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THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY

For The Independent. MERRY CHRISTMAS. We are happy as can be...

ABOUT TOWN NOTES. TO EVERYBODY: A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

C. H. S. Play Well Attended. A comedy, "Betty's Last Bet" was given by the Senior Class...

Edward Detwiler Loses Eye. Yerkies had an eye removed recently at Montgomery hospital...

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THE DEATH ROLL. Mrs. Jeanne Marie Reichenbach, widow of the late Prof. Alcid Reichenbach...

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REMOVAL OF TROLLEY TRACKS IN COLLEGEVILLE STARTED. Work has been started in removing the trolley tracks from Main street, Collegeville...

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RAMBLING AT RANDOM BY JAY HOWARD. Jay Howard wishes every reader of this column an old-fashioned Merry Christmas packed with contentment and good cheer...

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NEWS FROM TRAPPE. Fortieth Wedding Anniversary. An enjoyable surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bucher...

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COUNTY AND STATE ITEMS. Doris Fish, six years old, Ardmore, was fatally burned Saturday night, when her mother sent her to the attic...

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CHRISTMAS, 1933.

The nearness of another Christmastide with its joys and merriments invite preparation for the chief, and most universal, of all holidays throughout Christendom. 'Tis well that at least one day of every passing year should be set apart for the mutual interchange of good wishes and the evidence of joy and merriment; since there is so much sadness because of vanished faces and distressing memories of bygone days. Christmas should mean expressions of the bright, not the sombre, side of life for all who find it possible to centre their feelings upon the appreciation of the flowers of beauty and sweet perfume that here and there reveal their attractive colors and exhale their sweet perfumes by the side of the way of life. Even though the Christmas of 1933 may not be encompassed with all the encouragements and with all the more favorable influences of previous Yuletides, there are sufficient reasons to hope for and to obtain enough cheering impressions to inspire the anticipation of nation-wide betterment, in a material sense. There is always room for the betterment of our lives in thoughts and deeds; always need for more practicing of the Golden Rule included in Christ's Sermon on the Mount; and a very urgent need for those who profess particular allegiance to the teachings of Christ, and all others, to materialize the "Glad Tidings of Peace on Earth, Good-will to Men", thus elevating the plane of our civilization above and beyond the horrors, the cruelties and the destruction of human lives. It will not be amiss to spare a few moments during Christmastide to soberly reflect upon the serious obligations, mutual in character, resting upon all mankind, and the great importance attached to the discharge of those obligations.

A Merry Christmas to all!

HOW ABOUT THIS?

