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

A Merry Christmas To All!

PEACE ON EARTH

The joyful tidings come again of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The Christmas Spirit now is here to fill our lives with hope and cheer. And as we feel the helpful glow of peace and goodwill, let us cheer the lonely and the sad—and help to make their Christmas glad. On Christmas Day the bells are rung and all the hostiles cease. Then blessed peace, that spark divine, implanted in your heart and mine. Will fill the world with hope again and all its hostiles cease. The Christmas Spirit fills the air and drives away all thought of care. The good and faithful sires of old when the old year had nearly rolled All made the most of Christmas time With "Peace on Earth"—a day sublime.

MRS. HENRY ARMSTRONG, Dorchester, Mass.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

Mrs. I. F. Hatfield entertained the C. I. C. class of Trinity Sunday school at her home on Tuesday evening.

Edgar Fretz, a student at Mercersburg Academy, is spending the Christmas vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fretz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolfinger, of Norristown, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fretz.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muche and family visited relatives in Philadelphia on Sunday.

John Thomas Keyser plans to spend the coming week-end with his aunt Mrs. Ashenfelter, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Edgar Baird, of Sixth avenue is confined to bed with a heavy cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Copitka, of near Philadelphia, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson.

Miss Evelyn Brunst, local telephone operator, has returned to duty after being confined to her home with a heavy cold for about a week.

Mr. Gallian Clamer, of Philadelphia, was Sunday visitor at the home of R. E. Miller and family.

David Allebach, a student at State College, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Allebach.

The Ursinus College students were entertained at the annual Ursinus Christmas party by the administration on Friday evening. A special turkey dinner was served. The girls ate in the upstairs dining room while the boys ate in the first floor dining room. Usually three boys and three girls eat at each table. After the supper a special program, climaxed by dancing in the gymnasium, was enjoyed.

The Christmas recess at Ursinus College began at 5 o'clock, December 19, and will end at 8 a. m. Thursday, January 3. The final examinations of the first semester will begin, Monday, January 14. The second semester begins, January 29, 1935.

The donation of jellies oranges etc., for the Jessie Royer Greaves School, for blind will be delivered by Mrs. S. D. Cornish on Friday, December 20.

Mrs. S. D. Cornish attended the Gimbel Brothers dinner, in Philadelphia, given in honor of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Frances Rasmussen has recovered from an attack of the grippe.

Thomas Slotterer, of Main street, was among the successful local deer hunters. He returned last week from a hunting trip to Clinton county with a nice buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hunsicker, who had been on the sick list last week, are about again.

Irvin A. Faust, 22, Douglassville, was arrested Saturday night by State Highway Patrolmen on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated after his car hit an auto owned by Dr. W. Z. Anders and operated by Lester Godshall, of Collegeville, on Ridge pike, at Douglassville. Godshall was stopping along the highway showing his cards to the patrolmen when Faust rammed into the rear of the car.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

The deepest meaning of Christmas is found in giving, for it marks the birthday of the God given man.

The wise men from the East, followed the star, worshipped the Child and gave Him gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh. They hailed Him as the great Gift and out of grateful hearts gave to Him the gold that time cannot dim and the perfume whose fragrance never dies. We worship the Giver who gave Himself. We give our gifts in gratitude to Him.

For us, Bethlehem is not far away. Wherever the lonely are, there is the Manger. We can still offer gifts to the Wondrous Child, by ministering to the sorrowful, the needy, and those in distress. To do this is to find the real joy of Christmas.

The Church School will meet on Sunday morning at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:35. Sermon theme: "Our Journey to Bethlehem."

On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Church School will render the annual Christmas program. A play entitled "The Christmas Story Hour" will be given. The offerings for the day are for Bethany Orphans Home. We cordially invite you to worship with us.

HALLMAN-MILLER WEDDING

Miss Lucille Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, of Trooper, and Joseph T. Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hallman, of Skippack, were united in marriage in the Lower Providence Presbyterian church, last Saturday. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Williams, performed the ceremony.

THE DEATH ROLL

Mrs. Mary Ann Kidd, aged 89 years, widow of W. N. Kidd, who was a representative at Harrisburg for many years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Amanda Childs, Ridge pike and Evansburg road. Mrs. Kidd was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ullman and was born and reared in the house in which she died. She lived in the homestead with her sister for the past decade and until she was stricken with a heart attack a week before her death enjoyed good health. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Childs; a brother George Ullman and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the late home on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia. Funeral director J. L. Bechtel was in charge.

