

Some unusual Christmas gift ideas for the hard-to-please

The Christmas shopping season is upon us and many shoppers share the same problem—what to buy the one on their list who has everything. The one who just before the holidays goes out and buys that new coat, new suit, or anything else he or she might want.

So what do you buy or give the person who has everything? Don't despair, a tour through a few Back Mountain business places may surprise you with ideas.

For the lady on your list who remembers the "Roaring 20's", stop in at Roth's Jewelry and choose from a unique and beautiful assortment of "Deco" marcasite and onyx jewelry, reproductions of the ornate silver pieces so popular in the days of the Charleston.

Perhaps she would rather have a custom designed musical jewelry box inlaid with Chokenart in shapes such as pianos, chests and other designs set in silver; or if preferred one of the larger ones finished in maroon, black or red lacquer.

Ask to see the latest in "high fashion" Jaz watches straight from Paris for that difficult to please lady or man. No matter how many watches either might have, they would appreciate these beautiful pieces in gold enamel finish with bands different from any others and in unusual shapes.

None of these appeal? Then step next door to the New York Connection where Barbara Hagan has a fine selection of "one-of-a-kind" custom-designed belts made by the owner of Potpourri in Atlanta, Georgia. No two are alike nor the same color, and they can't be purchased anywhere else in the area. Priced reasonably, they are a find for the lady who has everything.

And what woman can't use another scarf? Barbara has a variety of silk ones, some fringed, some not,

each one different in rich, jewel tone color. There are some to drape over a shoulder, the latest fad, or long, fringed ones to wear as a soft belt, and others that may be formed in a flower bow perfect for accenting her holiday ensemble.

For the man on your list stop in at Adams Clothes where one can find the latest in shirts for casual wear, or the newest fashions made by Woolrich. No heavy hunting wear but sweaters and shirts in high styling to appeal to any man, young or old.

Jon L. Stopay chocolates have risen to the top of the list when it comes to sweets lovers and what better gift for the one who has everything than a box, or make it several boxes, of delicious Stopay chocolates in a variety of creams, nuts, and unusual kinds, from J&J Deli and Bakery.

Someone on your list who lives alone or has difficulty preparing a hot meal? Why not give a gift certificate from J&J Deli for their daily hot specials, to be delivered for a week, two weeks or period of your choice. For the music lover Radio Shack in the Back Mountain Shopping Center has electronic keyboards at affordable prices. They also have decorated phones in a variety of styles—and who can't use an extra telephone if only for a conversation piece?

If someone in your life is a member of the growing group of collectors of duck items, Country Carousel in the Dallas Shopping Center has ducks and ducks and ducks! Duck decorated trays, duck decorated

mugs, handcrafted duck coat hanger, hand carved wooden ducks of an earlier era and many more.

A great idea for the person who has everything! Stop in Tom Ochman's and consider a 1988 silver dollar, .999 silver, or a silver ingot, or a proof set of coins for the year of the person's birth, all gifts that will increase in value. For the woman on your list, take time to look at the Estate Jewelry.

Cast iron cookware in a variety of colors can be found at Back to Basics and a wealth of items at Dallas Centre Hardware, from "do-it-yourself" gifts to decorative pieces. Rectangular roasters, coffee butlers, and 5-quart crock pots are some of the popular gift ideas.

A gift that will certainly be appreciated is one that can't be wrapped. It is the gift of love, friendliness and time. Take time to visit a friend or relative for awhile, or take an older person to lunch or dinner occasionally.

Give a young mother some free time for herself by taking those children at various intervals. Spend some time with loved ones on regular days, don't wait for a holiday and let an older brother or sister know that you still think of them as "young-at-heart".

If none of the above fit the one on your shopping list, be creative and give something made by you. Rich or poor, the person will appreciate the time and thoughtfulness more than anything money can buy. Happy shopping.

Back Mountain glimpses

By Charlot M. Denmon



Local teachers honored by College Misericordia

Six local teachers were honored by College Misericordia for "Excellence in Teaching" at a special awards ceremony and reception. The teachers received the awards based on nominations by Misericordia faculty members and students involved in the college's teacher education program. Dr. Donna Wall, the Commissioner of Basic Education in Pennsylvania, spoke at the reception emphasizing the importance of good educators. Receiving the awards are, from left: Larry Burke, Mehoopany Elementary School, Tunkhannock School District; Beth Faerber, Westmoreland School, Dallas School District; Sr. Amalia Soulliard, RSM, Holy Child School, Plymouth; Sr. Marianna Gildea, RSM, retired; Joanna Major, GAR, Wilkes-Barre School District; Ron Pettinato, Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit.

