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Expect 1,400 Children Will Show Up At Christmas Party

Coalport Community Event Wednesday, Dec. 21; Gaily-Colored Holiday Lights Now On In Area

Fourteen hundred youngsters are expected in the town's Yuletide Greetings. Sponsored by the Christmas Tree Fund Committee, the Coalport Community on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, at 7 o'clock will attract young and old alike as the town officially extends its "Yuletide Greetings" to the boys and girls of the area. Now that the strings of colored lights in Coalport, Rosebud and Blain City are turned on, and L. C. Hegarty's tolling bell has been installed at his business establishment on Main Street, Coalport the community is beginning to make its final steps in making this a happy and colorful holiday season. The Christmas tree which is now located on the lawn of Bell's Drug Store, Main Street, is prepared for its lights to be turned on by this week end. For the past two years L. C. Hegarty has displayed an outstanding "Nativity Scene" in the show window of one of his business establishments on Main Street.

The paper was unable to contact Mr. Hegarty today to learn whether this display will be made available again this year; however, it is felt that the scene has contributed greatly to the community's Yuletide Season and will be missed if it does not find its usual place in the show window.

According to the Christmas Tree Fund Committee, 68 jars have been distributed among the business houses and organization buildings at Coalport. Any contributions placed in these containers will be applied toward the expense involved in conducting the annual Christmas event. The committee and businessmen of the community who have worked on this annual event for the past two years are to be highly commended for their outstanding efforts in making this party and decorations in the community available for the youth of the BCI area.

Travelers from a distance of 150 miles, passing through Coalport, have commended the community's progress in the promotion of its Christmas spirit. Several mentioned that towns even larger than Coalport do not go to the extent of decorating that our community displays. This is a compliment to the men backing the project and per-

'America Beautiful' Portrayed By Cubs At Pack Meet Here

14 Youngsters Take Part In Program

The Coalport Cut Scout Pack No. 59 presented its monthly pack meeting using the November theme, "America Beautiful," on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, at Coalport Grade School. Because of the inclement weather conditions the Chesapeake Chapter, Order of the Arrow of Phillipsburg was unable to attend the meeting and present its dance program.

A commendable group of parents and friends viewed the program having 14 Cub Scouts participating in their opening ceremony and variety presentations. Cub Scout Roy Dunlap served as leader. The film entitled "USA" was shown. Scoutmaster John F. Smith, chairman of the Cub Scout committee, presented membership cards and pins to six boys who joined in the Fall Cub Scout Round-up, and to another boy who renewed his membership.

New members included: Thomas Haywood, Peter Fisher, James Burmeister, Anthony Johnston, Frank Davis and Charles Rydholm. Larry Taylor renewed his membership with the Pack. Mothers who were present fastened the pins on their sons. They included: Mrs. Bessie L. Burmeister, Mrs. Frances G. Fisher and Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Cub Scout Bill O'Shall gave the opening prayer, while Cub Scouts Larry Taylor and Jeff Smith were flag bearers. Cub Scout James Burmeister led the allegiance to the flag and Cub Scout Anthony Johnston sang a song of prayer. Cub Scout Peter Fisher entertained the group by his tap dancing. Cub Scout Bruce Dunlap recited a poem, and Cub Scout Don Peno presented a plan as pianist for group singing. Elliott Glass, a member of the sponsor—Rotary Club of Coalport-Ironva—was projector operator.

A display table exhibit containing the Cub Scouts' scrapbook, started in September, as well as their projects for November, were observed by the guests.

The speaker was introduced by Rotarian George Lucas, program co-chairman along with Rotarian L. A. Lord, Rotarian J. W. Laing Sr., led in group singing, and Rotarian W. W. Wilson gave the invocation.

AMATEUR SHOW DEADLINE IS DEC. 19

Beginning this week the registration blank below is being published for persons interested in entering the annual Amateur Show of the Rotary Club of Coalport-Ironva to be held at 8:15 p. m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the BCI Senior High School Auditorium in Coalport. Deadline for registration is Monday, Dec. 19.

AMATEUR SHOW REGISTRATION BLANK

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Coalport-Ironva Wednesday, December 28, 1955, 8:15 P. M. Contestant or Contestants (If more than one, list names using same registration blank) Address Phone Type of Performance (vocal, instrumental, dance, other—specify): If music is used, state name of song or songs Approximate length of performance in minutes Name of Accompanist Address Return blank to Amateur Show Committee, Box 308, Coalport, Pa. Deadline for entries is Monday, December 19.