For thirty years a resident of Pennsylvania, who left school at the age of 14 and went to work, subsequently obtained additional education at library work and at business college, followed by a business experience at merchandising. Now, just note: This man's recent application to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction to enter competitive examination for the position of liquor store manager was rejected because he did not have the "equivalent of a high school education." The absurdity, uselessness of this decision of the State Department of Education is most contemptible. It only illustrates anew the abominable and aggravating red tape proceedings of various departments of our State government. In this case how comes it that the Department of Education rings in with the duties of the State's Commission in passing upon the qualifications for liquor store managers? If the members of the Commission are not more fully qualified to pass upon the fitness or unfitness of applicants, let there be forthcoming evidence to show their incompetence. They are indeed, weaklings, if they are not in a position to be much more depended upon than the State Department of Education, with its arbitrary rulings, in the matter of testing the qualifications of applicants for positions as liquor store managers. It will not be admitted that the members of the Commission are weaklings. Easily it can be taken for granted that they have more just ordinary common sense than has been manifested by the State Department of Instruction in the instance hereinbefore cited.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Much has been written and spoken with relation to capital and labor. An analysis of the subject suggests the following among other considerations: Labor creates capital. In turn, capital creates labor. Thus, the existence of one necessitates the existence of the other. They are interdependent. Injustice to the one reacts in injustice upon the other. Often the interests of capital and labor clash. Public sympathy is frequently on the side of labor. Capital is adjudged the big sinner. Labor, the slave of the sinner. Consequently more or less injustice is heaped upon capital. But it does not follow that labor is always guiltless, since representatives of labor are as capable of injustice as are the representatives of capital. An approximately even distribution of wealth among the people, (producers and consumers) implies an impossible economic situation, for the very reason that the natural capabilities of mankind are by no means equal. The individual qualified by nature to engage in large business or industrial undertakings will, all opportunities being about equal, far outstrip the individual with average or less than average natural capability as a money getter in the realm of larger business ventures. Parcel out the present wealth of the millionaires of the United States pro rata among the inhabitants thereof who usually live from "hand to mouth" and, within a decade, there would again exist many millionaires. The large majority of those who had altogether lived from "hand to mouth," prior to the distribution of wealth, would have resumed their usual way of existence. However, this observation or conclusion does not shift even in part the grave responsibility resting upon the people's government in the matter of bestowing special privileges upon aggregated capital or wealth, to the economical disadvantage or impoverishment of those who are earning their food with their hands. Furthermore, the people's government is rotten in so far as it permits the imposition of a very uneven distribution of the burdens of taxation, of whatever character, upon the people taxed—or in so far as it permits syndicates of capitalists to inveigle gullibles into making bond or stock investments of very doubtful, or, of no value, but upon which capitalists reap a large bonus on sales made to uninformed investors, who become wise while suffering the loss of their money. Such loss more or less adversely affects labor, while capital is increased—however dishonest the increase. In so far as government is concerned both capital and labor should be afforded equal protection of their respective rights; that, and nothing more. Supply and demand will solve the remainder of a complex problem, to the extent that it can be solved. Reckless verbal radio artists and others engaged in decrying capital are frequently very unfair and unjust. They influence adversely the welfare of masses of people, and engender increased dissatisfaction on the part of representatives of capital as well as of the representatives of labor. Once the rights of capital and the rights of labor are approximately determined it becomes the serious obligation of government, within its normal functions, to hold the scales of justice even in the protection of the just rights of both capital and labor.

PRISON INVESTIGATORS FAIL TO FIX BLAME FOR RIOTS

Declaring other states had "out-distanced Pennsylvania in developing a state penological program," Governor Gifford Pinchot's committee investigating the recent riots at Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, submitted a lengthy report featured by a recommendation for creation of a state department of corrections. The committee recommended the department be headed by an official of cabinet rank with powers and functions to take over all administrative work of the state's penal system with a "mandate laid upon it to develop a program of individual treatment."

Because of a wide variance of opinion among both prisoners and others questioned, the committee failed to reach any decision on placing of blame for recent riots at Cherry Hill prison, Philadelphia. The report, however, discussed the most important complaints at length, adding:

"It is extremely difficult, in fact impossible, to determine the exact effect produced by each of the factors enumerated in bringing about the riots. Some no doubt contributed very little, but others were extremely influential. Taken together they constituted the powder which was finally set off."

In releasing the report, Governor Pinchot issued a statement characterizing the findings as "a sensible, scientific statement of facts together with specific recommendations for improving and removing the conditions that resulted in the recent riots."

Governor Pinchot pledged that everything "this administration can properly do to carry out these recommendations will be done, and done immediately."

In declaring its belief that for some years to come the Cherry Hill prison essentially must be retained as a prison of maximum security, the committee recommended immediate appointment of an assistant warden "who has vision and an understanding of what social work, psychology, psychiatry and the other sciences have now to offer in the understanding of men, one who will have the courage of his convictions in fighting for the remaking of men."

The committee also recommended appointment of a committee of the board of trustees to investigate charges of brutality, another committee to investigate complaints of the prisoners' commissary, a third committee to inquire into concessions, appointment of a medical advisory committee to strengthen the medical department, creation of a prison newspaper, equality of privileges; appointment of additional psychiatrists and reduction of prison population.

The committee found many complaints with Pennsylvania's parole system, particularly those phases which do not permit a convict to be paroled unless a job awaits him and which force him to serve his entire probationary period in prison if he violates any minor law any time during his probation.

Members of the committee were Louis N. Robinson, member of the prison board of trustees; T. Henry Walnut, Philadelphia, and Major Lynn G. Adams, superintendent of the state police.

