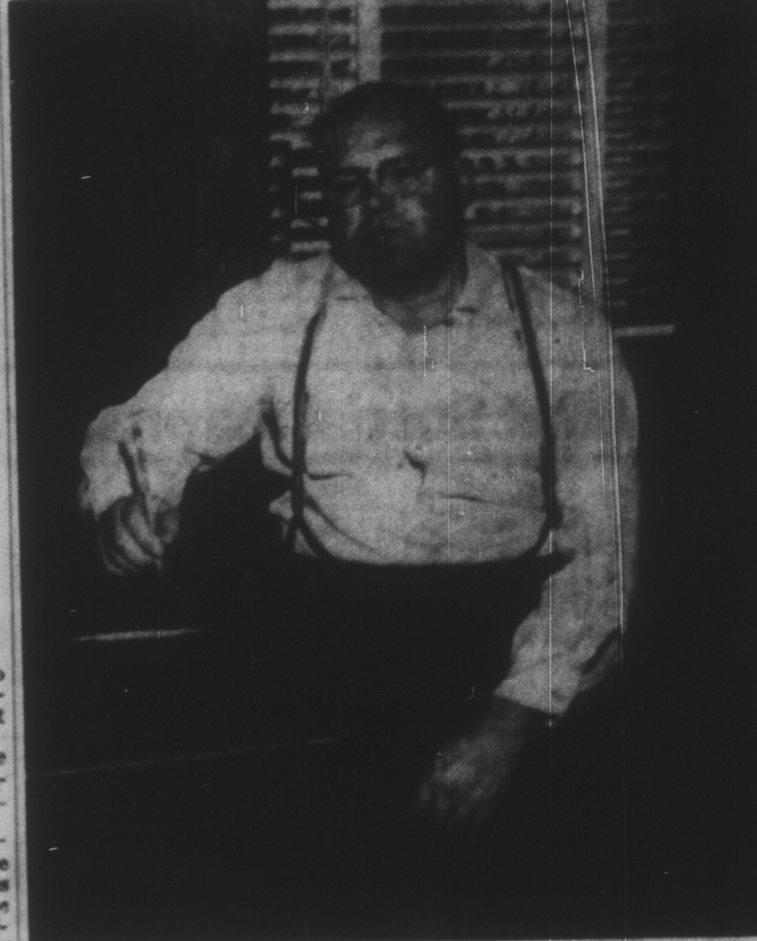
A Christmas tree already has been placed and trimmed in the 5 & 10 lot on Magee Ave. This tree was donated by Clair Wyland Sr. of Mellon Ave. and was trimmed with lights by Germaine Niebauer and John Geormino.

Another tree is being erected in front of this high school, this one donated by McGough Lumber Co. A manager to house the crib scene was made by Sherry Bros.

ENLISTS IN AIR FORCE

Irvin Zollner, 17, son of John Zollner of Carrolltown, has enlisted in the Air Force through the recruiting station located in the Johnstown Postoffice building. He attended John Carroll High School.

L. E. Weakland Well-Known Contractor



Lambert E. Weakland of Carrolltown has been engaged as a building contractor for the past seven years. His work has included the building of 16 new homes in the area and the construction of the Sankertown Veterans of Foreign Wars Home and the Gray Building in Spangler.

In addition to construction work, Mr. Weakland has been in charge of numerous repair jobs and renovation programs in the district. The Carrolltown man learned the building trade with Mike Buck, retired Carrolltown contractor and builder.

Following his graduation from high school, Mr. Weakland worked a year as inspector for Jones & Laughlin Steel Company in Pittsburgh. The next year he returned to Carrolltown to begin his association with Mr. Buck of almost a quarter of a century duration. Next he worked a time as cabinet maker for the Bender Electric Company and then worked as a carpenter for Sherry Lumber Company. After this he went into business for himself.

Mr. Weakland always has been active in the service of the community. For 13 years he served as fire chief of the local fire company, and he was a member of the borough council for 14 years. He takes an active part in the program for the Carrolltown Little Baseball League.