LETTER TO SANTA IN NEW MAILBOX



Little Ann Rosenhomer of Coalport posts a letter to Santa Claus, North Pole, as the first to use the new mail box installed in front of the Coalport postoffice last Friday, Dec. 2. The box will provide a receptacle for letters and packages mailed during hours when the postoffice is closed. It is kept with a new national ruling, eventually it will be painted red, white and blue.

Rotary Club Hears Facts About Bibles

The Rotary Club of Coalport-Ironva held its regular meeting at the Good Idea Restaurant on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, when Arthur B. Schirmer of Curwensville, a representative of the American Bible Society, gave a very interesting talk on the production of scriptures in new tongues. He gave an account of local Masonians doing excellent work in the other parts of the world. He brought out the fact also that the Bibles distributed 30,673,000 Bibles—over 27 million in the U. S., 14 million in Canada and 1 1/2 million in other parts of the world.

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Training Course To Open On Jan. 8

A series of leader training classes in Cub Scouting will be offered by the Moshannon District of the Bucktail Council of the Boy Scouts of America beginning Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, at 2:30 o'clock at the Agriculture Building, Main Street, Coalport.

Jay E. Moore Sr. of Blain City, Moshannon District chairman of leadership training, will be instructor of these series of classes. According to Mr. Moore, Cub scout leaders, parents, and the general public are cordially invited to attend the classes. This course which begins on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, will be offered weekly for a month.

WRECKED ENGINES PILED UP LIKE MATCHSTICKS



The Union Press-Courier photographer took this picture to show the wreckage (where rails are broken) where the coal train hauling 30 loaded cars crashed head-on into an oncoming 3-diesel-unit train on a single track line of Cresson Branch of BCR between Loretto and Bradley Junction at about 7:45 a. m. Saturday. Wrecked engines atop the wreckage are dwarfed by the size of the huge engines, which were piled up like matchsticks. Three Altoona men lost their lives and four other were injured. Acetylene torches had to be used to free the bodies, with the last victim being removed at 1:17 p. m., some six hours after the collision. The tragic accident happened just south of the "big hill," and was one of the worst in the history of the branch line.

3 Lose Lives As Trains Meet Head-On Saturday Morning

Loretto-Bradley Junction Section Has Only 1 Track; Inquest Planned

At 8:00 o'clock last Sunday morning Pennsylvania Railroad track crews had cleared away the huge heap of twisted wreckage from the single track of the "Big Hill" on the Cresson Branch about midway between Loretto and Bradley Junction. There, approximately 24 hours earlier, two diesel locomotives had smashed into each other head-on, killing three Altoona area men and injuring four of the 12 men aboard the two trains. Each carried a six-man crew. The untimely collision occurred at about 7:45 a. m. last Saturday morning. Victims cut from the wreckage by acetylene torches, were: C. S. Dillinger, 57, Altoona, the engineer on the north-bound diesel locomotive; Anthony Vilella, 37, Altoona, fireman on the south-bound diesel freight train; R. F. Konepp, 64, Altoona, engineer on the south-bound freight. Pennsy officials in their preliminary report, pending a full investigation by the interstate commerce commission as well as the company, said apparently both engines thought they had a clear track.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 3 To Send Gifts to Veterans

Following last week's regular meeting of the BCI Senior Girl Scout Troop No. 3, the members announced the names of persons to be contacted by contributors of gifts for the box to be sent to the Veterans Hospital at Altoona. The names include: Lydia Caskey, Barbara Davis, Joyce Grimes, Genevieve Martel, Jill Rupp, Linda Troxell and leader, Mrs. Helen Troxell and Dr. A. Pauline Sanders. Deadline for contributions has been set for Dec. 19.

Coalport C. of C. Members to Meet At McGregor Plant

President Dean Wagner of the Coalport Chamber of Commerce announced today that the meeting place for the next regular meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p. m., has been changed to be held at the Coalport Plant Building of the McGregor Sportswear, instead of the previous place at the Hegarty Hall, Main Street, Coalport. Mr. Wagner stated that members should report directly to the plant at 7:30 p. m. Ed Pavlinsky of Clearfield, general manager of the McGregor Sportswear of Coalport, sportswear plant, will speak to the group and explain the operation of the manufactured products of the local factory. The official announcement that each person attending the meeting will receive a ticket, and the eligible person will be the recipient of an item of the plant's product. Members are urged to attend this worthwhile program.

George W. Davis, 63, Utahville R. D., Expires

George W. Davis, 63, of Utahville R. D., died of a heart attack at 3:30 p. m. Thursday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Davis; a son, Joshua, Utahville R. D.; a brother, Lewis, Smithmill, and a half-brother, Willis Bloom, Madera, R. D., and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the home of his son near Hegarty's Cross Roads at 2 p. m., Monday, Dec. 5. Rev. David Hardt was in charge and interment followed in Mt. Zion cemetery, Oatona, R. D.

