AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM by Miss Alice M. Miller, of East Donegal

The evening stars had brought the snow
That hid them out of sight,
And travelers hurried off the street,
"Twill be very cold tonight."
It was Christmas eve at nine o'clock,
No one dared venture in the street,
The snow fell faster all the while
And mingled with it came the sleet.

Around the cheerful fireplaces Many gathered to keep warm,
While through the town of Hampton,
Blew the wild and terrible storm.
In a cheerless, deserted apartment In a remote section of the town, Knelt a child by her mother's bed And the tears streamed softly down

It was an unpleasant situation For a mother facing death,
To think what might become of Sue,
When pneumonia had taken her breath.
Five year old Sue knelt by her mother
And said, in her baby tone,
"Why doesn't daddy come again,
And take us to our home?"

And take us to our home "Child, your father doesn't want to come,
We'll see him no more I fear,
And if he ever would come back,
He'd never find us here.
But you must go to bed again,
Mother will be well by dawn."
She doubted her final statement,
Surely, this couldn't last long.

"Mother, can't I go for a doctor? You said you were worse today."
"No, child, the night is too stormy,
I am sure you would lose your way."
"But, mother, Bobby went one time,
And he came back all right."
"Yes, but he was two years older
And it didn't snow that night."

Very unwillingly she went back to bed,
And when her mother had gone to sleep,
She wrapped herself in her mother's shawl,
And wandered into the street. And wandered into the street.

The houses around were deserted and black,
And stared with a spectral glare;
She stopped in front of every one,
Hoping to find a light there.

She murmured not, as she hurried along Braving the wind and the sleet,
And her worn and torn little shoes
Failed to keep the snow from her feet.
At last, far in the distance, From a house a pale beam shone; She quickened the speed of her footsteps, Fearing it soon would be gone.

It was just a tiny ray of light,
That came from a crack in the door,
But, it guided the child as safely
As a lighthouse guides ships to the shore.
She knocked at the door and heard a voice say,
"I wonder who that can be?"
And then "Who's out?" and she softly replied,
"Please, sir, it's nobody, just me."

They must have distinguished that it was a child's volce, For the key in the latch slowly turned, The room was warm but cheerless and bare, On the table a dim lamp burned. There was whiskey and cards on the table,
And she, in an innocent way,
Reached out her hand and took a glass,
"I haven't had any water all day."

She raised the wicked cup to her lips,
But the man that had opened the door,
Rushed quickly and knocked it out of her hand,
It lay shattered upon the floor.
She looked at him with wondering eyes,
And he, in a kind tone, said,
"That isn't fit for you to drink,
Why aren't you home in bed?"

She heeded not his question, But her eyes much bigger grew;

"If it isn't fit for me to drink,
How can it be for you?"
He dropped his eyes and again he asked,
"Why aren't you home in bed?"
"Well, mother's very, very sick
And I fear she'll soon be dead.

Are you a doctor, mister?

She's very much worse today,
But was sleeping when I left her

And doesn't know that I'm away. 'Cause she told me just before she slept,
That I didn't dare to go;
She said the night would be too cold, And I'd lose myself in the snow.

When she fell asleep I slipped away, At first it seemed terrible dark;
There are no street lights out where I live,
And once I heard a dog bark.
But I wasn't afraid, and hurried on

Much faster than before, Until I saw a tiny ray of light Come from underneath your door." The men gazed at one another In an apparent look of surprise, They had thought they were safely hidden From people's prying eyes.

"Please, won't you go along, mister?
Because I must hurry back
Or I'll lose my way through the streets,
If the snow covers shut my track."

The man that had opened the door for her,
And one of his fellowmen
Together with little Sue,
Entered into the storm again.
They followed her footsteps one by one,
Until suddenly her tracks were gone;
But with Sue leading the procession,

They hurried rapidly along.

"And a little child shall lead them,"
These men who were strong and brave,
Were following Sue to her mother,
To save her from the grave.
Then, suddenly the child stopped and turned,
"Up here is where she is, We just came a few months ago,

From where we used to live . You see the man put us out,
Because we couldn't pay our rent;
Mother said daddy did leave us some money,

But it was entirely spent.

No one knows that we live up here."

Then she added in tones very low,
"That's why mother doesn't want a doctor,
She's afraid he'd make us go."

All this time they were climbing the stairs.
Until they came up to the third floor,
"In here mother is," she softly said, And quietly opened the door.

The woman stared from where she lay,
And then, "Am I dreaming?" she said.

"Thank God, at last I have found you,

They told me that you were dead. You see I didn't try to hunt
Until just a few months ago;
And then, they told me that you were dead,
Where's Bobby?" he said very low.

