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Mount Zion :- Carverton :- Orange

THAT PICTURE —
 It has been growing on me, that painting in the pulpit alcove of Mt. Zion church. Indirect lighting with neither glare nor shadows brings out the detail.

It is a copy of Hofman's Christ in Gethsemane. Painted on deep purple velvet the colors are rich and soft. The halo around the head seems to belong there, not a mere artifice to suggest special holiness.

Here is the way this painting came to be in the Mt. Zion church. Our younger set should know where it came from and the older ones must not forget. It was presented to Mt. Zion church by Dr. Edward M. Holmes in memory of his father Wheeler H. Holmes in 1957. Dr. Holmes was born in the house that once stood on the site of the former Howard Lewis house. He was a practicing dentist for a number of years in Pittston and lived neighbor to Allan Smiles in West Pittston.

Like many of our fine young people of today Dr. Holmes while growing up developed a fondness for this Mt. Zion church. After being away from here for a number of years he yearned to do something special in memory of his father. When on a world tour Dr. Holmes got acquainted with an artist by name of Gonzales — "F. Gonzales 56" which is faintly seen in the lower corner of the painting. When in New York Dr. Holmes purchased the picture. He had been impressed not only by the art piece itself but by the fact that it was done on velvet, an unusual material for such work.

There are many copies of the Hofman "Jesus in Gethsemane" for it seems to be a favorite for Sunday School and other ecclesiastical use. One art book on my shelves has a

print of it and this to say about it: "In the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane here depicted by Hofman, the physical man shrinks from the pain that he knows is about to be inflicted upon him — the whipping, the buffeting, the crown of thorns, the crucifixion and the cruel thrusts of the spear." But not a speck of that agony shows in the print. I haven't seen it in many reproductions. But some years ago I visited Riverside Church in New York and Hofman's original Gethsemane picture was being displayed. The unspeakable pain clearly evident in that work of the artist grooved itself in my memory. The gospel story tersely tells it and Hofman had the lines in the face—it was all there and I had not seen it in any copy.

Now F. Gonzales — whoever he was — put it in paint on the velvet. Look at it the next time you come to Mt. Zion church, and do come! Read the story for instance in Luke 22:39-46 and study those facial lines.

Thursday brought a new field of work for me. I began as chaplain of Valley Crest Home, Luzerne County's new building recently opened. Since most of the Luzerne County patients formerly at Ransom were transferred now to Valley Crest there was no point in the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches sponsoring my chaplaincy at Ransom any longer. In order for my greatest efficiency at the new Valley Crest it was felt that I should no longer continue as chaplain at Pittston Hospital.

It was a great day for a new beginning. Valley Crest has an office provided for the chaplain fully equipped with all conveniences for chaplains of three faiths. A complete rotary file of all the patients with their religious affiliations is

on the chaplain's desk.

On that first day I found 39 Protestant patients, 23 were women, 16 were men. I managed to visit each one of them on that first day. The nurses and attendants were friendly and cooperative in helping me get adjusted to the new situation and made it easy for me to find the ones on my list. Several of my friends from Ransom were there and quite surprised to see me, for they did not know I was to be at Valley Crest. Perhaps because of this former acquaintance I could help them adjust to their new surroundings.

Last week Tuesday night Nesbitt's Golden Anniversary we were invited to attend the 50th anniversary of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. The three doctors now remaining of the original staff were Dr. J. W. Kirshner, Dr. V. P. Edwards and Dr. C. L. Shafer. Their families conceived a surprise way of honoring them for their service by selecting 3 nurses of outstanding record to be presented a check for \$50. When the three doctors had been called to the platform Mrs. Lashford announced that the family of Dr. Kirshner was presenting such a check to Miss Eva Wesley for her 27 consecutive years on the Nesbitt nursing staff; the family of Dr. V. P. Edwards had a check for Mrs. Lucy Hessley Shoemaker for being Nesbitt's oldest alumni. She is doing outstanding work in her home with retarded children. The third check by Dr. Shafer's family was presented to Dorothy Gilbert (her father being present to accept it on her behalf) for the fact that she was the first Nesbitt graduate to go into full-time Christian service. Dorothy's schedule of studies is so demanding just now that she was not able to attend this signal event.

It was nice to see many people we know at that event, including student nurses Phyllis Seiple, Sandra Smith from Mt. Zion, and Nancy Davis whom we knew at West Pittston. Saturday night I strayed back to my last parish to perform the marriage of Helen (Punkie) G. Miller of Pittston and Joseph P. Ludgate Jr. of Scranton in the First Methodist Church of Broad Street. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Thomas Williams, was touring Puerto Rico so could not be present to officiate. Paul Smith returned home from Pittston Hospital where he spent some time following injuries received falling from a cinder truck. My wife who has seen her preacher husband ease himself up from the pulpit chair many a time with a kink in his back, noticed our preacher do the same cautious movement last Sunday morning. Pastor Reid wants no sympathy, never complains; but did confess to his lay leader when asked how he felt, "Miserable". My doctor up in New York state who advocated to sleep on a board said it probably was one penalty coming to the sons of men since they dropped down from the trees and began trying to stand on their hind legs. Wow! What one of my Fundamentalist church members thought of that! Well, anyway, our preacher gave a whale of a sermon last Sunday morning. Maybe more preachers should have back catches!

