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The following editorial was printed in newspapers across the nation in December of 1965. Since the only change for Christmas, 1966, is that there are nearly twice as many Americans trying to celebrate Christmas in Vietnam, we print it here this week.

"On Christmas day a soldier in Vietnam, dirty with jungle mud and blood, will tear open a letter from home. For a few moments he will forget his bone-aching fatigue, remembering boyhood days with his family and the excitement of getting and of giving gifts.

"The sour-sweat smell of barracks and the dank green odor of jungle camps will be replaced by smells of white sheets, on the old bed at home on Christmas Eve, the pungence of Christmas trees and the aroma of food from mother's kitchen. The illusion will be gone even before the letter is finished and that soldier will long for peace more than you or I who have never lived on a battlefield, and he may weep for a meaning that has gone out of his life.

"As long as that soldier feels joy from no more than the reading of a letter on a battlefield, or has hope expressed as a longing for peace, or repents through tears for lost meaning, we know that God is alive."

Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if every man's name could be a trade mark of highest quality, a guarantee that his product would be acceptable to young and old?

Such a man was Walt Disney. He died a week ago but his contribution to decency and his proof that quality is desirable and lasting will keep his name alive for generations to come.

His life should be a lesson to all America in a day when uncertainties and frustrations are the daily bill of fare.

'Of This and That'

by the editor's wife

Just about this time last year, a young family we know, set aside a night to "go into Lancaster to see the Christmas lights."

In about an hour, they were back in Mount Joy. "There are more homes decorated in our town than in Lancaster!" they said. "Block for block, Mount Joy's lights are more beautiful!"

We thought that was an interesting observation. After a tour around town Monday evening, we are sure that it must be true! Mount Joy can be very proud of its Christmas lighting.

Almost every home gives evidence of time and thought spent on decorating for Christmas. Not all of the decorations are outside; sometimes it is a tree or a wreath inside the house in a picture window. But there is color, beauty, ingenuity every-

Legion to Give Children's Party

Walter S. Ebersole Post 185 of Mount Joy will have their annual Christmas party for children of this area at the W. I. Beahm junior high school starting at 10 a.m. Following the party, members of the post will distribute baskets to needy families.

BANK PARTY

Employees and guests of the Mount Joy branch of the Lancaster County Farmers National bank held their annual Christmas party Monday evening at Groff's Farm, Mount Joy R2.

A typical Pennsylvania Dutch dinner was served at beautifully appointed tables and the guests exchanged gifts and enjoyed an evening of informal entertainment.

SCHOLARSHIP

At the scholarships awards assembly at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science on Thursday, Dec. 15, Richard W. Sloan, of 129 S. Market St., Mount Joy, was named the recipient of the Edward T. Jones scholarship for the current academic year.

Sloan is a third year student at PCPS, majoring in pharmacy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Sloan

VACATION

Pupils of Donegal school district will begin their Christmas vacation shortly after noon on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Elementary schools are scheduled to dismiss at 1:30 p.m. and the high school at 2 o'clock.

All schools will reconvene at the regular time on Tuesday morning, Jan. 3.

Bank Staff Holds Christmas Party

The Union National Mount Joy Bank held its Christmas banquet on Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at Hostetter's.

There were approximately 70 guests present, including the Messiah Male Quartette, which presented a well-rounded and enjoyable program.

John H. Hoffman, Jr., cashier, served as toastmaster. The annual president's speech was given by Martin S. Musser.

The table decorations were carried out in red and silver theme, with red poinsettias as the highlight.

HOME FROM AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hess and daughter Sharon arrived back in Lancaster County Tuesday night from a four-year stay in Nigeria, West Africa, as missionaries for the Church of the Brethren. They have been serving there for 13 years, and were home for the last time in '62.

Mr. Hess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra E. Hess, RD 2, Mount Joy, and Mrs. Hess is the former Anna Mary Hawthorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hawthorne of near Maytown. Mr. Hess serves as principal of a school in Nigeria, and Mrs. Hess as a teacher. They will be living during their stay here on Elizabethtown R1.



Christmas

May the Message of the Manger

Bring Rejoicing to Every Heart and Home.

As the radiance of a Holy Night shines across the years, we feel it is especially fitting to express anew our cordial greetings and good wishes to our many valued friends!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

As has been the custom in recent years, this newspaper will observe a holiday between Christmas and New Years!

Thus, there will be no publication of the Bulletin next week.

The next issue will be printed on January 4, 1967, and delivered on schedule on January 5.

Maytown School Yule Program

The Maytown School has held assemblies each morning this Christmas week. There has been carol singing by the school, reading of the Christmas story, special entertainment by the primary grades and a set of slide films entitled "Christmas With Neighbors Around the World" which show Christmas in Germany, England, Mexico, and Norway.

The entire school will have room parties on Thursday. School will reconvene Jan. 3, 1967.

In its simplest form, group medicine is where 35 kind relatives and thoughtful friends pitch in with a cure a piece for your cold.

BARREL ROLLING

Members of the Willow Street Jaycee organization visited the Mount Joy Junior Chamber of commerce on Monday evening for the annual barrel-rolling project. They also gave the program, a demonstration of rescue breathing and a film on this subject.

Library to Close

The Mount Joy Library will be closed on December 24 and 26th, and also on December 31 and January 2, it was announced this week. The regular schedule will be resumed after the holidays.

It's Pop who loses his balance when the rest of the family goes on a shopping spree.

The time which we have at our disposal every day is elastic; the passions that we feel expand it, those that we inspire contract it, and habit fills up what remains.

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