Mrs. Amanda (nee Kemmerer) Yerger, wife of Isaac Yerger, died on Monday at the family home in Limerick. The deceased was in her 60th year. She is survived by her husband; one brother, Clinton Kemmerer, of Sellersville; one daughter, Carry, wife of William Metka, Pottstown; and one son, Howard, at home. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with all services at St. James Reformed church Limerick. Interment will be made in the adjoining cemetery. Funeral Director Charles Franks is in charge.

Emma Lizzie Gerhart, seventy-two years old, died on Saturday night at the home of a son, Game Protector Ambrose Gerhart, at Souderton. She had been bedfast since August with a heart ailment. Surviving are the following children: Ambrose, and Mrs. Harvey Ackerman, Souderton; Robert, Telford; Mrs. Hiram K. Gerhart, Telford, R. D.; and Mrs. Elwood Hoffmaster, Collegeville, and several brothers and sisters. The funeral was held on Wednesday at the Indian Creek church.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The usual Christmas tree program will be held on Friday evening at 6:45 on the Masonic Temple lawn. Mrs. A. T. Allebach, representing the P. T. A. and Dr. Fry of the Lion's Club, have completed plans for this program. There will be a speaker, and the singing of Christmas carols will be accompanied by musical instruments. Santa Claus will be there to hand out gifts to all the children. As all the organizations of the town are encouraging this project, there should be a grand turnout. Everybody is invited.

LIONS CLUB XMAS PARTY

Four new members, Howard B. Keyser, Preston Griffith, Lester Cox and Harry K. Thomas, were initiated into membership of the Collegeville Lions Club, by Lion Harry Matthieu, Tuesday night. The club was also pleased to have Paul Stoudt renew his membership.

Frank Shanko, Kepler Tyson, John Roland, Clarence Metz, Joseph Hallman, Mr. Frazer and Katharine Allebach were introduced and welcomed as guests.

A moving picture program with explanatory talk was presented by Miss Helen Beyerle, a representative of Willis-Jones-Supples Milk Co., on the subject "So Much Trouble." This was shown and explained the story of milk production, preparation for cleanliness, methods of sale, and its value as a food.

Santa Claus, "Doc" Fry, chairman of the meeting, made his appearance through the fire place, and distributed amusing and appropriate "valuables" gifts.

The Club is pleased to assume a share in the preparation of the Christmas Tree Exercises, Friday evening, 6:45 o'clock, and trust that all the children and parents of Collegeville and surrounding community will be present.

COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES

The Collegeville Community Club will hold a Christmas party in the Hendricks Memorial building, on Wednesday afternoon, December 26, at 2:30, to which all the children of the community are invited. There will be games, music and refreshments for all ages. A brief business meeting will be held at 2 p. m., prior to the party.

The Community Club will hold their annual supper in the Hendricks Memorial building, on Saturday evening, January 12.

May all the brightness of Christmas time, be yours to make you happy. IRENE S. CORNISH.