Grange National Bank opening Bowman's Creek branch

Grange National Bank of Wyoming County is currently planning to expand their banking facilities with the construction of a new branch bank in Bowman's Creek at the intersection of Rt. 29 and 309. The opening of the Bowman's Creek office is being planned for December of this year.

Grange National Bank is the only remaining independent commercial bank in Wyoming County. They pride themselves in being a country bank serving the needs of the local community. Grange began serving the Laceyville area in 1907. The original charter of the bank was dated August 27, 1907. A building lot on the corner of Main and Bee Street was purchased from George W. and Lydia B. Fassett for \$500.00 and the Grange National Bank opened its doors on November 27, 1907. The name Grange comes from the fact that it was one of a chain of national banks organized under the supervision of the State Grange.

January 1984 once again brought expansion of the bank with the opening of the Grange National Bank's Meshoppen Branch on the corner of Rt. 6 and Bridge Street. Both branch offices are full service banks with the Meshoppen Branch offering drive up window services. On April 30, 1985 the Bank re-

ceived permission from its shareholders to form a Bank Holding Company. The company was named "Grange National Banc Corp". This concept provided the Bank with the authority to perform additional services and also provided the shareholders with certain safeguards which help the bank to remain independent.

On October 1987 Grange received approval for a third branch office to be located near Bowman's Creek in Monroe Township. The grand opening for this branch is scheduled to occur in late December of 1988. As with the other branches, Bowman's Creek will be a full service branch with one part time and three full time employees. The main lobby will be opened approximately 33 hours per week and the drive up window will be open 47 hours per week. This will provide Grange's customers with more hours of service than most other banks. The Bowman's Creek site will also include an office building with approximately 2,000 square feet of space available for rent to other businesses.

Grange's services include accepting time demand and savings deposits including NOW accounts, regular savings accounts, money market certificates, investment certificates, fixed rate certificates of

deposit and club accounts. Its services also include making secured and unsecured commercial and consumer loans, financing commercial transactions either directly or through regional industrial development corporations and Small Business Administration, making construction loans and renting of safe deposit facilities. Additional services include making residential mortgage loans, student loans and providing discount brokerage services. Grange's business loans include seasonal credit, collateral loans and term loans. Grange is one of only two Certified Lenders of the Small Business Administration in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Grange received certified lender status after 10 years of successful use of the SBA loan program. The bank is an equal opportunity lender and a member of F.D.I.C.

The bank presently has a Board of Directors with eight members. Mr. C.J. Cornell is president of the bank and the Bank's Holding Company and has been a director since 1956. Thomas A. McCullough is Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President. Mr. Robert C. Wheeler is Vice President and Director and will assume duties as Branch manager of the new office.

Shavertown resident Deloris Slesiensky's poetry appears in new anthology of verse

Grasp the Rainbow, ISBN 0 - 937953-08-3, is an illustrated, 52-page anthology of protest verse, written by poets from across the United States. Illustrations are by various artists and cartoonists, also living at distances from each other. The book was edited by A. Grimm-

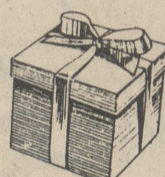
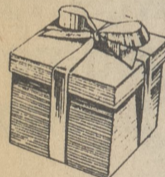
Richardson, published in November 1988, and is available from the publisher, TIPTOE Literary Service of southwest Washington State.

Included in the book are poems by Deloris Slesiensky who lives in Shavertown, and is vice president of the Wyoming Valley Poetry Society.

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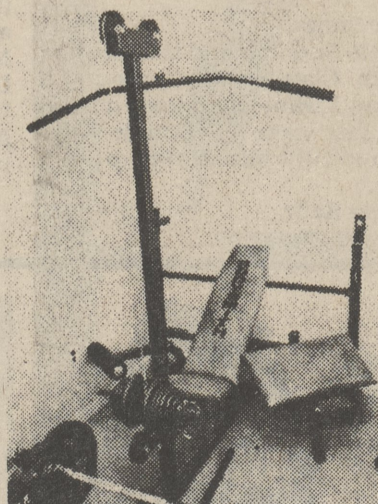
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