

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

Everybody who has visited the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the holiday season has admired the decorations on the huge Christmas tree in the bay window, and many subscribers have expressed a wish to learn the secret of the tricky little stars which have contributed so much to the beauty of the tree.

At the Christmas meeting of the Book Club there was a buzz of comment; many of the members calling nostalgically to mind the days of their childhood when such stars, along with festoons of cranberries and garlands of popcorn, forming the greater part of the trimming for the Christmas tree.

But everybody had forgotten how to make the stars.

That is, everybody but Mrs. Templin. It was Mrs. Templin, it developed, who had made up the hundreds of stars for the library Christmas tree as well as uncounted dozens for her own Sunday School tree in Shavertown, and it was Mrs. R. J. W. Templin who accommodatingly switched off her electric iron and sidetracked the ironing basket when this column called upon her later in the day for information.

Mrs. Templin gathered a handful of assorted colored strips, sat down in a large chair, and in words of one syllable started to give instruction. I had thought it might take five minutes, but it took at least half an hour. Those stars are tricky. The instruction involved the making of seven different models in successive stages of construction, from the first crisp doubling of the four strips of paper to the final tucking and trimming, supplemented by a closely written paper of directions.

The star has to be locked at each step, so that it will not come apart in the fingers. There is a twist of the wrist at the very last stage which must be executed in exactly the right manner, or the completed star will lack that lovely puffy rosette which is its crowning touch.

Simmering with information and bearing a paper bag filled with first stage, second stage, third stage, fourth stage, fifth stage, and sixth stage models, two completely trimmed stars as well as the one I had swiped originally from the library Christmas tree, and raw materials for perhaps two dozen stars, I legged it for home along the darkening highway, intent upon attacking the problem immediately after dinner that night and getting the Christmas tree decorations firmly in hand.

At five o'clock the next afternoon, with brief interludes for preparation of meals and a restless night pursued by a whole firmament of stars I held upon my hand the first completed star. The directions were explicit, the models entirely adequate and informative, the will power was present in grim gobs, but those such and such and so and so stars kept turning themselves inside out or refusing blandly to lock. At five P.M., success. Star followed star with increasing speed.

The Christmas tree is decorated with beautiful varicolored stars. Each morning immediately after breakfast I make two more stars, to the end that my right hand shall not forget its hard-bought cunning. Next year I will offer in advance to help Mrs. Templin make stars for the library tree, and if there is anybody, come another Christmas season, who wishes to learn the gentle art of star-making, I shall be delighted to oblige.

Mrs. George Dawkins Leaves for Tennessee

Mrs. George Dawkins, Main road, Shavertown left this area Wednesday, to make her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Sykes in Tennessee. The trip from Nesbitt Hospital, where she has been a patient, to Philadelphia was made in Howard Woolbert's ambulance.

There she was transferred to a railway train for the long trip south.

An occasional note from her friends here will help to brighten the days of her recovery in her new home.

Township Alumni Plan Second Annual Banquet

A special meeting of the committee for the second annual banquet of the Dallas Township Alumni was held in the school library last night at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Alice Tinsley is chairlady of the affair and requests each member of the committee be present at the meeting.

The committee, consisting of one representative from each graduating class of the Township, is as follows: Mildred Devens, Red Carey, Edward Hoppa, Dorothy Dodson, Martha Russ Smith, Alberto Lancia, Rohannah Shoemaker, Mary Benallack, Marvin Elston, Elva Elston, Alice Lumley, Dale Warmouth, Donald Smith, Stanley Wroblewski, Audrey Morris, Betty Wispell, Margaret Martin, Phyllis Kunkle, Harry Bellas, David Parson, Minnie Sidorok, Edwin Lumley Dorothy Weaver, Margaret Gosart, Mary Knecht, Mr. Williams of the faculty.

Mrs. Miller Entertains At Christmas Dinner

Mrs. Henrietta Miller, West Center Street, Shavertown, entertained on Christmas Day members of her family, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Elston, Mrs. J. O. Ellsworth, Emma and Lena VanTuyle and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rozelle.

Mrs. Miller, who will be eighty-six on her next birthday, prepared the dinner alone and entertained her guests by singing old fashioned songs among them "Lord Arnold."

Throughout the day there were many callers. Born at Lake Township, Mrs. Miller, then Henrietta Hoover, attended Outlet school. She recalls that in those days the road around the Lake went only as far as Warden Place. Later she and her husband, the late B. F. Elston, conducted a farm in Lehman Township. Thirty-five years ago they moved to Shavertown and there her first husband died twenty-six years ago. Her second husband, Bert Miller, died several years ago.

Since that time Mrs. Miller has lived alone. She occupies her time with needlework and caring for her properties. Not long ago she built a new home and now wants to build another. She has planned and supervised the construction of eight new homes and purchased and remodeled several others.