Mr. Weakland, son of Matthew and Susan (Campbell) Weakland, was born in Carrolltown on March 24, 1904. He and the former Ruth Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillon, were married on Sept. 19, 1924. They are the parents of five children—Mona, wife of Donald Thomas of Carrolltown; Pauline, Washington, D. C.; Patrick, James, and Joseph, all at home. There are three grandchildren.

The Carrolltown man is an ardent sports fan. He recalls that he was quarterback on the first football team of the Carrolltown High School. He said the team had no football equipment but had to play clad in work clothes. The schedule for that first season in 1921 consisted of two games with Beaverdale, and Carrolltown won both contests.

After graduation from high school he played independent football with Bakerton and Patton teams. In high school he also played baseball, and after high school he continued to play baseball with independent teams from Bakerton, Barnesboro and Carrolltown.

Mr. Weakland holds membership in the Holy Name Society of St. Benedict's Church, the Carrolltown American Legion, and the Carrolltown Fire Company.

Patton R. D. Lady Injured In Crash

A White Top young lady was injured about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when the car in which she was a passenger figured in a two-car crash on Route 11922 in Chest Twp., in the village of the Edward Fike home between Patton and Beaver Valley.

She is Helen Long, 25, Patton R. D., who was treated at the office of a Patton physician for cuts for the forehead, cheek and nose sustained when her head struck and broke the windshield.

She was a passenger in a car operated by Rosemary Pohaley, 23, of Patton R. D. State police said the Pohaley car was coming up a hill, and while on a curve due to slippery conditions of the highway, skidded into an oncoming car operated by Thomas F. Bandrowsky, 34, of Colver.

Property damage to each car was estimated at over \$200.

A&P Employees Will Share \$2,300,000 Fund

Employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. throughout the nation will share more than \$2,300,000 in pre-holiday compensation this year, it is announced by Ralph W. Burger, president of the food chain.

Every employee with as much as six months' service will receive a part of the annual fund voted by the company's board of directors. Christmas shopping is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17.

Records at Ebensburg show the purchase by Victor and Yvonne F. Venesky, West Carroll Twp., from Onofrio and Domenica Aggelichio of Greensburg a property in West Carroll Twp. for approximately \$7,800.

Diversion Terraces Big Need See Story On Page 1-C

Arson is Charged In Fire At Spangler Early Last Sunday

Gasoline Said Ignited On Nicholson's Porch

A former Barnesboro man was taken to Cambria County Jail on Sunday pending a hearing on a fire which police say was set early Sunday morning at the George Nicholson home in Spangler.

David Bougher, about 40, now a resident of State College, was arrested by Spangler police at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home.

After questioning, he was charged with arson and was placed in the Cambria County Jail to await the next term of criminal court after pleading not guilty to a charge of arson at a preliminary hearing. Bougher denied at the hearing of having anything to do with the fire.

The charge was filed by Officer William Daisley before Michael Cheekman, justice of the peace.

Police said Bougher, former husband of the Nicholson's daughter, Nancy of Ebensburg, had anything to do with the blaze.

According to police, the front porch of the Nicholson home was doused with gasoline shortly after Saturday midnight and then was ignited.

The burst of flames brought the family, including Nancy, her brother, Jack, and his wife, rushing from the house. They succeeded in beating out the flames with carpets and brooms before serious damage was caused.

Local police then were called in to conduct an investigation. The state police of Ebensburg, including Sgt. Arthur Wood of Greensburg, state police fire marshal, joined Spangler authorities Sunday afternoon.

Ray McCombie, chief of police at Spangler, said Bougher arrived in Barnesboro Saturday afternoon and first denied having been near the Nicholson home since his return.

Police then took him to the residence, where footprints in the snow around the house proved to be those of Bougher. Chief McCombie said Bougher then admitted to police that he had wandered around the house and had looked in the windows on Saturday night. He denied, however, having set the fire, the police chief said.

