

# Merry Christmas

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### Churches List Many Services For Christmas

Christianity's Holiest Day To Be Marked By Music And Worship

#### BUSY SCHEDULE

The services in observance of Christmas in local churches will begin with special sermons on Sunday and will be climaxed by the religious pageants and masses which will mark the holiday next Wednesday.

The observances will be traditional, with a variety of musical programs being presented in churches which have been decorated in greens and Christmas dress for the festivities. Every church has announced some special event or program of events to mark the holiday, and it will be a busy four days for clergymen, especially those who have two or more churches within their charges.

**St. Paul's Lutheran**  
Christmas will be ushered in at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at a Holy Communion which will begin at 11:30 next Tuesday night, Christmas Eve. There will also be administration of Holy Communion at 11 on Christmas morning, Rev. G. E. Ruff, pastor, announced yesterday. Earlier in the evening on Christmas night, there will be a children's program.

On Sunday, Rev. Mr. Ruff will preach at the morning service on the subject, "Come, Lord Jesus".  
**Shavertown M. E.**  
The busy Christmas schedule at Shavertown M. E. Church, of which Rev. Fred M. Sellers is pastor, will begin on Sunday morning when the choir will sing a Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child". In the evening the Junior Choir will conduct a candle light service, with special music and ritual under direction of Mrs. Vester V. Vercoe, organist.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday school of the church, including the primary and beginners' departments, will present a short pageant and the children will bring gifts which will be distributed among the needy of the community.

**Ruggles M. E.**  
Although there is no regular pastor at Ruggles M. E. Church the young people of that church will present special Christmas services on Sunday under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bronson.

**Free Methodist**  
One of the first Christmas services to be held in anticipation of the holiday will take place on Saturday night at 7:45 at Dallas Free Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Gertrude Ross is pastor. The Sunday school will have its exercise at that time.

On Sunday there will be a Sunday school service at the church at 2, a service at 3 and an evening service at 7:45.

At the Trucksville church, of which Mrs. Ross is pastor also, a special program by the Sunday School is scheduled for Monday afternoon. There will also be morning and evening services at Trucksville on Sunday.

**Laketon Lutheran**  
Miss Pauline Davis, choir leader and organist at Laketon Lutheran Church, will direct a musical program to be given in that church on Christmas night.

**Dallas M. E.**  
The celebration of Christmas will be marked impressively at Dallas M. E. Church from Sunday until Christmas Eve. Rev. Francis Freeman will strike a keynote of Christmas in the new recreation rooms at the church tonight (Friday) at 7.

The meat is from three deer shot by Robert Hislop, Jr., James Besecker and William Lauderbaugh in Bradford County early in the hunting season when a hunting party made up of Blue Ribbon Club members went out to secure the meat for the scheduled dinner.

**Firemen Nominate Officers At Meeting**  
Officers were nominated at the meeting of the Henry M. Laing Fire Company held Friday evening. President, Arthur Newman; vice-president, Addison Woolbert; secretary, Milford Shaver; treasurer, Robert Allen; chief, James Besecker; 1st assistant chief, Clarence Gay; 2nd assistant chief, Leslie Warhola; trustee, C. A. Frantz. Since all the above are unopposed, the secretary will cast the ballot at the next meeting.

**Carverton M. E.**  
Rev. Judson Bailey of Carverton, who has recovered from his recent illness and is again preaching at the Carverton, Mt. Zion and Orange M. E. churches, will have a busy schedule for Christmas.

The Sunday services will begin with the 9:30 worship and Christmas sermon at Carverton. At 10:30 the Orange Sunday school will have its program which will include baptism of children. There will be an evening service at Mt. Zion.

The Christmas Sunday school exercises at Mt. Zion will be held on Monday evening. The Carverton church will have its cantata and Christmas exercises on Tuesday night.

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### TOYS FOR NEEDY CAN BE COLLECTED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY

Toys for the children of needy families in this section will be collected by The Dallas Post until next Monday.

Boy Scouts who are repairing toys are requested to bring their collections to The Post on Monday afternoon or Monday night, when the packages will be wrapped and prepared for delivery.

A number of toys have been brought to The Post this week, the majority of them new ones, but more are needed.

The Post is extremely grateful for the co-operation being shown by all those who are helping in its effort to make Christmas a bit brighter for children whose holiday might otherwise be bitter.

### Three Local Boys Returned To Homes

#### Runaways Intercepted By Travelers' Aid In City

The search for three local boys who left for school on Wednesday morning and then disappeared ended yesterday when they were intercepted at Wilkes-Barre railroad station by Travelers' Aid workers.