Exam for Sub Mail Carrier, Coalport, Announced Here

An examination for substitute clerk and substitute carrier for duty at the Coalport Postoffice was announced today by the Director, Third U. S. Civil Service Region.

The initial basic rate of pay is \$1.82 an hour, an increased rate for this position. Applicants must either reside within the delivery of the postoffice or be bona-fide parents of each of one. A written test will be given; no previous experience or education is necessary. Applications for this examination will be accepted until Jan. 10, 1956.

Interested persons may obtain further information and the necessary application forms from the Coalport Postoffice, or from the Director, Third U. S. Civil Service Region, 107 U. S. Custom house, Second and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Honored On Birthday

Pfc. George C. McCoy who is home on leave from active military duty, was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given by his mother, Mrs. Margaret McCoy of Coalport. Other guests included Miss Shirley Peterson of Ironva, Miss Edna McCoy of Utahville and Keith Smith of Oatona Mills.

SCOUTS GET AWARD

Coalport Pack, 59, has qualified for an award for its increase in membership for recruiting five or more boys during the months of November and December, by the Clearfield County Boy Scout Council.

J. Leonard Adam Is Named President of BCI Joint Board

J. Leonard Adam of Rosebud was elected president of the Joint Board of Education of the BCI Joint Schools at the reorganizational meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 5, held at the office of the supervising principal, Ironva Elementary School, Ironva. Mr. Adam succeeds H. C. Newcomb of Ironva. Floyd Gorman of Coalport was elected vice president, succeeding Mr. Adam. This reorganizational session convened following reorganizational meetings of respective boards that comprise the jointure, with the exception of Jordan Twp. which will meet on Thursday, Dec. 8. Boards that met prior to the joint meeting included: Beccaria Twp., Coalport Borough and Ironva Borough. Those boards selected their respective presidents and vice presidents. Officers and members for Beccaria Twp. include: president, J. Leonard Adam, re-elected; vice president, Donald H. Gilligan, re-elected; secretary, Andrew Popyck, new member; treasurer, D. S. Braucht, non-member; Clifford Mullen and William Opendorf, Coalport; president, John L. Greinader; vice president, Benjamin Wilkinson new member; secretary, Floyd Gorman; treasurer, Dr. A. M. Gates, and Robert Johnston, new member. Ironva: president, H. C. Newcomb, re-elected; vice president, R. V. Robinson, re-elected; secretary, Catherine Shaw, non-member.

Local School Districts Reorganize Monday

During other routine business the Joint Board gave Robert L. Balliet, band director of the BCI High School, permission to take students to the District Band at Philipsburg in January, 1956, and reimbursements for attending the three-day event were granted. A committee was appointed to study accident insurance for basketball and baseball teams and is comprised of the following members: Robert Turley, Floyd Gorman and Donald H. Gilligan. Standing committees will be announced at the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday evening, Jan. 9. Mrs. Ruth S. Beals of Ironva is secretary of the BCI Joint Board while Dr. A. M. Gates of Coalport is treasurer of the joint board.

96 Local Students In Essay Contest Of BCI Joint PTA

Ninety-six students of the BCI Joint Schools participated in the Essay Contest by writing their compositions on "My Dad." This essay contest is being operated by the "Family Christmas Party Division" of the Central Program Committee of the BCI Joint PTA. Essays which have been chosen as the best by qualified judges will be read at the regular meeting of the BCI Joint PTA on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, at the BCI Junior High School Auditorium.

Club Officers for Term Named By BCI Seniors Units

Officers of the various clubs of the BCI Senior High School were announced and include the following: Variety Club—President, Don Peacock; vice president, Jim Clark; secretary, Sonny Kline; treasurer, Bill O'Donnell. Home Economics Club—president, Belle Jasper; vice president, Catherine Shoner; secretary, Elaine Lewis; treasurer, Francine Bentley. Library Club—librarians, Mary Feigh, Shirley Harris, Leona Sar, Josephine Warholc, Patricia Gopola, Helen Kovalsky, Janet Freeman, Nancy Monahan, Ruth Nelbauer, Shirley Collins, Barbara Witherow, Beverly Witherow, Geneva Witherow. Cheerleading Club—President, Mary Ann Cree; secretary-treasurer, Janice Brungo. Future Farmers of America Club—President, Larry Joseph; vice president, Charles Jones; secretary, Dean Martin; treasurer, Jim Samuels; reporter, Charles Fleming; sentinel, Floyd Shaffer.

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