

**NOXEN**

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Cahill and family, West Pittston and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cahill, Cornish, Maine spent Tuesday with the Fred Schencks.

Mrs. Joseph Dotter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kresge, Elwood Patton Jr. spent Thursday with Warren Boyer and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dent, at Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schenck, spent several days with their son, Larry at Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schenck and Elmer Crispell and Mrs. Emily Smith, were their guests at dinner, on Sunday.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hess were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Williams and Florence Ann, Shavertown, Mr. and Mrs. Nile Hess and family, Rochester, Robert Hess and son Douglas, Kunkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Montross and Gregory spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Benner, Richfield, Pa. Sharyn Montross returned with them after spending a week with the Benners.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones and Karlene are visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Hobbs at Tonawanda, N.Y. A baby girl was born to the Hobbs' on December 29th. This is their second child.

Mary Ann Sevanski spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cummings, Milltown, N. J. Sunday visitors at the Ernest Teetsels were Mr. and Mrs. George Teetsel, Meshoppen, Mrs. Donald Goble, Tunkhannock, Mrs. Everett White and family, Johnston City, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hough, Mrs. Emma Hough and Ruth, Almedia, Pa., Billy and Gale Weaver, Hudson Falls, N.Y. and Agnes Butler, Stull, were visitors at the home of Stella Shook on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Race, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Race, Christine and David spent Sunday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cargill and family, Binghamton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanCampen, Endwell, N. Y.

Paul Lattimer, Lockhaven State College is spending a vacation here with his wife, Eunice and daughter Stacey. He and his daughter spent two days this week with his mother, Mrs. Jean Lattimer, Towanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Traver and family, Williamsport, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Traver.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rudolph, Elmira, N. Y., spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Galka, Sr., Tommy and Susan, Fairless Hills, Pa., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Galka, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hackling and Goble, Tunkhannock, Mrs. Ernestie Phillips Jr. and family, Other visitors were Richard Phillips, Rochester, and Mrs. Albert Hackling, Vestal, N. Y.

Mrs. Wheeler Hess has returned to her home after spending several weeks with their son Wheeler Hess Jr., and family, Andover, Conn.

Mrs. Andy Thomas and Jessica Thomas have been on the sick list, this past week.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family of the late Welford "Bud" Scouten, who was taken with a heart attack on Wednesday, and died soon after.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church was made more beautiful over the week end when new carpet was laid on the floor of the church. The entire interior was redecorated during the summer.

Mrs. Ora Bean is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Kamenstein, Flushing, N. Y.

Osmond Castlerline and Elvin Bean are at present working at the Back Mountain Lumber Co., Shavertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miner, Chenango Forks, N. Y. spent New Years with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hobbs and family, Tonawanda, N. Y.

Robert May left Thursday for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he will be employed by Mrs. J. Elmore Turrell. Mrs. Turrell left on Thursday by plane for Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beshm left on Monday, to spend the winter months at Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Vane Race spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willets at Mount Arlington, N.J.

Mrs. Ronald Hopper is a medical patient in the General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Crispell, Delavan, Wisconsin, announce the birth of a daughter Cynthia Lee on January, 7th. This is their third child.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barton, Athens, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hackling.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Dymond were Donald Sweet, Johnson City, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones, Longview, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crispell received word that their son Ronald was taken to the hospital at Pomona, N.Y., in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonier and son, Falls Church, Va., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dymond and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Engelman, Rose Mary, Sheila and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Engelman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Engelman, at Sayre, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Patton

**Mount Zion :- Carverton :- Orange**

**Now Home, Nelson And Mae Lewis Recall Happy California Holiday**

Nelson Lewis was back on the job reluctantly handling over boxes of apples when I went to talk with him about his trip to California. (What a luscious place for an interview—the apple cellar! So appetizingly smelling that your mouth starts watering.)

