

Book Club Enjoys Christmas Party

Back Mountain Library Book Club enjoyed a Christmas party at the Library Annex on Wednesday. The Harris Haycocks showed colored slides of their trip to Hawaii.

Present were Mrs. Ray Hedden,

Mrs. Gerald Dettmore, Mrs. Art Ross, Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Mrs. J. Stanley Rinehimer, Mrs. Fred Howell, Mrs. A. D. Hutchison, Mrs. Dana Krump, Mrs. Joseph Schmerer, Mrs. Harry Stuhlmuller, Mrs. Warren Unger, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mrs. Mitchell Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Haycox and Ruth.

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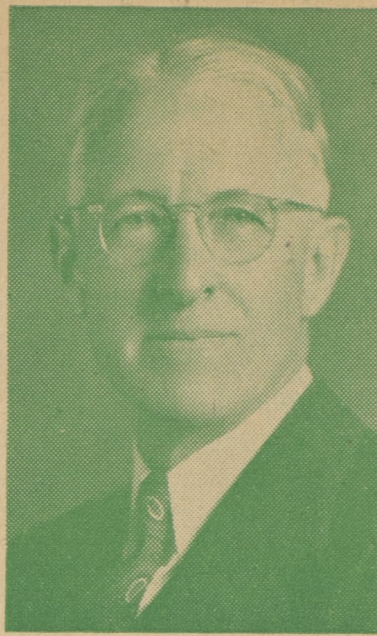
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HOLIDAY Greetings

Joy... love... peace... these are the words that guide us in our celebration of the Christmas and New Year Season. Our wish — that we all keep Christmas with us in spirit, the whole year through. A Happy Holiday to you all!

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Know Your Neighbor



REV. CHARLES H. FRICK

Two folks of different denominations leaned their elbows on the counter at the Dallas Post one day while waiting for a printing job to be wrapped up, and started discussing this and that:

One of them said, "You know, if a Bishop for the Back Mountain were to be chosen, I'd bet on Reverend Frick."

We pricked up our ears. The second man agreed. "Yes," he said judicially, "he'd get my vote too. He exemplifies everything that is fine in the ministry."

So here's a Christmas wish for the Bishop of the Back Mountain, and a hope that he and his wife will have many happy New Years in the new parsonage at Huntsville.

When interviewed, Rev. Frick said he was sorry that he could not furnish a long list of letters after his name. He added, rather ruefully, that his Hiram College degree, awarded in 1906, was a modest sort of a degree, but that it had given him the foundation for his life work, the establishment of new churches.

Back Mountain folks who know and love Rev. Frick for his kindly humor and the twinkle in his eye as well as for his never failing sympathy and his wise counsel, would endorse another degree for him, that of LLD—Doctor of the Larger Life.

That tall, spare man has never had a chance to go soft and take on weight.

He has been too busy. He says now that he thinks he has spread himself a bit too thin, and that maybe he will cut down his bee colony.

And he says it's all right with him if he is never persuaded to judge another flower show. It's always his luck, he says, to share honors as a judge with a couple of women who are well up on the rules, while he enjoys free-lancing it a bit. A lovely flower to Rev. Frick is a lovely flower, whether it has all the characteristics of a prize-winner or not, estimated solely on points.

Bees don't take too much attention, but it all adds up. Bees, he says, are pretty sensible, but easily frustrated. They don't like to be caught in a trap, so Rev. Frick wears something over his hair, and rolls his sleeves high and tight. A bee that finds itself imprisoned by hair or sleeves will sting its way out.

Rev. and Mrs. Frick embark on a cooperative business tour each September and October, covering schools and colleges over a wide area in the interests of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, and returning to Huntsville only over the weekends.

In the midst of Friday's swirling snow, Rev. Frick pointed to the tower with its newly installed loud speaker system, Huntsville Christian Church wired for sound.