Mrs. Paul Scott told Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane the missing boys were her two sons, Robert, 13, and William, 11, and Carl Eveland, 16. Carl's grandfather, Siles Eveland, told police that the youth had taken \$20 which was being saved by the family to pay the rent.

They said they went first to Loyallville, secured a revolver, then went to Kingston where they enjoyed a movie and slept in a used car lot. Police recovered \$12 of the \$20. They intended to go to New York.

### Culbert Is Named Borough Auditor

#### Joseph Jewell Presents Resignation To Council

Joseph Jewell presented his resignation as Borough Auditor to Dallas Borough Council at its special meeting on Tuesday night. A. L. Culbert, a former auditor, was elected immediately to fill the unexpired term.

At the same meeting a request was made for one or two more trucks for use on the WPA project on Pinecrest Avenue. The treasurer's report was accepted and bills amounting to \$547.76 were ordered paid.

### Hunters Provide Deer For Banquet

#### Eighty Pounds Of Venison Awaits Blue Ribbon Guests

Eighty pounds of venison are being cooked today for the First Annual Game Dinner of the Blue Ribbon Club of Dallas M. E. Church in the new recreation rooms at the church tonight (Friday) at 7.

The meat is from three deer shot by Robert Hislop, Jr., James Besecker and William Lauderbaugh in Bradford County early in the hunting season when a hunting party made up of Blue Ribbon Club members went out to secure the meat for the scheduled dinner.

Judge W. Alfred Valentine of Luzerne County Common Pleas Court and Judge E. Foster Heller of Orphans' Court will be the speakers.

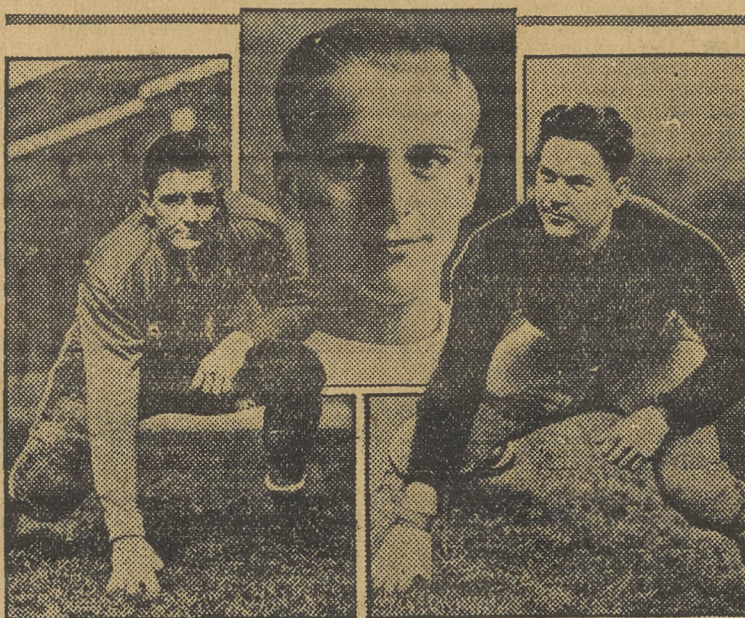
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#### DRAWN FOR JURY

The following local people were drawn for jury for the January term of common pleas court before Judge Valentine last Friday: Edward Myles, driver of Kingston Township; Joseph Joseph, clerk of Kingston Township; Joseph Tomora, laborer, Dallas Township; Thomas Robinson, farmer, Dallas.

### THREE FAMOUS SMITHS



Year's Highest Football Honors Go To Them.

IT'S never happened before in the entire fifty years since Walter Camp, father of modern football, originated the idea of picking an all-America football team every year. Three men of the same name on the all-America! But that's the way it has come out this year—and the selection is the final and great-

est of all the all-Americans—the Collier's team which is a perpetuation of Walter Camp's original and official one. The three Smiths are from Minnesota, Ohio State and Alabama, and they are placed at tackle, guard and quarterback positions. Left to right, Richard Smith, Minnesota; Inwood Smith, Ohio State, and Riley Smith, Alabama.

### Officials Close LCERB Office Here

#### New Application Center To Be Open Tuesdays And Fridays

The local offices of Luzerne County Emergency Relief Board, which have been located in the quarters of Arthur Rainey on Main Street, were closed this week on orders from James Y. Humphrey, county administrator.

No other district offices will be abolished for the time being, Mr. Humphrey said, because the requirements in other districts still demand the presence of an office.

Although the former headquarters has been abandoned, an application center has been set up in a store room next to Himmeler Theatre where persons in this district can apply on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### Rev. Sellers Discusses "Honesty Is Best Policy"

Rev. Fred M. Sellers, pastor of the Shavertown M. E. Church, gave a convincing talk on the familiar adage "Honesty is the Best Policy" at the meeting of the Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association Monday evening.