NAME H. D. ALLEBACH TO NEW MILK GROUP

An arbitration committee was named last week to settle disputes arising in the Philadelphia milk shed. C. I. Cohe, head of the Philadelphia Dairy Council, announced the appointment of the committee members. Among them are Henry N. Woolman, of Ardmore, of the Supple-Wills-Jones Milk Company; H. D. Allebach of Trappe, president of the Interstate Milk Producers Association, and Fredrick Shangle, an officer of Interstate. All three have been involved in controversies that have arisen in the local milk shed.

Other members of the committee included W. B. Griscom, of Abbott Dairies, Inc.; Frank Baldwin, F. C. Toole, Robert Harrison, Jr., and Frank Austin, of Scott-Powell Dairies, all of Philadelphia. John C. Bream, Gettysburg; F. H. Furlow, Lancaster; H. R. Metzler, Paradise, and W. F. Sheehan, Kennett Square, were among the other Pennsylvanians named. The committee also included members from New Jersey Delaware and Maryland.

Wanted: Wider Distribution of Wealth

Considerable slush has been appearing in the daily newspapers about Miss Doris Duke, called the richest girl in the world. Miss Duke, the daughter of the late James B. Duke, tobacco magnate, came into possession of some \$30,000,000 on her twenty-first birthday, November 22 of this year. She has "five" collateral heirs, a large corps of servants, and every luxury that wealth can bring.

How much better it would have been if Miss Duke's father had left her less and during his lifetime given more to his employees and to farmers who raised the tobacco used in his factories. His daughter has many, many more millions than she has any use for. Distributed in the form of higher wages among Duke's employees, and in the form of higher prices for tobacco, the money would have been productive of infinitely more good to society.—From Inter Boro Press.



Alice B. Palmer

THE little church at the end of Grace street was a mass of brilliant, sparkling Christmas decorations wherein great preparations were in progress for the usual community Christmas tree. The largest forest tree ever obtained had been donated by a neighboring farmer, and was standing at the altar as if conscious of its wonderful privilege of being accepted as host for this glorious occasion.

Several volunteer members were engaged in trimming the tree, while happy thoughts were bursting with pride at this opportunity of expressing themselves in love for mankind.

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Clara May had a secret! In all these years she had never received a gift from the great tree of love, although she had wrapped and tied many of them, with which to make others happy. For several years she had swallowed her pride at not hearing her name called out, and each year something sniped—she just couldn't stand it any longer! She had written her own name upon some of the parcels and concealed them among the others at the foot of the tree.

This year, however, Clara May had decided to omit her own parcels from the great celebration. What's the use? she thought. No one cares anyway, whether I receive anything or not!

Midst the joyous co-operation of all, Clara May was lovingly twining the tinsel about the pine-scented branches of the tree. As she did so, the spirit of forgiveness came to her as plainly as though a voice had spoken. 'Twas the Christmas spirit and all other encumbering thoughts had vanished leaving her free and happy. She smiled contentedly as she reached the very top of the tree to hang the Star of Bethlehem.

The angels about her sensed the same spirit through Clara May's most unusual smile and were overjoyed but somehow puzzled, for they remembered that Clara May had not smiled in such a manner for many years. It appeared to them as if a statue had suddenly burst into human facial expression and they marveled.

Christmas Eve all was in readiness and the church was a bower of loveliness, bordering on fairyland. Gifts carefully and lovingly wrapped and tied with glistening tinsel were heaped high and Santa, himself, sat at the foot of the tree, his jovial good will an inspiration to all.

After many beautiful Christmas carols had been sung by the choir and the children had delightfully entertained with their sweet, young voices of Christmas cheer, the distribution of the gifts was begun.

A hand and foot fell over all as each one, young and old, anticipated the hidden treasures about to be delivered by Santa Claus. A great wave of enthusiasm was present, holding all within the grasp of the great Universal Christmas Spirit!

Name after name was called out by the cheerful voice of Santa Claus, and each gift was received graciously and most expectantly.