EVANSBURG NEWS

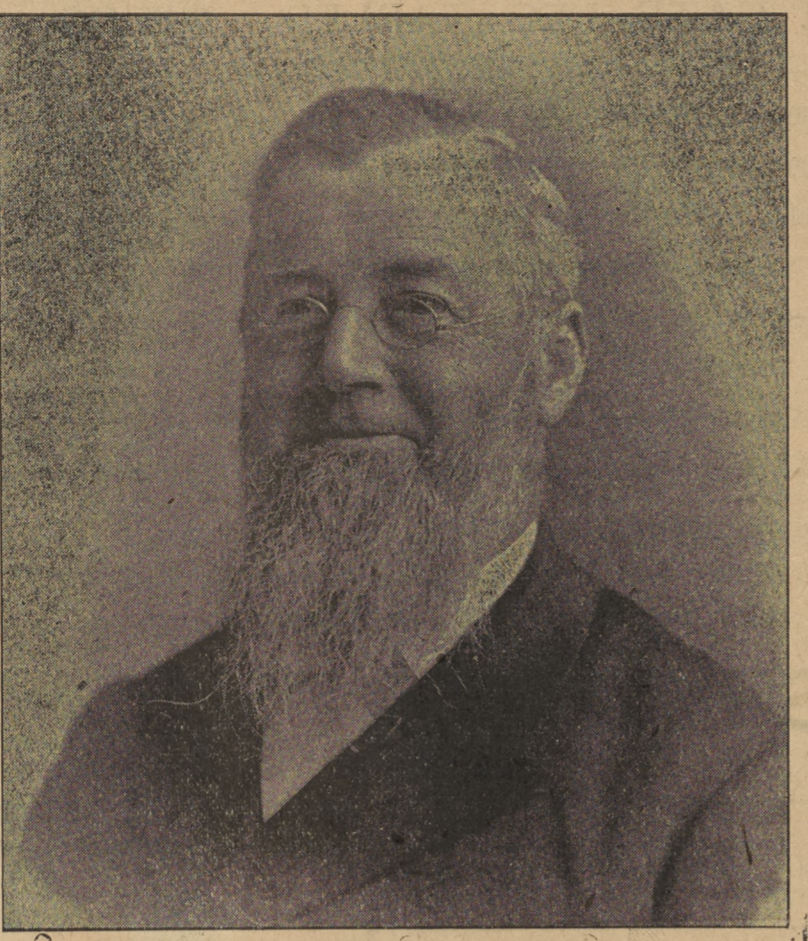
The Lower Providence Sewing Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Force. Games were played and favors awarded to Mrs. William Risher, Miss Ruth Risher, Mrs. Neil Junker. Others present were: Mrs. J. Stroud Weber, Mrs. Rebecca Weber, Mrs. Emma Schantz, Mrs. Carl Spangler, Mrs. Harry McKelvy, Mrs. Jane Cauffman, Mrs. Martin Thomas, Mrs. Weaver Roshong, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Lewis Kline, Mrs. Roy Linkenhecker, Miss Ruth Mairn, Mrs. John Klauer, Miss Eleanor Klauer, Miss Jennie Linkenhecker, Mrs. Dyson Miller, Mrs. David Miller.

The Independent Order of Americans held their annual chicken supper on Saturday evening in the hall on Germantown pike.

The Young People's organization of the Methodist church held its regular meeting Sunday evening. M. W. Witmer, of Trappe, was the guest speaker.

The annual Christmas entertainment was given by pupils of the Boyer school on Tuesday afternoon.

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REV. JOSEPH H. HENDRICKS, D. D. — 1834 to 1905

TRINITY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY HONOR MEMORY OF LATE REV. J. H. HENDRICKS AT 100TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

A fine gathering of people representative of the community assembled in Trinity Reformed Church on Sunday morning to join in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks, D. D. His birth occurred on December 21, 1834, and the Sunday nearest the actual date of the anniversary was chosen for its observance.

From birth to death, Dr. Hendricks spent his entire life of seventy-one years in this community. He was educated in local schools including several years in Freeland Seminary. After four years teaching in the public schools he was admitted to the faculty of Freeland Seminary as a teacher of mathematics. Later he became Vice Principal. While engaged in these duties he was elected pastor of Trinity Christian Church, an independent congregation. He was then twenty-eight years of age. This was the beginning of his real life-work. He served as pastor of the congregation continuously until his death, November 21, 1905—a period of forty-three years. It was in commemoration of his life and service that this anniversary celebration was planned by the pastor and the congregation.

The first address was delivered by the pastor, Abraham H. Hendricks, Esq., who spoke on Dr. Hendricks in the home. Dr. Hendricks, with fine discrimination and good judgment, pointed out the characteristics of his father as revealed in his home life. There was not a dull moment in the household when Father Hendricks was present. He was strict but sympathetic in family discipline. Always buoyant and joyous in disposition, he "lived in the sunshine, never in the shadow." There was no privacy in his home that prevented any person from entering. Students and teachers coming into the community who knew not where to go were given a home at the parsonage. A familiar scene was the gathering of family and friends around the cabinet organ and the singing, under Father Hendricks' direction, of the then popular Moody and Sankey hymns. His last words, "How refreshing," on having been given a drink of cold water, expressed his attitude toward life as he knew it.