The former Miss Nicholson and her two children have been living with her parents since her divorce from Bougher several months ago. Bougher has been arrested and he called the Nicholson home three times Saturday evening but did not talk with his former wife. Purpose of the calls was not learned.

Bougher was to have been given a preliminary hearing on the arson charge before Justice of the Peace Cheekman Monday evening.

Holiday Dinner, Spangler, Is Scheduled for Dec. 28

The annual holiday dinner will be held again this year at the VFW Home in Spangler. The event, sponsored by the Patton high school alumni, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Dancing will begin at 10 o'clock. Tickets are available at the VFW Home or from the following members of the committee: Elizabeth Ashcroft, Lois East and Mary Ellen Logue.

Graduates of Spangler High School and their friends are invited.

BUY PATTON PROPERTY

Anna C. and Mary Katherine Anderson of Patton have purchased from M. M. and Betty Louise Scott a property fronting on Mine Ave. at Patton for approximately 6,800, according to a deed filed recently in Ebensburg Court-house.

Thousands of Northern Cambria Children to Be Feted At Christmas Parties

Several thousand children of the Northern Cambria County area this year will again be feted at Christmas parties and given treats as a part of the holiday festivities.

Various organizations throughout this area, today, announced their annual Christmas programs for the enjoyment of the thousands of youngsters.

Three of the area celebrations will be held on the days this week when the local school children are in their annual Christmas vacation, two are slated for this coming Sunday, Dec. 19, and two more will be held the day before Christmas, Dec. 24.

Among the various programs of entertainment and the presentation of treats, Santa Claus is also scheduled to make his appearance at each event.

Each and every school in this area will again this year prior to the holiday vacation and many church groups will also have parties for their children.

Community-wide programs for seniors in this area, as announced in this newspaper, are as follows:

PATTON

Children 12 years of age and under will be feted at the annual Christmas party to be held in the Grand Theatre, Patton, by 8:00 p. m. on Dec. 21, next Friday.

Children 12 years and over will be feted at the annual Christmas party to be held in the Grand Theatre, Patton, by 8:00 p. m. on Dec. 24, next Friday.

Organizations in the community will again sponsor the event. Sponsoring the party will be Slovak Citizens' Club, Sons of Italy, Loyal Order of Moose, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Pre-school-age children of the community are also invited to next Friday's event.

Those attending the event will receive treats and Santa Claus will be on hand to welcome the children. A two-hour motion picture, of the Lassie type, will also be shown and a Three Stooges comedy and three cartoon reels are also scheduled on the afternoon's program.

CARROLLTOWN

A total of 451 grade school students in Carrolltown will be given treats and will also participate in a three-day Christmas program this next week. All the children of the students of St. Benedict's Parochial School, and the treats this year are being given by Father Victor Lillig, OSB, pastor.

The three-day program will begin next Monday, Dec. 20, when each of the eight grades of the school will present short plays to other members of the student body. Next Tuesday, Dec. 21, as has been a custom at the school, singing and three cartoon reels are also scheduled for every class. The Benedictine Sisters, who make up the faculty, will present small Christmas to-

kens to each student. Next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, all of the students will be presented with Christmas treats by the Pastor.

It was announced that all parents and friends of students are invited to an open house at the school all day Sunday, Dec. 26, in order that they might see the fine work students prepared for the holiday season.

BAKERTON

Well over 400 children of this community will be tendered at the annual Christmas party to be held all of next Tuesday morning, Dec. 21, at the Bakerton Athletic Club ballroom. Those to be honored at the event are children of the Bakerton Public School and members of the faculty.

The Tuesday morning party will feature music by the Grade School Band, and two classes of the school will be transported by bus from the school to the hall throughout the morning.

An additional party is also set for Christmas afternoon, Dec. 23, at the Bakerton Club for all the children of the community under school age.

This year's events are being sponsored by the Bakerton Athletic Association, Bakerton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Bakerton Local 1505, United Mine Workers of America.