But what was all the excitement? Everyone was looking in the direction of Clara May. She was receiving so many gifts she was really becoming quite embarrassed. She did not know where to put them all, nor how to get them home. Such a shower as never before had descended upon her, and tears of gratitude were streaming down her face.

That smile of the Christmas Spirit which, trimming the tree had brought the true spirit of brotherhood to all and each and every one of them had paid his debt of gratitude to Clara May.

Little Chairs
 Small chairs are easily fashioned from saw boxes. One box, a straight piece of wood for the back, a coat of bright paint, is the simplest formula. This may be elaborated upon to the extent of dad's time and skill. See what you can do with your hands this year—your hands, a little wood and inexpensive paint. It will be a happy Christmas, for our hands can put love and the Christmas spirit into gifts so much more easily than they can be in stilled into an expensive, unworked-upon present.

CHRISTMAS EVE—THE LIGHT THAT SAVED

By Mrs. Henry Armstrong

"Will Santa Claus come tonight mother?" asked little Willie turning from the window where he and his older brother John were watching the feathery flakes of snow, that had fallen all through the night and day, covering the earth with a robe of purity. "I'm afraid not my dear" said the mother, bending lower over the pile of sewing, and wiping the tears from her tired eyes. "Is it on account of the storm mama?" asked Willie. "Oh Santa don't mind the snow! He has a sleigh and reindeers, and he goes over hills and valleys, mounts the roof, and goes right down the chimney" said John.

"Mama, we're going to hang up our stockings tonight, and yours and papa's too, and you just see if we don't find something in them tomorrow morning" said Willie. "Hang them if you wish dear" the tired mother replied.

"Santa always came before papa was sick, and it would be nice if he would come tonight and bring him some of the dainties that mama likes to fix for him" said John.

"Uncle Will wrote papa that he would come to see us when his ship came to port, and we looked for him around Thanksgiving, but he didn't come, so perhaps he will be here for Christmas" said John.

"Oh, he never could get here in this snow storm, only Santa Claus could find his way, and he might get lost!" said Willie.

"I'll tell you what we'll do Willie! Let's hang a lantern in the window near the chimney. It will shine away down the street and then Santa will surely come," said John.

The patient tired mother tucked the boys in bed with her usual good night kiss, and then hastened down the stairs to minister to her sick husband. They talked of other days, when they were living in a cozy home with a good income.

Depression had changed all that, failure of the bank, business gone, and now sickness and poverty staring them in the face, without even the pleasure of making the children happy with their childish dream of Santa Claus realized.

Mrs. Soule tried to cheer her husband saying "We have each other and the dear children, and if you can regain your health all will be well! Let us face life's battle bravely and hope for the best dear."

In the meantime the children had hung up their stockings, and had also hung the lighted lantern in the window to serve as a beacon-light or guide for Santa Claus.

They did not realize that the lantern would serve as a beacon-light, or

life saver to one very dear to the entire household. Uncle Will thought it would be well to arrive Christmas Eve, and act as Santa Claus to the entire household, giving them a pleasant surprise.

Laden with gifts he struggled through the snow drifts, his auto left stranded in the storm, when he felt his strength failing him and was about to give up in despair, when he perceived a light in the distance. This gave him new courage to push on through the storm and night.

When he arrived he sank nearly exhausted on the steps, but mother heard the bell and hastened to the door, and what a happy surprise to welcome her husband's long looked for brother.

She made him warm and comfortable, and the meeting of the brothers acted as a tonic for the sick man.

In the morning the children were rejoiced to see their uncle's smiling face, and they saw something else, the old lantern still burned in the window, dimmed by the light of the morning sun, making a cherry setting for a happy Christmas day.

They saw their uncle hold it reverently saying "this beacon-light saved my life."

Turning their eager eyes to the chimney where the stockings were hung, they saw them filled to the brim, while on chairs were piled high choice Christmas gifts, delighting the hearts of the children, feeling the thrill of joy to know that Santa did come.

Uncle Will a retired sea captain, decided to make his home with his brother, and thus help him to regain his lost health, knowing of no better way to use his wealth than by lifting the burden from the shoulders of the weary mother.