Rev. Sellers spoke with decided earnestness and sincerity and left with his audience a fitting Yuletide message.

A business meeting followed at which Mrs. William Vivian was appointed chairman of a ways and means committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Thomas Kepner and Mrs. John Hildebrandt.

### County Directory Lists Board Wrong

In the current issue of the Luzerne County School Directory, H. J. Disque, a member of Dallas Borough School Board, is listed as president, and Harry Pittman is listed as secretary, although other revisions, such as the membership of C. N. Lapp, new director, are made. Dr. G. K. Swartz is president of the local board and Daniel Edward N. Jones, State WPA Administrator, is secretary.

(Clip this Coupon and mail it to The Post if you know of a worthy family which should have toys.)

The Dallas Post, Dallas, Penna. Gentlemen:

I should like to see the children in the following family receive some of the toys which are to be distributed by your newspaper.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

(Give address in detail so there will be no difficulty in delivering the toys.)

Number of Children .....

(Give Age And Sex)

SENT IN BY .....

### FLASH-Santa Sends Thanks

North Pole, December 19—(Via reindeer to Hudson Bay)—Between stomping excitedly about between his workshop and his reindeer stable, checking the last-minute preparations for his annual trip Southward, Santa Claus took time today to assure a reporter from The Post that, generally speaking, the behavior of the boys and girls in and near Dallas has pleased him.

"Unless there are unusual monkey-shines between now and Christmas," he said, as he scratched Blitzen between the horns, "I'll have to stop at every house in your section. I've got my eyes on a couple youngsters who haven't been good all the time, but I suspect they're going to make up by being extra-good for the next few days and I've got something for them if they are."

One of his elves called him back to the workshop and after he had checked up a shipment of red automobiles he ruffled through the pile of letters on his desk. "Here's a letter from your town" he said. "Ought to interest you. It's from a little girl whose parents aren't—well, they aren't very well-off. She's afraid I'll give her some presents and make her parents feel badly because they won't have any. She's asked me not to leave anything for her this year. Because she really wants that, I'm not going to, but I'm going to put her in my special gold book, and when her parents are able to buy each other presents in a year or so I'm going to give that little girl so many presents she'll have a different toy for every day of the year."

An elf in a green and red suit stumbled in under a great load of letters. Santa chuckled. "Well, I must get through these letters. Before you go, though, I wish you'd carry back my personal thanks to the Dallas Woman's Club and the Boy Scouts and the other fine people who have been helping me down there in your section. Through their help I'm going to be able to stop at every home." He sighed. "If it weren't for them," he whispered, as he showed us to the door, "I guess there wouldn't be any Santa Claus."

#### 2,500 Find Work

Twenty-five hundred WPA workers in Luzerne County have found jobs in private industry since September 1, Edward N. Jones, State WPA Administrator, announced this week.

### Two Local Groups Victors In Bi-County Play Tourney

MUSICIANS AND THESPIANS TO GO TO CAPITOL

Two local groups—one made up of amateur actors and the other of musicians—will represent Luzerne and Columbia Counties in the annual State-wide play tournaments to be a feature of the Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg next month.

They achieved the honor on Wednesday night in the elimination finals at Bloomsburg, when they were selected by judges after competition.

Six men and women from Lehman, appearing under sponsorship of the Ladies' Aid Society of Lehman Methodist Episcopal Church, presented Bessie C. Gray's "Greener Grass" to defeat two Columbia County groups.

#### Same Play

The victory of the Lehman Thespians was made more noteworthy because one of the groups against which the local amateurs competed presented the same play, forcing the decision of the judges to rest solely upon talent.

For each of the actors it was the first play competition, although all of them have won some recognition for their skillful participation in amateur theatricals in this region.

Members of the cast included Louis Ide, Mrs. Francis Lewis, Emma Ide, Charles Kinsman, Jr., Sheldon Ehret and Mrs. Charles Kinsman.

The cast was enthusiastic yesterday in giving a great share of credit for the victory to Mrs. Arthur Major, who directed the production.

The play will be repeated for the Parent-Teacher Association of Lehman on Monday night, January 13.

**Musicians Win**  
The Pike's Creek Orchestra was the only entrant in the musical competition and was selected to represent the bi-county district at the farm show. Members of the orchestra are John Rebenock, Charles Williams, Otis Allen, Herbert A. Bronson, Alfred Bronson, Walter Wolfe, Albert Ide and Mrs. Alice Ide.