B. Whitman Dambly, Esq., of the Skippack congregation, organized by Dr. Hendricks and served contemporaneously with the Collegeville congregation by him, spoke on the influence of this man of God in the community. "His," said Mr. Dambly, "was no one-track interest." It ran far beyond the field of strictly church work. He had endless engagements not only at marriages and funerals, but in all community affairs. To every good cause he gave hearty support. He was not only a forceful speaker but also a leader of singing—an activity still recalled by older residents. He was a neighborly man, took an interest in the affairs of the community, and took an interest in their affairs. To every one he wished success and did it.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation led by the pastor and the choir repaired to the cemetery where, in a brief ceremony, a wreath was placed on the sainted minister's grave, thus bringing to an end a truly fitting and highly helpful memorial service to one whom this community will long hold in esteem and never cease to honor.

Editor's Note—The Independent is indebted to Dr. G. L. Omwake for the above, well-written and interesting article.

On Sunday evening Mr. A. H. Hendricks, Dr. B. W. Dambly, Dr. W. A. Kline and Dr. John Lentz repeated their address at a similar anniversary meeting in honor of the late Rev. Hendricks given by Trinity Reformed church of Skippack, at that place.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

The attention of the neighbors and friends of St. James' church, Evansburg, is called to the Christmas services, and a hearty invitation to be present is extended to such as are interested. On Christmas Eve at 7:30 p. m., there will be the usual Manger Service for the children. At this time offerings of food will be brought and presented before the manager; offerings which, after this service, will be taken to make a bright and merry Christmas Day for a family in this community. The principle service on Christmas Day will be at 7:30 a. m., in the course of which the choir and congregation will sing Christmas hymns and carols.

SCHREIBER-MURPHY NUPTIALS

A wedding of local interest took place on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the St. Lukes church, Trappe, when Miss Irene Murphy, of Limerick, was married to Elwood W. Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schreiber, of Second avenue, Trooper.

The Rev. Arthur C. Ohl, pastor of St. Luke's Church, performed the ceremony. The couple left on a honeymoon trip to points South and on their return will reside in Limerick.

The bride is employed at the plant of the Collegeville Plag and Manufacturing Company, Collegeville. The bridegroom is a painter and paper hanger. He is a graduate of Collegeville high school and for a number of years resided in Collegeville.

GRATERFORD NEWS

The condition of the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Long remains about the same. The child has been ill for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Koons will leave for Cleveland, Ohio, this week where they will spend the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kline, Mrs. Sara Kline and Mrs. Catharine Smith spent Sunday with Ed. Overy and family of Spinnerstown.

Wm. Sorenson has been a patient at the Navy hospital in Philadelphia for the past week. He is somewhat improved.

J. HANSELL FRENCH NAMED SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

J. Hansell French, well-known farmer and business executive, of Collegeville, was last week appointed State Secretary of Agriculture in the new cabinet of Governor-elect George H. Earle.

At the same time Mr. Earle announced the appointment of Dr. Edith M. Dexter, chairman of the Mercer County Democratic Committee, as secretary of health, and Dr. J. Evans Scheebl, Republican coroner of Delaware county, as secretary of welfare. The cabinet positions pay \$10,000 a year.

Concerning the appointments Mr. Earle said: "Mr. French will bring to the secretaryship of agriculture a keen interest and intensive experience as a dairy and dirt farmer. He has been active in affairs of the Pennsylvania Grange, and particularly in problems confronting dairy farmers of our state."

Mr. French, a world war veteran, is a first cousin of Governor-elect Earle. His father, the late S. H. French, Jr., was a brother of Earle's mother. In 1923 Mr. French married Mlle. Jeanne Elsie Rosset, daughter of M. and Mme. Albert Rosset, of Lausanne, Switzerland. They have three children. He was born in Philadelphia in 1885.

Mr. French at his home near Collegeville has a 168-acre model dairy farm, the former H. K. Boyer farm, on which he has for many years bred many prize-winning Jersey cows.

French has been active in various agricultural groups and farm affairs. He is a member of the Keystone Grange at Trappe, and was formerly a director of the Montgomery County Jersey Cattle Club. He is vice-president and former president of the Montgomery County Fish, Game and Forestry Association. He is a member of the Agricultural Association of Montgomery County.

In addition to his activities as a dairy farmer, French is vice-president of the Samuel French Paint Company, and district manager of the Edison Cement Company.

He served for two years as president of the School Board of Lower Providence Township and has been active in Red Cross and Boy Scout affairs in Montgomery county.

He took active part in the battle against General Order No. 30 of the Milk Control Board affecting shipping station charges. The successful fight, in which French served as chairman of a committee of Montgomery county dairy farmers, saved them \$96,000 a year shipping charges.