Thankful hearts meet daily around a well filled table, and they often speak of the lantern shining through the window on that Christmas Eve, as "The light that saved."—Written by Mrs. Henry Armstrong.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

The Ananias Club: "Yes," said the old-timer, "I got a prescription for whisky from the doctor for my cold and I took it in the small doses he prescribed."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"How do you account for the fact that so many farmers are complaining?" "I suppose it's just in the natural order of things," answered Farmer Cortmoss. "For political purposes there must be people who complain so that statesmen can retain their influence by sympathizing with them."—Washington Post.

"Can you name all the State capitals?" "I can." "What is the capital of the state of matrimony?" "Money."—Boston Transcript.

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ASCO Mince Meat 1-lb 19c
Cranberry Jelly Glenwood No. 2 can 15c
10c ASCO Pumpkin 3 large cans 25c

Diamond Walnuts 1-lb 25c
 Fancy Almonds 1-lb 19c
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NEWS FROM TRAPPE

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playlets by the junior and intermediate departments. An unusually good program has been arranged.

NEWS FROM OAKS

Mrs. Charles Brower, Mrs. Howard Wilkinson of this place and Miss Bertha Casselberg spent Monday in Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. Neville Cook and son from Chester County spent Monday with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John I. Bechtel.

THE GOVERNOR SAYS

This is being written under a shingled roof.
At the most critical period of the present special session of the Legislature, I was unfortunate enough, for my sins, to suffer an attack of shingles.

FARMERS ASK 'MILK TRUST'

Charging that thousands have been forced into bankruptcy by the Milk Trust, representatives of independent farmers on Monday at Harrisburg demanded enactment of a milk control bill which will safeguard producers and consumers.

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Ancient Sundial Found

To be an Egyptian Model
History first mentions a sundial in the Old Testament. The date of this is probably somewhere around 700 B. C., but the earliest one that has been found is an Egyptian instrument now in the Berlin museum, says Pathfinder Magazine.

Flagship Santa Maria

Ninety-Five Feet Long
The dimensions of the Santa Maria, the flagship of the squadron of three vessels commanded by Christopher Columbus during his famous voyage of 1492, which led to the discovery of America, were as follows: Length between perpendiculars, 74.12 feet; extreme length of ship proper, 95 feet; length over all, 128.25 feet; breadth, extreme, 25.71 feet; depth of hold, 12.46 feet; displacement, fully laden, 233 tons; weight of hull, 90.5 tons; masts, about 100 tons; complement, 52 men.

Formation of Oil

Mineral oil or petroleum is stored in the earth in sand which are embedded between layers of rock through which the oil cannot pass. When wells are bored into this sand, the oils rise in the wells. There are two main theories as to its origin.

STATE TO TAKE OVER SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP ROADS

When the Pennsylvania Department of Highways next January takes over second-class township roads for a two-year period of maintenance under the terms of the Parkinson Act, it will accept this responsibility for 45,453 miles of road instead of for 53,000 miles, which was the estimated total of this mileage at the time the bill was passed.

Womens Faces on Stamps

Queen Isabella appears on three varieties of the Columbian commemorative series of 1935; Martha Washington's portrait appears on the eight-cent stamp of the 1922 series, also on the four-cent issue of 1922-23; and Pocahontas appears on the five-cent denominated issue of the Jamestown series of 1907.

WISDOM AND OTHERWISE

"I think a garage must have had my telephone number before I got it," said the doctor. "Why so, doc?" "People keep calling me up about engine and gear symptoms."—Louisville Courier-Journal.
A Brooklyn minister says every man should be a hero to his wife. That's easy—like building a bridge across the ocean, taking a trip to the moon or getting Europe back on her feet.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT STATE HOSPITAL

An elaborate program has been arranged for Christmas and New Year festivities at the Norristown State Hospital. The program for every day (or evening) from December 15, 1933 to January 1, 1934, includes Christmas decorations of the wards, dancing, Protestant and Catholic services, music by hospital orchestra, moving pictures, community singing by 150 talented voices, prizes, refreshments, etc. Every patient will receive a gift.

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