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Record Review

Merle Haggard and the Stangers Commonwealth Telephone Company held their fourth Someday We'll Look Back

times of the past. "Train of

Roger Miller; "One Sweet

hit for Hank Williams Jr.;

Trouble With Me". All in all a

fine collection of country songs,

-Ken Calascione

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Woodie Guthrie.

Hag has done it again! This has got to be the best country Tried", there is "Huntsville", and western album of the year Merles has been busted and he's by a male vocalist, and that on the train to Huntsville prison, includes Charlie Pride who has but he's got other plans because usurped every country recor- 'The man better keep both eyes ding award this year. Nothing on me- Or they're gonna lose against Mr. Pride, mind you. ol' Hag'. The Strangers do some

Every since "Okie From dynamite back up here. Muskogee", Merle has been laying low. Criticism con- song, "Someday We'll Look Central Graduate cerning references to hippies Back" is a fitting opening, and the life-style of American considering much of the album youth in that song, has caused concerns itself with the hard Merle, I think, to re-evaluate his understanding towards the Life" written by that Nashville young. Now he has written "Big Time Annie's Square"; 'My friends, call her hippie - And her friends call me big time Annie's square', 'Annie's friends don't question— The square from known as big time Annie's square'. Hag sure has been going through some

There's a trilogy of songs on the album; "California Cottonfields", "Tulare Dust", and "One Row at A Time". All are about cotton picking. The their musicianship shines former two songs look back through on every song. The when Merle was a child, Strangers are simply one of the dipicting the sad plight of the greatest country bands around, poor Okies who had to abandon and you won't find an orchestra their homesteads; 'California and chorus anywhere to muddle cottonfields - Where labor their sound. camps were filled with weary men with broken dreams - this album yet I strongly California cottonfields — suggest you do. And if you

These lyrics weren't Haggard, you don't know what composed by Merle, but I you've been missing. couldn't imagine anyone improving upon this version.

Shut-ins Enjoy MYF Caroling

The Intermediate MYF of the Trucksville United Methodist Church met recently and went caroling to shut-ins of the church. Each shut-in was given a Christmas booklet and a candy decoration.

Refree ments followed at the Forty Fort Dairy.

Attending were Carol Kreidler, Lisa Williams, Pam Johnson, Diane Rattigan, Nancy Jolly, Dottie Hoover, Barbara Johnson, Jon Billings and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wasserott, advisors.

Shavertown

by Charlot Denmon 675-0419

Nancy Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young, 26 Ferguson Ave., Shavertown, has been accepted by Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. Nancy is a senior at Dallas Senior High School.

PO3C Thomas Orf is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orf, 124 E. Overbrook Ave., Shavertown. PO Orf is stationed at the naval base in Norfolk, Va.

Carl Hirner, 36 Perrin Ave., Shavertown, is back in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, where he is a medical patient.

Rosa Blank, Edgewood Heights, is a patient in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Ruth Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lewis, 96 Summit St., is the guest of her payents over the holidays. Miss Lewis is a student at Westchester State College. Mr. Lewis is band director at Dallas Senior High School.

Lake Legion Gives Party for Children

Harveys Lake American Legion, Post 967, held children's Christmas party Dec. 19 at the Lake Elementary School. Cahriman was Tom Casey. Members of the committee were: Cmdr. Francis Fisher, Al Barcheski, George Jones, Arthur Gosart, Bob Usdella, Howard Jones and Gene Tilgham.

The Legion donated a flag to the Outlet Brownie Troop. Scout Leader is Jean Wood. The game commissioner showed a movie on wild life.

Christmas carols were sung, Santa presented all children up to 12 years old with gifts and

candy The Legion would like to thank the auxiliary who helped serve refreshments and anyone who donated gifts and helped make the party the huge sucC.T. Employes Visit Hospitalized Children

On December 22, employes of Commonwealth Telephone annual tour of the children's wards of area hospitals. At each stop children in the wards were presented with gifts made by In the tradition of "Moma Commonwealth employes as part of this project.

The Commonwealth group met with youngsters and nurses of the children's wards at Nesbitt, Pittston, General, Wyoming Valley, Mercy and Nanticoke State hospitals.

And there's more . . . The title Plans Marriage

Ann Marie Pieczynski recently announced her engagement to Joseph A. picker turned motel tycoon Hometchko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hometchko, 184 Owen Hello" a mellow love song; "I'd St., Swoyersville. Ann Marie is Rather Be Gone", which was a the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Pieczynski, 123 "Carolyn" has Glen Campbell Church St., Dallas. doing harmony behind

She is a graduate of Central Haggard, and "The Only Catholic High School and is employed by Affiliated Vendors Inc., Wilkes-Barre.

some deeply rooted in folk Mr. Hometchko is also a music, much in the vein of graduate of Central Catholic High School and attended The Strangers support is, and Scranton University. He is presently attending Aviation Electronics School in the United States Coast Guard.

Library Circulation If you haven't picked up on Up Despite Storm

The board of directors of the As close to wealth as daddy ever haven't picked up on Merle Back Mountain Memorial Library met recently at the home of Homer Moyer, Split Rail Lane, Dallas.