TRAIN STRUCK STALLED AUTO OF I. P. WILLIAMS

I. P. Williams, well-known resident of Aveo, narrowly escaped death on Wednesday at 12 o'clock, noon, when his Ford truck stalled on the crossing near his home and was struck by a southbound freight train.

Mr. Williams, who lives nearby, had just left his home and for some unknown reason his auto stalled on the crossing. The engineer, seeing the stalled car from a distance, attempted to stop the train.

Mr. Williams was promptly taken to his home by the train crew and medical aid was summoned. He sustained a cut on his forehead and numerous bruises. His auto was slightly damaged. The fact that the engineer of the freight train had lessened the speed of the incoming train probably saved Mr. Williams' life. The train was stopped within several feet after striking the truck.

Mr. Williams was not in the truck when it was struck. He had alighted and was attempting to push the vehicle off the crossing when the train hit him. Due to the fact that he is very deaf Mr. Williams did not hear the train approach until it was almost on top of him. Then he jumped, and in so doing jumped into the path of the truck as it was rolled off of the tracks. He was thrown into the ditch on his face when the truck struck him. Fortunately the vehicle did not fall on top of him.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

The annual election and installation of officers of Warren Lodge, Masonic Order No. 310, of Collegeville, was held Saturday evening. Robert W. Bornev was named worshipful master; Russell C. Thomas, junior warden; Charles J. Brandt, senior warden; Abraham H. Hendricks was re-elected secretary, and Howard B. Keyser was re-elected treasurer.

Henry R. Rawn, the retiring worshipful master, introduced the newly-elected officers, who responded with brief remarks. The principal speaker was Rev. Ernest J. Harry, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at Oaks. Music was furnished by the orchestra under the direction of Harold H. Horn.

Specialty invited guests included Norman Stuehler, retiring worshipful master of Skippack Lodge, of Pottstown; J. Lewis Baker, worshipful master, Norristown Lodge, and Harold W. Batchelder, worshipful master-elect of Charity lodge, of Norristown.

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RAMBLING AT RANDOM BY JAY HOWARD

A Merry Christmas to all—from Jay.

Much sickness is noted at present in this community.

Congratulations to you, Mr. French, on your appointment as State Secretary of Agriculture. Your friends in this community feel honored in your appointment. We know you have the qualifications for the position.

It is no joke, but we imagine the life insurance and casualty insurance companies do not want too many coal truckers on their books. Coal truckers seem to be rather bad insurance risks.

Christmas crept up on us sort of unawares this year it seems. Mentally and physically we are ready; but not financially.

At the annual Ursinus Christmas dinner the other evening Dean Kline, one of the after dinner speakers, remarked: "Christmas is such a joyous occasion that it should occur three or four times a year instead of only once." Rev. Lentz, the next speaker, told the students that for a bachelor Dean Kline's remark was perfectly natural; but that if the Dean had not been so young he would probably think Christmas once a year sufficient.

The community can feel proud of the civic spirit, willingness to help and cooperate, that was manifested at the meeting of the representatives of the various churches, lodges, clubs, etc., held at the Fire hall last Thursday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of establishing an (Continued on page 4)

NEEDLEWORK GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS; REPORTS GIVEN

The Collegeville branch of the Needlework Guild of America held a business meeting and election of officers, at the home of the president, Mrs. S. D. Cornish, on Friday afternoon.

At the ingathering of garments in November, 1680 NEW garments were collected and \$56 in money. These were distributed among fifteen institutions, and private cases in Collegeville and surrounding communities. Several hundred garments are still held in reserve for the winter.

The Collegeville branch was organized in March 1923 and a resume of the twelve years was given by the president. During this time 17,876 NEW garments were collected and \$762 in cash. The guild made contributions to the different charitable institutions, but always supplying private cases in the community first.

The guild consists of 30 directors, twelve of which are charter members. Mrs. H. A. Mathieu, of Trappe, is a charter member and during the 12 years has collected 1483 NEW garments; Mrs. William F. Hunsicker 825 NEW garments; Mrs. A. H. Hunsicker 625; Mrs. H. D. Rushong 618.

The officers for next year, are president, Mrs. H. P. Tyson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Lawrence Walt; secretary, Mrs. H. D. Rushong; cor.-sec., Mrs. S. Louis Cornish; treasurer, Mrs. Abram T. Allebach.

