

# Will You Part With Those Old Toys Abandoned In Basement And Attic?

Toys for underprivileged children are being collected in the old Hall's Drugstore Building, Shavertown, by a committee headed by Louis Banta, Constable. With not quite three weeks left to go before Christmas, the project of reconditioning and painting toys is under way in high gear.

Members of the Back Mountain Rod and Gun Club have offered their services. Charles Metzger, Kingston Township police, will assist.

Folks who have cast-off toys in usable condition but needing face lifting, may donate them to this worthy cause by contacting Lou Banta, Charlie Metzger, John Chapel at the Fire Hall, or Howard Conrad, Lehigh Street.

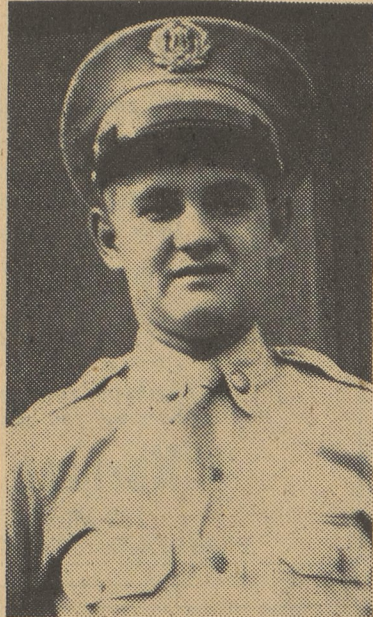
Paint is needed, and cash donations are also in order for food baskets. Distribution, says Banta, is not confined to the Back Mountain alone. Last year baskets were distributed as far afield as Ashley, wherever there was need.

Lou has a very soft spot in his heart for children, as evidenced by the annual Easter Egg hunt which he sponsors and by the annual Christmas toy collection.

He needs help now in bringing joy to children who might otherwise have a lean Christmas.

Already on hand are several bicycles in good condition, Trikes are needed, and large metal toys such as wagons and tractors which can have a bright coat of paint. Any kind of toy will find a home.

## Counting The Days



CPL. BARNEY KLIMECK

When he wrote to his mother, Mrs. Florence Klimeck, on October 18, Barney had eighty-one days left of army service, with Christmas at home in Kunkle a promise, followed by an early discharge in New York.

It was Barney who helped build the Skeet Range at Fort Amador, Canal Zone.

When he was taking basic training at Fort Dix, he learned photography from an extra-curricular course offered by the Salvation Army. He does his own developing, enlarging and printing, and also takes and shows movies.

He has been with the 17th Abn Division Band at Camp Pickett, and the 71st Band at Fort Clayton.

Right now he wants to be sure that his car has a 1951 license so that he can take to the roads as soon as he gets home.

## Dallas Kiwanians Hosts To Key Club

Dallas Kiwanis met at Irem Temple Country Club Wednesday night, with Clyde Cooper presiding. He introduced the speaker, Richard Vaughn of Trucksville, district governor, who gave its charter to the Key Club of Dallas Township High School, sponsored by Dallas Kiwanis. Raymond E. Kuhner, supervising principal; John F. Rosser, principal, and Robert Dolbear club adviser, were guests also.

The charter was presented by George Montgomery, who gave the boys of the Key Club an illustration of their future responsibilities to the community and their opportunities to improve their neighborhoods and communities.

The Key Club membership was represented by Lance Walker, president; Leonard Kozick, secretary; Dale Thomas, Buddy VanCampen, Bill Miller, Roy Tryon, Robert Rice, Karl Landmesser, Carl Guies.

Music was presented by Mrs. William Baker.

## Banks Ask For Coins In Kids' Piggy Banks

A shortage of pennies and other change has caused the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank to issue an appeal to children to exchange the coins in their piggy banks for bills, according to W. B. Jeter, president of First National Bank, Dallas.

Mr. Jeter said there appears to be no real shortage of pennies in Dallas, but that Wilkes-Barre banks frequently call Dallas to pick up whatever change is available.

This week Philadelphia Mint officials said they were producing a record number of pennies, but that heavy holiday buying was taking them up rapidly. He indicated that an increase in coin vending machines and sales taxes requiring pennies is also a cause of the shortage.

The shortage will probably be relieved after the holidays.

## HOME CUT YULE TREE STAYS FRESH LONGER

The Christmas tree harvest, a big business operation for many growers, starts early in places distant from market, but County Agent James Hutchison reminds that locally grown trees cut late have a decided advantage in freshness.

Some trees for the Yule trade actually are cut 2 to 3 months ahead of Christmas. Even with the best handling, they dry out and needles start shattering and falling. Trees in this condition are highly flammable and create fire hazards. Fresh trees burn less readily.

Immediately on taking delivery of a Christmas tree, regardless of

where it has been harvested, make a fresh cut 2 or 3 inches from the end of the butt and stand the tree in water. This will preserve its freshness 1 or 2 weeks. Trees of medium size drink up 1-1/2 to 2 quarts of water a day.

Supplies appear to be ample, and tree prices promise to be about the same as a year ago, the county agent reports. Wholesale prices for trees on the stump are at about 1950 levels.

Pennsylvania growers, many of them farmers, will harvest around 1-1/2 million Christmas trees this year.

Many of these will go to other states. Otherwise they would come near satisfying the State's needs.

The total Christmas tree harvest

for the whole United States is expected to reach 21-1/2 million, while another 7 million will be imported from Canada. A few will be coming in from Newfoundland and Labrador.

Of the 21-1/2 million Christmas

trees harvested in this country, 19 million are produced on private lands, the rest on public domains. If all of Pennsylvania's 1-1/2 million trees were shipped by rail they would fill a freight train three miles long.

## ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS Fancy White Holland Turkeys

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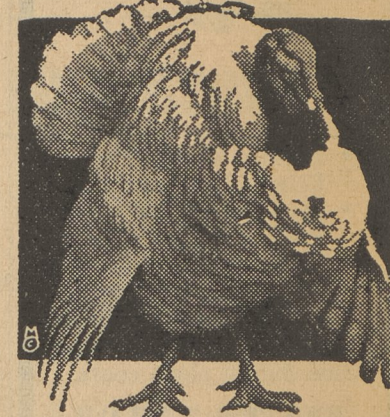
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### SAFETY RULES FOR CHRISTMAS TREES GUARD AGAINST FIRE

Authorities on fire hazards say that a properly cared-for Christmas tree should not constitute danger. It is when the tree becomes dry and starts shedding its needles that there is trouble.

Get a fresh cut tree, is the advice, throw a bucket of water over it on arrival, keep it outdoors until needed, and then install it in a bucket of water. Make a slanting cut at the bottom to better admit water, and keep adding water to the bucket every day. The more water the tree exhales through its needles, the more fragrant it will be.

Stones, bricks, or coal will help hold the tree upright, or a lattice can be installed across the top of the bucket. Use what camouflage you like to conceal the bucket.

Inspect strings of Christmas lights before installing, watching out for frayed cords or broken sockets.

Select a spot for the tree not too near a radiator and well away from the fireplace, out of the line of travel where it will not be tipped over.

And don't use paper decorations too near Christmas tree lights.

It is better to disconnect all Christmas tree lights before leaving the house as added precaution.

### Returns From Nesbitt

Mrs. Addison Woolbert, Shavertown, has returned home from the Nesbitt Hospital where she has been a patient for the past several days.

### SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

A meeting of the shareholders of The First National Bank of Dallas, Pennsylvania, for the election of directors will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 8, 1952 (second Tuesday) between the hours of 10 and 11 A. M.

Frederick J. Eck, cashier

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