The exact date on which the local group will compete at Harrisburg has not been fixed. They will meet other groups from all parts of Pennsylvania. About 250 organizations were among those which entered the preliminary competitions several weeks ago.

### Board To Discuss Audit At Meeting

#### Seek To Clear Confusion In Board's 1934-'35 Report

Several inconsistencies in the audit of Dallas Borough School Board for the 1934-'35 fiscal year, completed immediately before the reorganization early this month, will be discussed by the new board at its meeting early next month.

Because of the widespread public interest and the conflicting claims made regarding the financial standing of the school district a detailed study of the new audit compared to the audits for the previous four years will be made.

The audit, filed this week at the court house, analyzes the finances of the district during the year which ended early last July. Several noteworthy improvements have been introduced by the auditors in making up their statement, most important, probably, being that of deducting the allowance for depreciation from the value of property, instead of adding it to the liabilities, as in former years. Although it makes no difference in the net worth of the district, which is the difference between the assets and liabilities, it does reduce the apparent total liabilities considerably.

It is evident from the audit that the school board operated under favorable circumstances during the last two years, having received a total of \$6,500 in special appropriations from the State. There were no teachers' institutes held, permitting a saving of about \$240 annually. Because of depression factors, the State reduced the legal minimum salaries, and an excessive over-supply of teachers exists. The board was able to cut salaries to lower levels.

A change in the pay basis leaves one-sixth of the annual salaries due to teachers each July 1, instead of requiring that much additional cash to be secured from temporary loans. Although this item is budgeted in the audit, there is no inclusion of it under "Accounts Payable", an omission which reduces that item considerably in the audit.

The board has had a very small expense for capital outlay. The old buildings were renovated, repainted and mostly refurbished and the high school building was practically new when it began to function. What has been done has been with relief labor at a great saving in school funds. The recent plastering will not appear until the next audit.

The constantly-decreasing debt requires much less interest than formerly, thereby making greater payments possible on the principal.

The auditors classify the disbursements under eight headings, lettered A to H. The first six are expenses of various kinds. The money spent under G, or "Debt Service", and H, or "Capital Outlay", really affects the standing of the districts. For the past five years these show the following:

Year	(G) Debt Service	(H) Capital Outlay	(D) Mills Tax
Ending July 1			
1935	\$10,872.89	802.57	30
1934	10,733.11	96.99	25
1933	11,641.38	933.31	30
1932	14,001.00	2,651.35	25
1931	15,076.51	8,950.16	25

**KILLS DEER**  
Basil Frantz, 17, of Carverton killed an antlerless buck on Red Rock Mountain Friday. This was his first deer hunting trip.

### Champions Honored By Township Fans

#### Heffernan Stresses Value Of Football In Education

Even though overemphasized, football must be thanked for holding in school or college many young men who otherwise would face the world without much education, Tom Heffernan, sports editor of The Sunday Independent, told a crowd of about 150 persons who gathered in Shavertown M. E. Church on Monday night to honor the champion Kingston Township football team.

Another speaker was Arnold Kraff, coach of Plains High School team, who stressed the importance of fighting spirit above weight and size. S. R. Henning, principal of G. A. R. High School in Wilkes-Barre, a former principal of Kingston Township schools, was toastmaster.

Edward Kotchi of The Post spoke briefly, explaining this newspaper's method of selecting names for its All Scholastic Football Team and announced a revision in last week's lineup through which Pattison of Kingston Township becomes a member of the first team and Fritz of Lehman becomes a member of the second team.

An impromptu trio, having as its members "Red" Swartz, Bill Lukkie, and Adolph Eddinger sang and Mr. Hunt, a magician, entertained. For the team, Ted Loveland presented a wrist watch to Coach Walter Hicks. Mr. Hicks acknowledged the gift graciously in a talk in which he expressed his gratitude for the co-operation and team work of the boys during the season.

Howard Isaacs was chairman. Among those who made the dinner possible through their financial assistance were Edward Hall, Harold Houghton, Sheldon Evans, Howard Woolbert, Dewey Edwards, Howard Edwards, Clarence Myers, Rev. J. J. O'Leary, Kenneth and William Coleigh, Frank Leonard, Herbert Lundy, Fred J. Fraze, Earl V. Lacey, William R. Royer, Harry Montz, Attorney Arthur L. Turner, E. Earle Newhart, Sr. and Harry J. Harter.

### NINETEEN THIRTY-FIVE BECOMES HISTORY...

During the past twelve months billions of words have flashed over news wires, rattled through typewriters and been splashed across newspaper pages. Now, as the last days of 1935 slip into the past, special Post writers complete their review of local, domestic, foreign, international and sports news of the year. A good part of next week's Post will be devoted to those reviews. Watch for them.