Next Monday afternoon and evening, Dec. 20, a Christmas program will be presented by students of the Bakerton school, according to an announcement of

Miss Anna Murphy, supervising principal. Both the afternoon and evening events are open to the public with the afternoon event beginning at 2:00 p. m. and the evening presentation getting underway at 7:00 o'clock.

EAST-WEST CARROLL TWP.

Four separate Christmas programs are scheduled for this next week in schools of East and West Carroll Townships of John Carroll Joint School District, besides next Monday's event at Bakerton, according to an announcement by the supervising principal, Miss Anna Murphy.

For the past three years well over 1,500 children have attended the event which is open to all children of all ages from every part of the Northern Cambria County area.

As in past years a number of prizes will be given away during the afternoon event.

HEADE TOWNSHIP

All children of grade school age and younger of Heade Township will again be given annual Christmas treats on Thursday of next week, Dec. 23, the final day of school in the township prior to the annual holiday vacation. The treats this year are distributed among the decorations and other fine entertainment is planned.

The annual holiday party for all children 12 years of age and under in the Hastings community will be held again this year at the Hastings community Christmas tree located in front of the Hastings Veterans of Foreign Wars Home on Beaver Street. The event is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p. m. next Friday, Dec. 24.

The party this year is being sponsored jointly by four Hastings organizations—the Hastings Firemen's Club, Loyal Order of

Moose, United Mine Workers and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Treats will be given to each child and Santa Claus will be there to greet everyone.

MINER'S HOSPITAL

One of the biggest and most unique Christmas parties of this area will be held again on Christmas morning for all patients at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

Plans for the gala event have been under way for the past several months by Barnesboro Pup Tent 54, Military Order of the Cooties, and its Auxiliary, Cooties-Lucky 14, Clubs No. 420, also of Barnesboro.

The Cooties, fun organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will this year again make the party at the Miners' Hospital an event to be remembered by all. With the help of residents of the area the Cooties hope to give each patient in the hospital a gift on Christmas morning, as well as donate to the hospital larger articles that are needed.

The area units have invited every organization, business establishment and individual in the area to participate in the affair either by a cash donation, material donation or by active participation. Each cash donation, no matter how small, will be gratefully received and the name of the donor will appear as a participant on the program which will be given to both the patients of the hospital and the donors.

The unit stressed the fact that

Santa Claus in the morning of Dec. 23 and will visit the grade schools in Blandburg, Glasgow and Finton. They will also present treats to the children under the school age. Approximately 700 children will receive a bag containing an apple, orange, candy cane and candy bars.

ASHVILLE

The Ashville Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will again sponsor a joint children's Christmas party this coming Sunday, Dec. 19, at the VFW Home in Ashville. The event this year will begin at 2:00 p. m. and continue until 4:00 p. m.

Treats consisting of candy, oranges, apples, popcorn balls, will be given and Santa Claus will be there to greet all children under 12 years of age. A huge tree will again be numbered among the decorations and other fine entertainment is planned.

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left over are used to purchase articles for gifts which have not already been donated. All funds left over are used to purchase larger articles to be used in the hospital by patients.

Any material donation such as candy, fruit, cookies, handkerchiefs or any little thing to be used as a favor will be acceptable and will be added to what the Cooties accumulate for the gift packages.

At the annual Christmas morning party a choir will be on hand to sing traditional Christmas songs to patients and a huge decorated Christmas tree will be transported about the hospital on a wagon to add to the festivities.

"No donation is too small or too large for use to accept, the Cooties. Those wishing to donate to this worthwhile event should contact either Francis Gougan of Hastings or Mrs. Catherine Buehler of Carrolltown.

CHILDREN REMEMBERED

Lodge, organizations and individuals each year remember the children in the orphanage of Cambria County. Chief among them are the two Catholic orphanages at Crosson, the Catholic Infants' Home at Ebensburg and the Cambria County Children's Home, Ebensburg. Remember the needy in your own district. In this way, we can all do our own little bit to carry out the true meaning of Christ's birth. "Let's put Christ back into Christmas."