Nelson opened the interview with: "That's the only way to travel, Charlie!" It was by jet from Philadelphia express to Los Angeles in 5 hours, 125 passengers with a crew of 7. "You aren't aware of any such speed." The flight was delayed 3 hours because of word from the coast that there was too much fog. Grounding that I am I do enjoy hearing the story of a thrilling flight high up where we used to think heaven was.

From Los Angeles it was an hour or so by car to Riverside where son Lowell lives with his wife Alice and children Beth Ann and Bradley Richard. Dr. Lewis is assistant director of Horticultural research in the citrus department of Riverside University of California.

While on the west coast the Lewises visited Mr. and Mrs. Sandel Hunt in LaHarba. The Hunts are some relation to the Parrishes and used to live in Dallas on Spring Street near The Dallas Post. I remember going there once, for Dorothy knew Eloise and Isabel.

Isabel is now Mrs. Edward Creager and lives next to her parents and has two children, Joanne and John.

Mae Lewis showed me some of the gorgeous stone polishing the Hunts had done and given to her. One piece was the size and shape of a baseball, of high colored designs in it, highly polished.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have this as a hobby, collecting and polishing petrified wood and other pieces of stone from the desert and making ornamental pieces and jewel settings. They say they never know just what color or design is hidden away in the stone until it is polished. (That's like people we meet, isn't it?)

If Mae had taken a wheelbarrow instead of a jet I guess she could have come home loaded with pretty stones and many varieties of citrus fruits. But a wheelbarrow has some disadvantages when it comes to transcontinental travel!

Mae told me a funny one about the Hunts and the Dallas Post. Of course they are subscribers and the home-town newspaper is like a letter from home when you are 3000 miles away. It's that way with Mrs. Hunt. On the day her Dallas Post is due to arrive she watches for it like a lover for a letter. Sometimes

spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carter, at Emmaus, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruff, Sr., Mrs. Joseph Dotter and Weston Ruff visited Mrs. Effie Blizzard, at Binghamton, on Sunday.

as happens to the best of newspapers, the Post is delayed a day. She is so crestfallen that her postman says he wishes he could print one for her!

**JUNIOR CHOIR IS FEASTED**

The official board of the Mt. Zion Church last Thursday night gave a supper party for the junior choir in appreciation for their work. Present were: Susan LaBar, Sharon LaBar, Nadine VanTuyte, Karen Hronich, Corlis Hurrey, Lind Dymond, Dawn Schaffer, Diane Earl, Ernie Hoover, Mike Hronich, Jackie VanTuyte, Annie Dwyer, Catherine Gilbert and Jean Hronich. The choir expressed to Mrs. Hronich its thanks for her work as director by giving her a gift. We in the pews at church always enjoy the singing of this group of young people and have visions of some of these singers being the backbone of the senior choir day after tomorrow. The opportunities for singing in the junior choir are sure to bear fruit in the future.

Last Sunday January 7 our friend Rev. Ralph Weatherly conducted Holy Communion at Providence and Hyde Park churches in Scranton. He had to decline an invitation from another church on account of these engagements. Thus it is with us retired brethren!

**A CARVERTON LOSS**

Carverton, as well as the John Coon family, will miss Madeline Coon Riaubia who died last week following surgery. The Coon family which we number among our friends of many years was a family of many native abilities. Playing the piano and organ was Madeline's hobby and gift. You couldn't say she was a trained musician but was one who had the gift of music so much a part of her nervous system that it had to be expressed. Throughout life of many ups and downs, music helped her over and through it all. My sympathy goes to the family.

**A NEW BOOK FOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

You may find a rhymester most anywhere. Almost anybody can make up a jingle. But a real poet is rarer than a day in June. At the Pittston Hospital the assistant to Miss Esther Tinsley in hospital administration is Miss Helen Dumack. Last week she presented me with an autographed copy of a neat little book of her poems entitled "Great Presence". She asked if I would take two copies over to Dallas to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. I said I would. The editor—Lester Clark—writes a Foreword in which he says in part: "Here is a poet with an enormous amount of generosity in giving of herself to others with a rustic simple candor, in expressing her faith in the life about her and yearning for a fellowship with the world of people in her daily experience. A descendent of simple farm folk who tilled the soil for many years and absorbed that magical essence of nature in its entirety, has put a never ending song in the heart of Helen Dumack."