Mrs. H. D. Rushong is a charter member and has been its faithful and efficient secretary since organized.

The branch is planning for a rummage sale to be held in Norristown on January 11, the proceeds of which is to be used for the purchase of outfitting flannel for the Sewing committee. The co-chairmen of this committee are Mrs. Morgan Weber and Mrs. H. D. Rushong. All contributions to this cause may be left with the chairmen and Mrs. H. A. Mathieu, of Trappe, and Mrs. A. H. Hendricks and Mrs. S. D. Cornish.

We cannot resist the opportunity of adding to our annual report a tiny personal note of congratulation and appreciation to our retiring president—Mrs. S. D. Cornish. Knowing the efforts that have gone into the 12 years of her faithful service and loyalty to the work of our Guild, it makes us proud to have had a small part in the fine work our leader, Mrs. S. D. Cornish, has accomplished.

The Directors of the Collegeville Branch of the Needlework Guild.

RIPPLES FROM RAHNS

The Christmas exercises by the Sunday school will be presented in the chapel next Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:45 o'clock.

Howard Berky and family, of Coatesville spent Sunday with W. K. Schlottner and family.

Henry Haas and family are slowly recovering from their recent illness. Mrs. Haas has been on the sick list for some time. Two weeks ago, Randall, their son, was laid up with a heavy cold, and last week, Mr. Haas was stricken, making the third one in the family to be bed fast.

A number from this place attended the special service by Trinity Reformed church at Collegeville last Sunday morning in tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks. The event was very fittingly observed.

Improvement is reported at this writing in the condition of Gladys Stewart, 19, of Rahms, who is a patient in Montgomery hospital.

The girl sustained a fractured skull two weeks ago when she was hit by an auto while walking with a sister on the Gravel pike, near her home. She is not out of danger, however.

Mrs. Raymond Landis, of Yerkes, is seriously ill at Riverview hospital, Norristown.

NEWS FROM TRAPPE

Forrest Andes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Andes, is a patient in a Philadelphia hospital suffering with an infected foot. The foot had been giving him trouble since last summer, and during the past month the condition became quite serious. At this writing, Mr. Andes is improving rapidly. He expects to return home the later part of this week.

Freeland Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of this borough, was represented at the District meeting of the Eastern Star, at Quakertown, by Mrs. Abram Spare, Mrs. Sterling Schlichter, Mrs. Ada Gay, Mrs. Walter Pott, Mrs. Charles Franks, Mrs. Dorothy Grissler, Mrs. Herbert Wagner, Mrs. Harvey Bornevan, Mrs. William Schwend, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Paul Mougell, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Yerker, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heartnet and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heartnet, Jr., of Bridgeport, visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tyson on Sunday.

Mrs. S. S. Tyson spent a day at the home of her brother B. F. Bucher of Delhi.

The Upper Providence school will give a Christmas entertainment in the consolidated building on Friday evening, December 21, at 7:45 o'clock.

Abel Lehman, of Roversford, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Bowers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. West, of Berthelm, were the Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ohl and family.

Mrs. Clarence Provell, of Portland, Maine, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Franks and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, of Philadelphia were their dinner guests on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Klauer and daughter Eleanor, entertained at a delightful birthday dinner on Sunday in honor of Mrs. Klauer's sister, Mrs. C. T. Hayes, of Germantown. Other guests were Mr. C. T. Hayes and Mrs. Eleanor Beagle, of Philadelphia and Miss Doris Paul, of Trappe.

Christmas at Augustus Luth. Church

On Sunday morning, December 23, during the Sunday school period the gifts will be presented to members with perfect attendance for the year. These gifts consist of Bibles, Common Service Books and a Catechism on Christian Worship, according to the number of years in which the recipients did not miss a session. Fifty-one members are entitled to this distinction.

Festival vesper by the Sunday school on December 24, at 7:30 o'clock, will be devotional and inspiring. The service will conclude with a pageant presenting the Christmas story in a new light in its application to life.

On Christmas morning at 8:30 o'clock, Festival Matins will be sung including a chorus in Augustus Lutheran church.

A welcome awaits all who wish to worship with us and enjoy anew the spirit of Christ which should be reborn in life and church and state.