Last winter she pieced several quilts and this winter, when she isn't preparing delicious meals for friends and relatives, is making carpets and continuing with her needlework.

Guests On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. David Namey of Shavertown who celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary on Christmas day, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Titus of Huntsville road on Sunday evening.

The Nameys have two children, Lila and David.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Parrish, Miss Doris Titus, Sharon Emily Titus, Lila and David Namey, the guests of honor, the host and hostess.

County Library Board Elected

Service To Start After January 1

Wyoming County Library Association Board of Directors met with Miss Markwell of Bradford County on November 30th and elected the following persons to serve as officers for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Adrian Quick, Nicholson; secretary, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mehoopany; treasurer, Mrs. Earl Crispell, Noxen.

The Wyoming County Commissioners have signed a contract with the Bradford County Library and this service will be available to every citizen of the county. Most of the cost of this service will be paid out by the State Library. They will pay \$2,500 a year and lend 2,500 books, providing the service is given to the entire county.

Just a few of the advantages the Bookmobile will give: It will provide a minimum of one book per pupil a month, for every school in the county.

Approximately 30 deposit stations will be located throughout the county for adults. Any community having a library may receive this service if they wish.

The Bookmobile will visit every school and deposit station once a month to exchange the old collection for a new one and deliver the material which may have been requested.

The following committees were appointed by Mrs. Quick: By-laws, Davis Hobbs and Leon Carnell; publicity, Mrs. Earl Crispell and Mrs. Charles Jones, stations and custodians, Dr. Bryan Lee and Mrs. Gerald Dunbar.

This service is expected to be available to Wyoming County residents after January 1, 1950.

Holds Christmas Party

Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church held its Xmas party on December 19th at the church. Tables were originally decorated with musical Xmas trees which played during the luncheon.

Gifts were placed around a fireplace constructed for the occasion with a musical church forming the mantle. Mrs. Frank Heiderer was Santa.

Hostesses were Mr. Earl Reese, Mrs. Byron Kitchen and Mrs. Walter Heiderer. Thirty-two members attended.

New Dodge On Display Jan. 4

Richardson Attends Preview in New York

The new Dodge cars which will be introduced January 4 will have a fresh styling appeal, new low body lines and many refinements in design, according to L. L. Richardson, who has returned from a dealer preview meeting in New York.

Mr. Richardson said that pictures of the new Dodge cars, specifications and full details on body types were released Tuesday and the new cars will be on display in his showroom on January 4.

"Dodge's production and retail deliveries this year have been the highest in Dodge history," he said. "We're confident of doing even better next year with the new improved models. They're beautiful cars. I personally believe they are the finest values we've ever had."

Mr. Richardson cordially invites everybody to his gala open house January 4 through 7.

Rob't. Coolbaugh Buried Saturday

Orange Farmer Dies After Brief Illness

Robert Coolbaugh, 86, resident of Orange for many years, was buried from his home on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Coolbaugh who had been in good health until four weeks prior to his death passed away Wednesday morning at his home.

Born in Lockville, he was the son of William and Mary Winters Coolbaugh. He had engaged in farming all his life. He was married to the former Bertha Swartwood, Orange, who preceded him in death 16 years ago. Mr. Coolbaugh was an active member of Vernon Grange and Lockville Methodist Church.

He is survived by the following children: Walter, Jackson; Elmer, Trucksville, Lloyd, Orange; Mrs. Carl Coolbaugh, Somerville, New Jersey and Mrs. Francis Faux, Centermoreland. Also 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Rev. Arthur Andrews with interment in Fitch Cemetery at Orange. Bearers were Stanley Dymond, Willard Armstrong, Arthur Coolbaugh, Archie Dyet, Russell Miller and Edgar Barth.

Flower carriers were grandchildren and great grandchildren: Raymond Snyder, Russell and Alice Faux, Dorene, Richard and Carl Coolbaugh, Jr. Arrangements by Bronson.

Miss Gertrude Smith, Buried on Tuesday

Many friends attended the funeral of Miss Gertrude Smith, Kunkle, which was held from Brickel's Funeral Home in Dallas, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. David Morgan, Courtdale Methodist Church, officiated. Interment was in Warden Cemetery, Dallas.

Bearers were Fred Dodson, Philip Kunkle, Frank Boston, Frank Smith, Carl and Claude Nulton.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, she was born in Dallas 66 years ago. Later she moved to Kunkle where she had resided for many years. In ill health for several years, she died Sunday morning.

An active church member, she had taught Sunday School at Kunkle Methodist Church for over twenty-five years. Surviving are a brother, Fred of Kunkle; and two sisters: Mrs. Florence Nulton, Harveys Lake and Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Wyoming.

Employees of Bank Have Christmas Party

Employees of First National Bank enjoyed their first Christmas party in the new enlarged business offices on the second floor Saturday afternoon.