Our marine, Gene LaBar, home for the weekend has been traveling

recently. His commanding officer had to visit Puerto Rico and other far points and took along Gene.

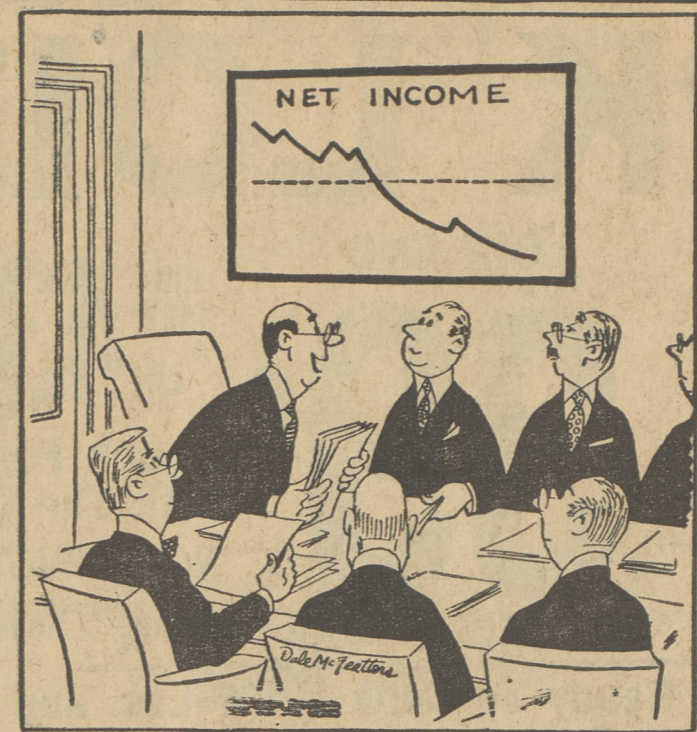
Speaking of service men, there's one whom Carverton people will always remember for his jolly ways, and for his cheerful mother—that's Forrest Costner. We had a delightful, chatty letter from him early this month. This was written "at sea". Says in part: "Here in Japan we have just started the Year of the Tiger—and the Japanese custom is that everyone spends the first few days of the New Year calling on all of his friends. Since I don't have any old friends here, I feel the very least I can do is sit down and tap out a few lines . . . What pleasant memories I have of our Carverton days . . . At present I am on the new guided missile cruiser USS OKLAHOMA CITY with Vice Admiral W. A. Schoech the Commander of the Seventh Fleet. I have been on his staff since September and do manage to get around a great deal. In three short months, I was hopping around to such places as Korea, Okinawa, Taipei, Manila, Hong Kong but always back to our homeport in Yokosuka Japan—about 35 miles from Tokyo. Have also visited Nagasaki where little remains but the horrible memories of the A-bomb dropped during the war. The city has a tremendous comeback and no one could imagine that 16 years ago it was completely in ruin. Within the next two months I will have visited Hiroshima too.

Mom keeps very well and is happy in her little California home with her dachshund, Shotsey. She is about a mile from Dave, Irene and family and does enjoy being near them . . . We certainly enjoyed the Scoobies' brief visit last summer! Forrest was always one of "our boys" when we lived at Carverton. Last Sunday afternoon Karen Hroch and Nadine VanFuytle went to Valley Crest Home and sang two duets for the patients. Catherine Gilbert played the organ for the service. Leon VanFuytle took the girls in his car. Mary Louise Lewis rode with us to the home. All of these who went helped wheel patients from the wards to the auditorium and were enthusiastic about the experience and eager to go again.

Bert Coon of Carverton visited our house Sunday afternoon and we had a good time. **Shavertown**
 Mrs. Jane Youngblood, 116 E. Center Street, is a surgical patient in the Nesbitt Hospital. She will be there about a week.
 The community offers sympathy to Mrs. Richard Sheldon, 227 Pioneer Avenue. Mrs. Sheldon's mother, Mrs. Joseph Vascasul, passed away this past week.
 After-Skating Supper
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Lewis, Shagbark Drive, entertained at an After-Skating Supper on Sunday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, Forty Fort; Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morgan, Dianne and David Morgan, Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood and Denise Sherwood, Chase; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kreidler, Tommy, Kathy, Betsy and Carol Kreidler, Shavertown; Judith and Bobby Lewis and the host and hostess. Hot dogs were roasted in the fireplace and hot chocolate and coffee were plentiful.