"He died about a year ago,
One cold night like this one;
But here is little Sue,
See how tall she has grown."

And, there with arms locked together,
They failed to notice the shuffling of feet,
And a form passed out in the darkness,
Facing again the sleet.
The father made some fire in the stove,
And summoned a doctor, who said,
"A very bad case of pneumonia,
By morning she would have been dead."

Next morning when the father opened the door,
He could hardly believe his eyes;
There were boxes and baskets filled with good things,
Indeed it was quite a surprise.
It was a very, merry Christmas,
And after it had gone
They packed their few belongings,
And moved back to their dear, old home.

"And a little child shall lead them,
Those who have strayed from love;
Shall guide them as a beacon, That shines from a star above."

### Co. Association Urge Higher Taxes

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use, were shown.

Earlier in the day one of the speakers had advocated purchase of such machinery by two or more townships combining in its purchase and use, saying that method opened up a wide field not much developed in Lancaster county.

Mr. Schroeder, of the State Bureau of Animal Industry, briefly explanied the methods of appraising livestock killed by dogs, the duty of township auditors.

Dec. 27—Conoy, H. Hilsher; \*B'town; Mt. Pleasant, A. Koser; \*Manheim; Lanc.; Ref. ton.

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT LANCASTER MISSION

\*Stars Denote Sunday Evening Services Councils—Lanc. Feb. 3; Manor Aug 15; E'town. Feb. 4; Cross Roads Aug. 2; Mastersonville Feb. 5; Mt. Pleasant April 9; Mastersonville Aug. 6; Manheim Saturday afternoon Nov. 14.

FORMER MT. JOYAN WILL COACH BASE BALL TEAM

township auditors.

# Local Doings Around Florin

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Reading; Recitation, Let Us Pray,
Lillian Wittel; Recitation, We Welcome You, Nora Wittel; Recitation,
The Story That's Always New, Gec.
Shirk; Recitation, A Wish, Ruth
Hamilton; Exercise, Bethlehem; Recitation, We Greet You, Naomi
Brown; Recitation, Tiny But Happy,
Ethel Buller; Recitation, Santa's
Politics, Paul Baker; Song, Primary,
Lullaby; Exercise, Chiming Bell;
Recitation. The Best of All, Santina
Perris; Recitation, Santa Came,
Richard Kauffman; Exercise, The
Christmas Stars; Recitation, Snowflakes, Carloda Meshey; Recitation,
The Message of the Christ Child,
Margaret Eichler; Exercise, Bethlehem-Nazareth Calvery; Recitation,
God Rest Ye Merry Christmas, Ruth
Heisey; Address by Pastor; Offering;
Exercise, The Path of Promise;
Benediction.

of the club held Monday, and
Charles Cassel, heavy hitting second baseman was secured to coach
the team in its sixth season.
Cassel is a smart player, who
has had much experience both in college and in professional ranks,
and he will be able to teach the
Athletic youngsters a lot of valuable pointers toward making their
attack and defense stronger. The
Athletics were a strong team on
the defense during the last season,
and with Cassel to brush them up on the best manner of stepping into the apple and busting it into
the great open spaces, the Hagerstown Orioles, present city champs,
will have to show much improvement to hold their laurels.

New Players

It is probable that several new
ball tossers will be added to the
Athletic roster before the season
opens. A good left hand hurler
will add much to the Athletic (Continued from page 1)

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haines and Joe Haines spent Sunday at New- A LANDISVILLE MAN IS town, the guests of John Witmer and family.

The engagement of Miss Mary H. L. Mumma, of Landisville, is friends.

Potato Markets Unsettled from \$2.40 on the Philadelphia mar- association. ket, with bulk stock selling at \$1.15 to \$1.50 per hundred pounds. The Baltimore market was steady, supplies light and trading moderatively will serve many housewife can make. It is so simple and will serve many household purpose. active. Pennsylvania stock was poses. Just dissolve one table

Read the Bulletin.

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## Brethren Meetings for Lancaster Co.

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which will benefit the highway systems throughout the county and townships.

One of the most progressive amendments adopted during the convention called upon the County Commissioners to adopt a system of highway improvement and building, separate and distinct from the state system.

The resolution embodied the plan for the erection of roads in townships connecting with main thorough fares of travel which would result in a strong secondary system of roads.

The convention went on record as supporting the State Highway Department in asking for an appropriation of at least \$6,000,000 for state reward road work on secondary bighways. The County June 7—Cross Roads, C. M. Wolgemuth; \*\*Manheim; Lanc.; Refton.\*\*

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Department in asking for an appropriation of at least \$6,000,000 for state reward road work on secondary highways. The County Commissioners also were asked to continue their present liberality and aid in township road problems.