"Lucky we got that set up yesterday," he said, "Nobody could keep footing on that roof today."

Cracked ribs and all, (Rev. Frick took a header a few weeks ago in that most domestic of spots, the family bath-tub) he has been helping install the loud speaker in time for the Christmas carol broadcast, which will be heard for the first time from Huntsville Church on Sunday.

The ribs, now nearly healed, have slowed him down a bit, perhaps, in his project of clearing underbrush from the slope beneath the new home overlooking Huntsville Dam, but have not stopped him. He plans to set out young dogwoods and rhododendron from his nursery rows at Pikes Creek, beautifying the grounds around the house and the church.

There is a series of articles simmering in Rev. Frick's mind, on the subject of reforestation and conservation. He says that contrary to the order of the government that seedlings be set out hit or miss instead of in nursery rows, nursery rows are far more practical until a tree reaches a size where it can master the surrounding weeds without help. Transplant-trees, he says, which cost more per thousand, but are worth it, are more practical to buy from the government than seedlings, able to stand on their own feet almost from the first, and soon crowding out the weeds.

Rev. Frick numbers photography among his many interests. A great believer in visual education for churches, schools, and organizations, he has for the past several

years switched from stills to moving pictures.

For eight years he was president of the West Side Garden Club, still retains membership.

He's interested in music, too. It was young Charles Frick who organized the first orchestra at Hiram, working from a foundation of six lessons on the guitar. He hopes to have good music broadcast from the belfry, not just on Sundays, but on warm evenings during the summer when folks are sitting outdoors. The tower, high above the surrounding countryside, is advantageously placed, Rev. Frick says, to broadcast for a long distance.

A brief survey shows him as a young graduate embarking upon his career as Organizing Secretary of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Missionary Society by establishing three churches during the first three years, one in Brownville, one in Butler, and one in Phillipsburg.

The church in the Firwood section of Wilkes-Barre, on Carey Avenue and Horton Street came next, and here Rev. Frick served for some years until entry of the United States into World War I. He was chaplain of the 310th Artillery, and later the 313th in France, seeing the first five bodies buried in the famous Argonne Cemetery.

After the Armistice, and now president of the Missionary Society, he founded the Wyoming Avenue Christian Church and served as pastor for twenty-two years, until Pearl Harbor precipitated mobilization of the 109th of which he had been chaplain since returning to civilian life.

A flashback to Newark, Delaware, seventy-four years ago, shows a son, Charles, born to Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Frick.

Bessie Hale Jackson, Toledo, Ohio, crossed his path in college. They were married, and have four children, Paul, Earl, Jack, and Helen. Helen is now Mrs. Gordon Wolverton, and lives on the Pikes Creek Farm.

Rev. Frick resigned from the pastorate of Huntsville Christian Church at the beginning of World War II, at the same time he resigned from Wyoming Avenue Christian Church; but in the case of Huntsville, the resignation didn't

take. It was never accepted.

So after a brief term as Chaplain of the 109th at Indiantown Gap, with the rank of Colonel, with retirement for age following close upon mobilization, and a six-year pastorate at Mount Rainier, near Washington, Huntsville once more had its pastor.

Westmoreland Students Save In Stamps, Bonds

Value of School Savings for the four school buildings in the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Joint District from September 6th to December 19th is \$3417.80.

High School students purchased \$618.85 in stamps, \$131.25 in bonds; Dallas Elementary \$635.90 in stamps, \$18.75 bonds; Shavertown, \$609.70, \$262.50; Trucksville, \$824.90, \$37.50; kindergarten, \$278 in stamps.

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Death Takes Mother Of Norman Johnstone

Norman Johnstone, secretary manager of Wyoming Valley Motor Club, was called to Rochester Wednesday morning by the death of his ninety-one year old mother, Mrs. Mary Johnstone.

Norm always spent Christmas at Rochester, arriving with a car load of fruit, hams and turkeys and other holiday goodies.

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