The title comes from her lines called "My resolve . . . to be ever aware of the Great Presence of life dwelling within me."

The book will have a local color for two of the poems have familiar settings. One is on "Fine Arts Fiesta" which many of us have attended down on Public Square. Whether many of us have noted as Miss Dumack has when she wrote what she saw also "on the edge of the same city square".

And don't miss reading the one with the really Back Mountain setting, "Lehman Horse Show."

You might not realize when you see this quiet stepping, soft voiced hospital administrator, talking to a workman or a nurse or working behind her desk that she is a poet. But you go to Back Mountain Memorial Library and ask for Great Presence and read it. It is poetry. I don't remember whether any of her lines rhyme or not. They don't

So I assisted at Orange. It was a well-attended service. I enjoyed the choir of a dozen or so singers in their maroon robes and white collars. It was a worshipful experience also to sit for awhile in the congregation and meditate on the Snyder memorial window which I have mentioned before. (What a nice way for a family to be memorialized!). In greeting people at the door after service Elmer and Lillian Evans passed the greeting that "you are the man who married us." They weren't sorry and neither was I! And Ira Frantz whom I shall always remember as the man who wouldn't sell fruit on Sunday on account of "I like to remember the one who put the apple on the tree." We parted with him saying, "I'll see you at the Library Auction!" Sure thing!

Women of Mt. Zion need to be reminded that the session for making cancer dressings and studying the book about Latin America is every Wednesday morning, not just once a month. They meet at 10 and bring their own sandwich lunch.

Christmas night was the 22nd wedding anniversary for Marjorie and Harold Seiple. It was a lovely wedding in Mt. Zion church with reception at the Mathers home down the road. Harold and Marjorie have lived there ever since and now their two children Phyllis and Hal are growing up in this community.

Wednesday night Dorothy and Catherine were guests at dinner at the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks in West Pittston.

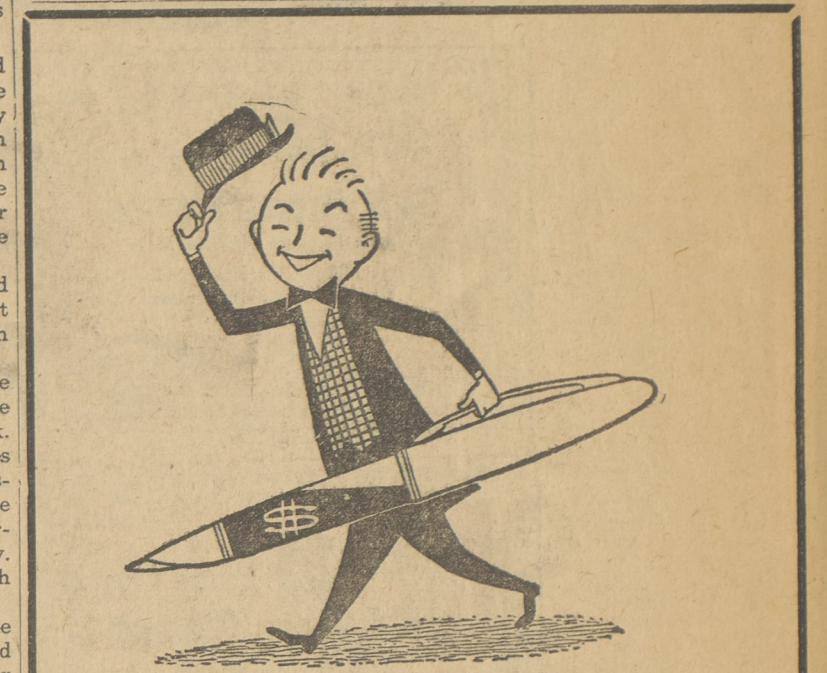
Paul Smith, friend over on the Hicks Creek Road, lost his balance and fell from the cinderling truck. He suffered head and back injuries and was admitted to Pittston Hospital. I took the occasion to make some chaplaincy calls Sunday afternoon and found him resting quietly. Paul's many friends hereabouts wish him speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of the Apple Tree Road, Mt. Zion, and their son Bud visited their other son Larry in Washington over Christmas, had a wonderful time.