A resolution also was adopted which called for the election of the County Commissioners to the Supervisors Association.

Afternoon Session

B. C. Atlee, Esq., of Lancaster. P. H. Dewey, Tyrone, president of the State Supervisors Association, and master of the State Grange, and C. N. Berntheizel, of Columbia, were the principal speakers at the afternoon session.

Mr. Atlee called attention to the great improvement in means of transportation, with the consequent burden on the road system, development of which he said, has not keept pace with the development in methods of transportation.

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"The road building program needs a man to do for it what Ford did for transportation," he said, "someone who will give us a durable type of road without the terrific cost at present attendant on road construction."

P. H. Dewey, new master of the State Grange, asked that the legislature be "liberal" in appropriating money for the State reward plan, of which he spoke very highly, "Back the department," he asid. Fights Higher Tax

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He said the gasoline tax was a good thing, but he does not approve of increasing it, a plan favored by many supervisors, because he declared, many persons will drive across the State line to buy their auto fuel rather than pay a heavier tax. "If it is to be raised, it must be a universal tax," he said.

He also asked for co-operation by everybody concerned in good roads as the surest means of completing the road programs.

Movies Shown

Oct. 11—Maytown, J. Shenk; Masterson. Oct. 18—E'town; Mt. Pleasant; Lanc.; Refton.
Nov. 1—Conoy. L. Smith; \*E'town; Mt. Pleasant; Lanc.; Refton.
Nov. 15—E'town; Mt. Pleasant, J. Gish; \*Manheim; Lanc.; Refton.
Nov. 22—Cross Roads. H. E. Wolgemuth; Mastersonville; Pequea. J. Z. Hess; Manor.
Nov. 8—Maytown, J. Strickler; Mastersonville, S. Nornhold; Manor. Fred Fry; Pequea.
Nov. 22—Cross Roads. Annie Hoffman; Mastersonville; Pequea, E. Hess; Manor.
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Movies Shown

Moving pictures showing the nature of work that can be done by present modern machinery, and the improvements possible through its use, were shown.

Earlier in the day one of the

The following article appeared in a Hagerstown newspaper and is of local interest as reference is made to a former well known re-

sident of this boro:

"Plans for strengthening the baseball team of the Hagerstown Athletic Club for the 1925 season were discussed at the meeting of the club held Monday, and Charles Cassel, heavy hitting second baseman was secured to coach the team in its sixth season.

Benediction.

(Too late for last week.)

Jacob Olweiler Jr. is on the sick
ist.

Attention refer the season opens. A good left hand hurler will add much to the Athletic strength, and help Rummel, Young, Henry and Socks. The infield arlist.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greenawalt were Saturday visitors to Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Musselman called on Lancaster friends Thursday.

Mrs. Katie Arndt, Mrs. David Martin and children spent Saturday at Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haines and

### VERY PROUD OF HIS HERD

Magrini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. justly proud of his accredited Petiro Magrini, of Hershey, to Mr. Guernsey herd, that is under Gov-E. Stanley Booth, of Florin, was ernment Supervision. The Mumma announced on Saturday. Miss Mag- herd numbers 35 head. Mr. Mumrini is employed in the mechanical ma is a firm believer in pure bred cost department of the Hershey stock and believes that the eradica-Chocolate Company. She is receiv- tion of tuberculosis from dairy ing the congratulations of her many herds is of real economic benefit to the dairymen, aside from its desirability as a public health measure. The milk from the Mum-The New York and Pittsburgh mar- ma herd is carefully bottled and kets are dull with the demand slow. cooled on the farm. This hard was Maine Green Mountains were quot- the highest scoring herd in the Gared at \$2.25 to 2.40. Pennsylvania den Spot Cow Testing Association round whites at \$1.75 and New last year and "Approval," one of York State stock at \$1 60 to \$2.10. the individuals of the herd, stood Pennsylvania round whites ranged third among the high cows of the

quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.25 per sack. ful of ordinary cooking gelatine from two two and a half table-spoonfuls of boiling water. Boil a

An appeal was recently received by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agri-culture from the commanding officer of the United States naval air statin at San Diego, Calif., for assistance in ridding both the Navy and the Army landing fields there of pocket gophers. The animals were not only undermining the fields and causing serious accidents to the landing planes and endangering the flyers, but they were also destroying lawns and gardens. About 1,500 acres were involved.

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POCKET GOPHERS UNDERMINE ers, and the work is being followed AIRPLANE LANDING FIELD up, with a view to coping promptly with any of the rodents that may appear in the future.

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