Sue Davern, librarian, reported that despite the snowstorm at Thanksgiving there was an increase in circulation in November. Fifty children were present for the monthly film Acme Markets Inc., Forty presentation on the Wednesday Fort, recently welcomed 19 new following the storm when members to its Quarterparking was still a problem. Century Club. All are from the Among those in attendance Wyoming Valley-Scranton area. were children from the newly Each new member received a organized child care day center 25-year pin and certificate from held at the Dallas United Vice President Donald Kohler Methodist Church.

at a special awards luncheion The annual story hour held at Aldino's Manor restau- Christmas party was held this year by Bonnie Joseph, a Junior Since 1957, when the markets' League volunteer. Mrs. Joseph Quarter-Century Club was is in charge of the double formed, 392 men and women sessions and the combined from the local area have groups for films and parties.

Clarke Bittner, 1972 auction chairman, announced that William Umphred will be his cochairman along with Frank Bevevino. Following the meeting refreshments were Arab Patrol of Irem Temple served by Mr. and Mrs. Moyer. held its Christmas party at

Irem Temple Country Club for members, wives and guests. Cochairmen of the affair were Edward Powell and James To Idetown

Back Mountain residents The Jonathan R. Davis have been elected as officers for Volunteer Fire Company of the coming year: Ralph Garris, Idetown held their children's Baldwin Street, Dallas, vice Christmas party Dec. 19 at the president; and Victor McCarty, firehall. Santa distributed gifts Hillside Road, Shavertown, to about 200 children.

treasurer. Other officers are W. Chairmen were Ronald Ritts Warren Atherholt, president; and Harold Haesele. Refreshments were served by

and H. Eugene McCarty, the auxiliary.





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The children's ward at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital was among those invited by Commonwealth employees, who distributed presents to the little ones. Left to right, Nancy Martin, holding Kevin Blockus; Chairman Anthony Botyrius; Nurse Anita Simko; Bernadine Stephens, holding Jodi Lyn Amos; Paulette Slavinskas; Barbara Lapinski and Sue Allabaugh.

Sister Miriam Teresa, RSM,

president of College

Misericordia, concluded the

affair by wishing all guests the

Following the program the

families distributed the gifts of

cookie-filled sleighs, made by

the members, to the residents.

The Welcome Wagon Club

board will meet Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.

at the U.G.I. building, Kingston.

The next membership meeting

is scheduled for Jan. 24 at 6:30

Misericordia Ends Fall Semester With President's Christmas Dinner

shrimp, and

Valley Crest Party Hosted

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Wyoming Valley sponsored its club members and their

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ping, shop alone, shop with a followed by a "Fashion Show"

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The Welcome Wagon Club of

annual Christmas party for the

guests at Valley Crest recently.

Helping to make the evening a

College Misericordia of- Guests were treated to a by the Liva String Quartet ficially ended its fall semester buffet dinner created by Saga under the direction of Ferlast Wednesday evening with Food Services that included the annual President's prime roast rib of beef, lobster Christmas dinner held in Newburg, Merrick Hall for over 200 numerous other dishes. members of the administration, Following dinner, a concert of peace of the holiday season and

faculty, and staff of the college. chamber music was provided best wishes for the new year. CM To Offer Grad. History Course in Feb.

Presidency," a three-credit, graduate history course, will be offered by the graduate studies division of College Misericordia for the spring semester, according to Sister Marianna Gildea, RSM, director. The festive occasion were members Mrs. William Alexander served course will be offered on of College Misericordia's glee as gift chairman. Saturday mornings from 9 to 11. club, who provided musical

"The History of the American

The graduate course is being entertainment. offered under the auspices of a cooperative program between College Misericordia and the cessful completion of the course will result in three graduate credits being issued by the University of Scranton.

The history course will begin with registration being held Feb. 1 and 2 from 2 to 5 in the on your weekly food bill. afternoon. The instructor will be Dr. Robert J. Alexander.

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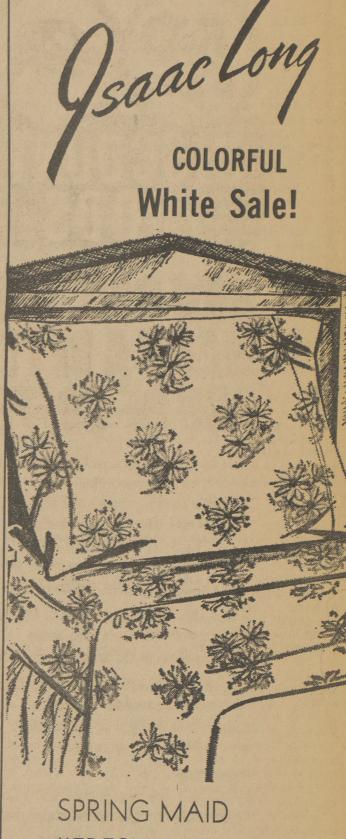
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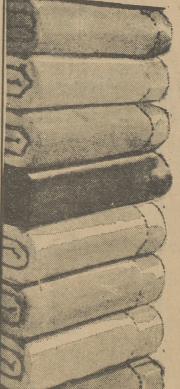
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