St. Luke's Evan. and Ref. Church

The Christmas worship service will be held in St. Luke's church on Sunday at 10:10 a. m. The pastor will preach on "A Day with Christ". The choir will sing "Softly Through the Silent Night", by Harris, and "Shine, Oh Wonderful Star", by Soethig. The service is planned to bring real Christmas joy.

The Christmas service by the Sunday school will be held Monday evening, December 24, at 7:45 o'clock. An unusual program will be presented including the musical service "Christmas Classics" by Hall-Mack. The children will have exercises, recitations and songs. A new feature will be a play "Christmas Legends" by the young people. The cast of characters include many young people and children. The drama was composed by William Solly, of Ursinus College, and a teacher of the intermediate boys. All are looking forward to this joyous occasion.

Sunday school at 9 a. m. The pins for perfect attendance will be presented.

The communion service will be held on Sunday, December 30, at 10:10 a. m. and preparatory service on Friday evening, December 28 at 7:45.

Evangelical Congregational Church

The Christmas service of the Evangelical Congregational Sunday school will be held Christmas night, December 26 at 7:45 o'clock. The service entitled "The Christmas Highway" by Hall Mack, will be used. A pageant "The Hope of the World" will be given, also recitations and exercises.

Preaching service, December 23, at 10 a. m. Sunday school 9 a. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

COAL TRUCK STRUCK TREE

The driver and helper on an empty north bound coal truck were injured, one seriously, early Sunday morning when the motor vehicle crashed into a tree on Ridge pike just above the Trappe borough line. The truck ran off the highway and struck a tree in H. U. Wismer's yard, located at the foot of the hill at that point.

William Klingerman, 19, of Frackville, the driver, sustained brush burns and lacerations. John Marks, 22, Frackville, the helper, sustained fractures of both ankles, a broken nose and two black eyes. Both are patients in Montgomery hospital.

Klingerman told State Highway Patrolman Vincent Coughlin, Collegeville, his truck ran off the road when he was blinded by the headlights of an approaching auto. The tree was struck with such terrific force that the engine was pushed back under the front seat. After hitting the tree the machine burst into flames. Flaming gasoline enveloped Marks, but Klingerman dragged him to safety and beat out the flames. The

CHRISTMAS 1934

Before the next edition of The Independent reaches its family of readers another Christmas Day will have come and passed. With nearness of the greatest of all holidays of Christendom the editor extends his heartiest greetings and the sincere wish that, in so far as it is possible, merriment and joy, will be realized by all! There is so much sorrow and distress, so much pain and misery always in evidence, that it can only be hoped that the commemorative festivities of Yuletide may shed beams of sunshine upon those encompassed by the shadows of existence. * * * In modern days Christmas has revealed too many sordid commercial aspects of material values detracting from a true Christian spirit. This is to be regretted. However, human nature runs true to the influences controlling it. * * * The observances of Christmas by all means should include serious reflections concerning the teaching of Jesus Christ, the accepted Savior of millions of Christian people. Concern about, and the application of, practical Christianity, is deplorably deficient. This deficiency can be lessened only by a greater practicing of the Golden Rule incorporated in Christ's sermon on the Mount.

ASTRONOMICAL DISCOVERIES
OF GIGANTIC TELESCOPE

Astronomers have recently discovered 1700 new variable stars by which the measurements of the depth of space will be increased. Also a new twin star, a double sun. There exists suns 1,000,000 times as big as our sun, which is 1,000,000 times as big as our Earth. If the suns shed light and heat upon planets similar to our Earth, there is no estimating the organic life in the incomprehensible vastness of space. No astronomer will declare that our relatively small Earth is the only planet in the immeasurable depth of space that sustains organic life.

In view of the astronomical discoveries noted above, it is of particular interest to note the recent pouring at Corning N. Y., of the "Eye" 200 inches wide, for a gigantic telescope reflector to carry the sight and mind of man inconceivable distances into space. With the giant reflector millions of additional light years will be brought to human vision. It is expected to reveal details of the universe that are three hundred million light years from our Earth. A light year is reckoned as 186,000,000,000 miles!

F. E. R. A. PAYROLL FOR NOV.
NETS STUDENTS \$746.06 SUM

The F. E. R. A. payroll at Ursinus for the month of November totaled \$746.06. Fifty-two students received aid from this source. The checks averaged \$14.33 each.