Nothing makes the younger generation settle down faster than a still younger generation showing

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SWEET VALLEY

Items of interest will be greatly appreciated for this column. Your correspondent's new phone number is GR 7-3271.

Pvt. Elwyn Cragle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cragle arrived home Saturday from Fort Jackson, S. C. He will remain here until February 2, when he will leave for Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he will receive signal corps training for a twelve week period.

Dean Long, student at Bloomsburg State Teachers College arrived home last Saturday to spend the mid-semester vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Long. Tom Hoppa, Huntsville, was guest of Don and Dick Stroud, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Stroud, last week-end.

Ross Committee of Ross Elementary School will meet Monday, in the school auditorium. Parents of all children attending Ross Elementary School are asked to attend. Robert Walsh will show slides which were taken in Korea.
 George and Karen Haines, children of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Haines, Sr. are observing birthdays this month. George will be ten years old tomorrow and Karen was four on January 3. George is the oldest of the five Haines children and Karen is the little cutie who informed us last Halloween that she just couldn't ever look at another apple.
 Mrs. Richard N. Stroud and Mrs. Floyd Wolfe attended the Round Table meeting at the Nanticoke American Legion last week. Both Mrs. Stroud and Mrs. Wolfe are associated with Cub Pack 444, Sweet Valley.
 Jeannie Simmons, Plymouth was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Helvig, Cease Terrace, last week-end.
 Mrs. Thomas Jones has returned home after visiting with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Costello and her niece Mrs. Tim Collins, Donellen, N.J.
 Mrs. Edward Speary with sons, Ronnie and Teddy, have returned to their home at Moorstown after spending a week with Mrs. Speary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moore, Mansfield.
 Edward Faust has returned to his home after spending a week in Bellefonte, where he attended the funeral of his sister.
 Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Forty-Fort, has returned to her home after spending the past week as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Hess.
 Mr. and Mrs. Al Malak and George Slatky, Brooklynn, N. Y. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Al Slatky, Lake Silkworth.
 If you are looking for an afternoon of real old fashioned enjoyment, the place to do your ice skating is near the Lake-front home of the Al Slatkeys, where friends

Fernbrook

SP4 James C. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rogers, Maple Street, has been discharged from Fort Hamilton, N. Y. after spending over three years as an Air Conditioning Mechanic with the Quartermaster Corp. of the U.S. Army. He recently spent three months in Metz, France.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two other sons in the service. They are, SP4 Robert D. Rogers, stationed in Germany, a member of the 25th Signal Battalion and Pfc. Richard J. Rogers, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Ray Bloom, Main Road, is a patient in the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, where he is undergoing tests on his foot.

Missionary Society of the Glenview P.M. Church is holding its meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fluck, Harvey's Lake, on Thursday at 1:45.

Mrs. Ira Button, E. Overbrook Ave., has returned home after spending a week in Stroudsburg. Her daughter, Mrs. Truman Stewart, recently submitted to surgery in General Hospital, E. Stroudsburg. Word has been received that Sam Patner, formerly of East Overbrook Avenue, has returned to his home in New Market, N. J. from a New York Hospital. His condition is very serious.

Gerald Blazick, Patterson, N. J. spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blazick, Sr., Hunlock Creek.

Bernard Schopper, cousin of Mrs. Eula Hughes Bronson, North Lake, was buried last week. Mr. Schopper for twenty years while she resided made his home with Mrs. Bronson in Luzerne. Mrs. Ronald Hughes, son Bernard and daughter, Michelle, Ringtown, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bronson attended the funeral.
 Mrs. Julia Sobolewski, who received severe burns when she accidentally fell against the stove in her home several weeks ago has recovered nicely. Mrs. Sobolewski, a semi-invalid spends most of her time in a wheel-chair.

We must have respect for both our plumbers and our philosophers or neither our pipes nor our theories will hold water.

Harveys Lake

Harveys Lake Woman's Service Club will meet February 1, at Lake School. Members extend an invitation to members and friends to see two film strips on "Self Examination" and "Time and Two Women" presented by Mrs. N. R. Elliott of the American Cancer Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Avery are spending some time in Florida and later will be visited by their daughter, Lois.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Garinger, Dallas, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Jessie Garinger and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armitage.

Mrs. Theodore Heness has recovered from her recent illness, and is out again. She has been ill a couple weeks with virus.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. DeMichele, Ossining, N. Y., announce the birth of a daughter, January 13. They have a son, Joseph Jr., Mrs. De Michele is the former Louise Javer and a graduate of Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre. The baby has been named Jane Louise.

Shavertown Office To Deliver Applications

Shavertown Post Office will deliver all applications for license tag renewal stickers recently mailed by the Department of Revenue, unless a change of residence is involved. Where a change of residence is involved, the application will be treated as undeliverable, and destroyed by the Post Office.

According to an announcement by Postmaster William W. Davis, this will afford patrons who were affected by the change of service and consolidation of offices a final opportunity to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of their change of address with a minimum of delay in receiving their renewal stickers.

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