The party tables were attractively arranged with holiday greens and crystal candelabra. Gifts were exchanged.

Present were Mrs. Rose Davies, Mrs. Pauline Roth, Mrs. Mary Lou Robins, Miss Carrie Foote, Miss Peggy Martin, Miss Delores Adamshigk, Fred Eck, W. B. Jeter, Bill Baker and Francis Barry.

Children Create Creche

The creche on a pole near the uncompleted Prince of Peace Church was built by Howard Young, Sunday School superintendent. Figures were purchased by children of the church. The scene was lighted December 22 and will remain lighted until January 1.

Babson Believes General Business Will Continue To Decline In 1950

Suburban Real Estate Will, However, Hold Up And Perhaps Increase In Price

By Roger W. Babson

1. The total volume of business for 1950 will be less than that of 1949, due primarily to the unfortunate labor conflicts. Considering that the innocent consumer will be the chief sufferer and will be obliged to pay the bills, it seems too bad that labor troubles should upset the apparatus.

2. Even with all the threats, there will be few wage increases during 1950. On the other hand, all labor negotiations take the minds of both the employees and the management off their regular business. However these negotiations come out, they result in a loss from the standpoint of the country as a whole.

3. There will be fewer strikes in 1950 than in 1949, but there will not be fewer extended negotiations which are very expensive in themselves.

4. The Taft-Hartley Law will continue to stand throughout 1950, although many schemes for detouring this law will be devised.

5. The great drive against the big companies will be for pensions and/or for sick and other benefits. These will probably be helpful to the wageworkers and may aid in ironing out the business cycle, but they will be paid for by consumers.

6. It is hoped that all parties will begin to realize during 1950 that the real road to national progress is through increasing production and greater efficiency. This is the bright light we see in the labor situation.

7. Movements in commodity prices during 1950 will vary with different groups of industries and of products, but altogether there will be a general lowering during 1950.

8. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1950 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Speculation in commodities should be discouraged in 1950.

9. We believe that the cost of living index has turned down for the present. The average for 1950 will be less than for 1949.

10. Practically all retail prices will average less in 1950 than in 1949, notwithstanding the excess of money mentioned under 27, 28, and 29 below.

FARM OUTLOOK

11. The total farm income for 1950 should be less than that of 1949, which means lower prices on the average for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify in 1950, get out of debt and put their surplus money into savings, in preparation for the next crop failure.

12. The supply of certain canned vegetables and fruits (except citrus) should be greater during 1950 than at the same time during 1949. The prices of these products should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

13. Poultry and dairy products will especially increase in volume during 1950 with prices averaging less than 1949.

14. Farmers will continue to work to hold present subsidies. It is popular to criticize the vast amount of crops which the Government owns or is making loans on, but this surplus in storage may be a great blessing when the next crop failure or war comes.

TAXES

15. The Federal Budget will be increased during 1950 over that for 1949.

16. Over-all Federal Taxes will not be increased during 1950 and there may even be some readjustments to encourage venture capital. Moreover, some of the nuisance taxes may be eliminated or reduced.

17. The long-term capital gains tax of 25% will remain unchanged. 18. There will be many increases in local and state taxes, and more reaching for relief by "sales" taxes or other forms of raising needed funds.

RETAIL TRADE

19. Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1950 than they were in 1949.

20. Markdown sales will continue during 1950 as consumer spending slackens due to a decline in employment and other factors.

21. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1950 will be moderately downward, and the unit volume of retail sales will also be less in 1950 than in 1949.

22. Less will be spent on new building and equipment by stores and factories during 1950.

BOX SCORE		
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day		
	Hospitalized	Killed
DALLAS	2	11
LEHMAN	1	1
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	3
HONOR TOWNSHIP	2	3
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2	2
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	1	1
TOTAL	31	38

1950 IN A NUTSHELL			
General Business:	Off 5%	Auto Manufactures:	Off 15%
National Income:	Off 5%	Building and Const.:	Off 7%
Farm Income:	Off 15%	Natural Gas:	Up 5%
Bituminous Coal:	Up 5%	Foreign Trade:	No Change
Anthracite:	Off 5%	Airline Passenger miles:	Up 5%
Crude Oil Products:	Up 5%	Military Activities:	
Steel Output:	Off 5%	Including Aircraft:	Up 20%
Retail Trade (\$ Volume): Off 3% to 10%			

To Marry James Waters



MISS MARY ELLEN HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Hill, of Robeson, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to James S. Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Waters, of Huntsville road.

Miss Hill who was graduated from Albright College, Reading, is a teacher of Home Economics at the Hamburg High School.