Two of Dorothy's fellow-students from Johns Hopkins University dropped in for tea Sunday afternoon. One was John Molenda of Minooka studying for his Ph. D. in bacteriology and epidemiology. The other was Dr. Rodolfo Varias M.D. from Manila, Philippines. He is working for his degree of Master of Public Health, majoring in Mental Health.

**ORANGE NEWS**

Sunday morning Mrs. Gilbert and I attended the communion service at Orange while Catherine attended Sunday School and church at Mt. Zion. My reason for this shift was that I needed to get away early to get to Valley Crest by one. It was a pleasant experience to worship among my Orange friends. My pastor always asks me to assist at the communion service whenever my schedule allows me to be on hand.



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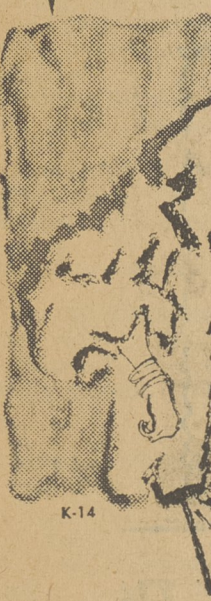
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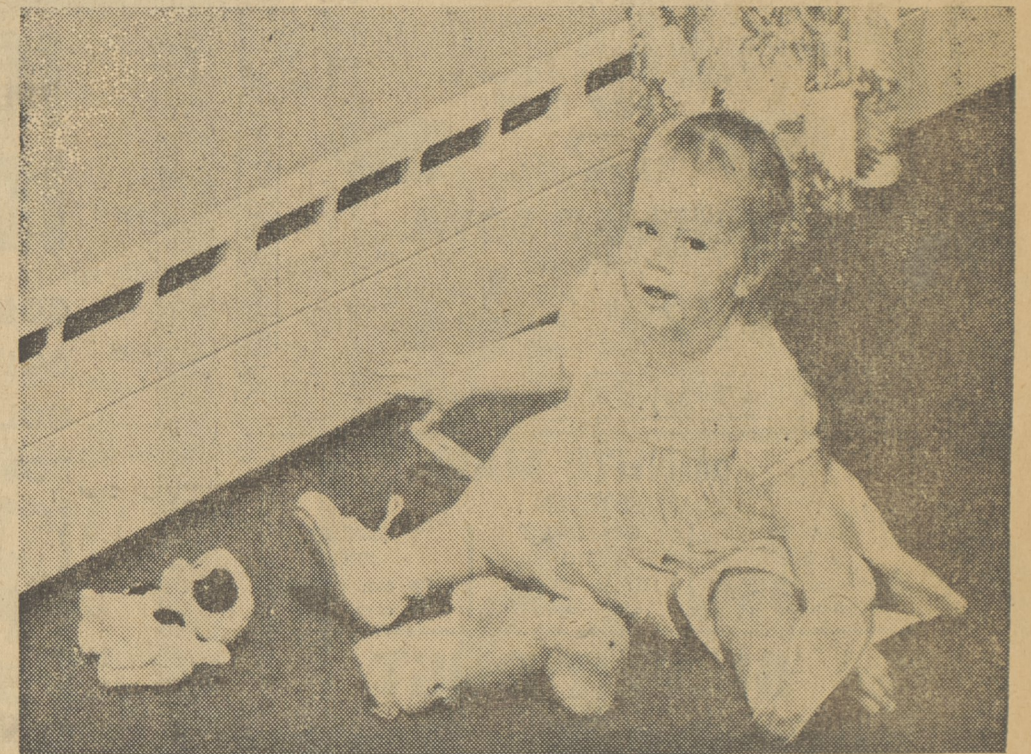
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