Mr. Waters a graduate of the Dallas Borough High School is now a senior in the School of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Templin Observe Thirty-Seventh Anniversary

Professor and Mrs. R. J. W. Templin, Cemetery street, Dallas, will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Mr. Templin has been superintendent of West Pittston schools for the past twenty six years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Templin were born in Shamokin and attended school and church together from early childhood. They were married in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shamokin, by Dr. W. E. Fisher. Mrs. Templin is the former Miss Edith Elliot.

The Templins have had a most ambitious family life. Mr. Templin entered Bucknell University at Lewisburg after his marriage and continued with his studies despite a growing family, which numbered three at the time of his graduation. Three months before receiving his diploma, he had made such a fine scholastic record that he was sent to Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre to take over the mathematics department, left vacant by the appointment of H. H. Zeiser, former mathematics head of the school to the position of assistant superintendent of Wilkes-Barre Schools.

He remained at Coughlin High School for two years, then went to Sunbury as principal of that district. A year later he was offered a position at Lafayette College in Easton where he taught for two years. From there he became superintendent of West Pittston schools.

The Templins have ten children, nine of whom are living: Richard, Girard, Ohio; Mrs. Evelyn Eck, Shavertown; Mrs. Jean Maxwell, Kingstons; William, Lake North, South Dakota; Philip, Oakmont, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Reese, Dallas; Thomas, Shavertown; Ralph and Fred, at home. They also have 14 grandchildren.

Their many friends extend best wishes for a most happy anniversary.

Lights To Be Judged By Committee Tonight

Christmas lighting decorations on homes and business places will be judged tonight by a committee of judges; composed of Joseph MacVeigh, chairman, Joseph Elicker, and Mrs. Lewis LeGrand. All those who have entered their homes in the Dallas Business Association's competition are asked to have their lights on from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. First award will be \$40 and there will be several other awards.

Sweet Valley Ablaze With Christmas Lights

More than \$100 in prizes will be awarded by Sweet Valley Businessmen before the end of the week for the best Christmas lighted homes in that community.

The judges are Rev. F. K. Abbott, Lehman; Rev. Oscar Saxe and Rev. Emmett Goethchins.

In contrast with last season when few homes were lighted, Sweet Valley has been ablaze with color this year, and many homes have unusually attractive displays.

23. Our exports will be down during 1950 and our imports will be up during 1950, — comparing both with 1949. This will partly be accounted for by the devaluation of the English Pound and other foreign currencies.

24. Foreign credits will continue to be granted during 1950, but some of these will be direct by American business firms and investors. If our Government will get foreign governments to agree that such investments will be exempt from any new tax or other legislation by the foreign country in which the investments are made, considerable progress would be noticeable along foreign trade channels.

25. American interests will have more competition from foreign producers of raw materials and of manufactured goods during 1950 than they had during 1949. This will benefit some American concerns, but be harmful to others.

26. Fear of war with Russia will continue during 1950. World War III will come sometime; but it will not start during 1950. Those large vulnerable cities should be ready for the day.

27. These years of peace to get some small farm or country home to which they can go in case of war. Such places will be almost unobtainable when war actually comes.

DEFICIT FINANCING

28. The supply of money will be increased during 1950, but the price of Government bonds will change much one way or the other during 1950.

29. In addition to the anticipated Federal deficit the \$3,000,000 being distributed as insurance funds to veterans will be spent.

30. Congress will not change the price of gold during 1950.

STOCK MARKET

31. Most stocks will work up and down in about the same range during 1950 as during 1949.

32. Stocks of companies with assets mostly in natural resources, known as inflation stocks, should have the greatest demand.

33. There will be more investment buying for income during 1950 and utilities and companies making labor-saving machinery may be more popular than other industrials or railroads.

34. The wisest investors will keep a fair amount of their funds liquid throughout 1950 pending the great break in stock prices which will come someday.

BONDS

35. High-grade taxable bonds bearing low rates should continue to be popular during 1950 when money is tight.

36. The Federal Reserve will continue during 1950 the same general policy which it followed during 1949.

37. The importance of rationing in 1950 and wise watch their bond market that they are either automatically staggered.

REAL ESTATE

38. The city real estate market is uncertain. It will hold firm through 1950, but less available space will be pulled down by pulling down the price of new buildings.

39. Owing to high cost of labor and materials, there is little inclination to build new property. On the other hand, continual movement out of large cities—in the interest of decentralization—may cause prices to soften.

40. There will continue to be a fair demand during 1950 for suburban real estate with a sharp price for larger places; but residential communities will be up and, perhaps, increase in price.

41. There will be some demand during 1950 in industrial real estate. The cost of building will decline as the quality of workmanship improves. There should be a decrease during 1950 in financed building.

42. There will not be a change in business rentals in 1950, but residential rentals will be higher in 1950. Only property owners are granted rentals will there be no built for rental purposes.

43. Mortgage interest rates will be higher in 1950.

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