The total monthly requisition is \$795.00, which is to be used in employment of twelve per cent of the student body according to the enrollment of September, 1933, which amounts to fifty-two. In the month of October, \$791.00 of the total requisition was spent. The decrease of \$46.00 in November was due in large part to weather conditions and mid-semester exams. The month was also shortened several days by the Thanksgiving recess.

The fifty-two students on the payroll at present are employed under fourteen supervisors in research, clerical, and mechanical work. A number of them are employed in various kinds of campus improvements.

COLLEGE SPORTS LEADERS
ATTEND PHILA. CONFERENCE

Several district athletic meetings were held at the University Club in Philadelphia, where Ursinus was represented by R. C. "Jing" Johnson, director of athletics, Stanley Omwake, and Dr. John W. Clawson, of the Athletic Council.

Election of officers, selection of sport's officials, and problems arising in collegiate athletics included the main issues for discussion at the conclaves, last Friday and Saturday.

During the assembly on Saturday evening it was stressed that means should be obtained through which college baseball can be prevented from becoming extinct. George A. Little, director of athletics at Rutgers, suggested twilight games, saying that the "Scarlet" met with success by staging contests at dusk, last year. Mr. R. C. "Jing" Johnson, Ursinus mentor, advocated this plan, stating that the following in the collegiate diamond frays was waning and that something had to be done to revive this interest.

It was during the business meeting of this association that "Jing" Johnson was elected vice-president. A sub-committee in its report mentioned Herman "Reds" Bassman as one of the four outstanding wrestlers in this district, last season.

Prior to this meeting, the Middle Atlantic States' Association for the selection of Football Officials held their yearly assembly and re-elected "Jing" Johnson to the treasury post.

Championships in various divisions were awarded. Swarthmore won the soccer title; Gettysburg, Basketball;

REV. JOS. H. HENDRICKS, D. D.

The exercises at Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, Sunday, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks, D. D., were most interesting. During his long pastorate of 43 years he greatly endeared himself both as a pastor and a friend to all with whom he came into contact. He was ever devoted and faithful to the members of his charge. He shared their joys and sorrows, thus smoothing the way of life for thousands of those who came within the range of his ministrations. The Christianity that most concerned him was practical Christianity. His theology was always liberal and tolerant. Intimately, I knew Dr. Hendricks and, without hesitation, I accord to his memory that of one whose chief purpose in life was to encourage and help his fellow travelers on life's journey. He was never quite so happy in his goings and comings as when he was serving others.

OUR LIBERTIES AT STAKE

In one of his books, the late ex-President Wilson said: "I do not want to live under a philanthropy. I do not want to be taken care of by the government. . . I want only to have right and justice prevail so far as I am concerned. Give me right and justice and I do not care how wise, how patriotic, the trustees may be. I have never heard of any group of men in whose hands I am willing to trust the liberties of the American people."

Woodrow Wilson, before he became President, was a distinguished educator and historian, and in that statement he ably reflects the true American spirit—the spirit that won our independence, wrote our Constitution, and gave us democratic government. That spirit is the direct antithesis of paternalism. Its base is in the solid rock of individual self-reliance. Its image is the typical American who, like the War President, wants no one to determine his destinies, and wants only, under fair conditions, to carve out his own future.

If we, as a people, lose that spirit, the word Democracy will ring hollowly indeed. The nation abounds with those who would have us accept paternalism, fascism, communism—one form another of dictatorship. They would have us surrender our liberties to a group of public trustees. And by doing that we would, in the fine words of the old saying, be trading our inheritance for a mess of pottage.—Industrial News Review.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET
UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

The Commissioners of Montgomery county have addressed the following letter to the Township Supervisors and Borough Councils of the county:

Dear Sirs:

Due to the unemployment situation, which unfortunately is increasing, rather than diminishing, the County is preparing a long term program for the year 1935. Naturally, there is a limit to this program, due to the limitations of our funds available.

Nevertheless, we would like you to submit your County Aid Application which, if approved, will be done by the County but must, of necessity, be in our hands at a very early date, so that our budget may be made up, estimates, plans and specifications prepared and a long term program worked out.

Unfortunately, the State and Federal Relief Programs have neglected to take care of worthy citizens of the County unless they are on direct relief. This, we feel, is very unfair to those who have applied for relief and in the vast minority and great numbers of our worthy citizens, or over 80 percent, are either unable to qualify for relief or do not wish to place themselves in this position. These people must be assisted and we believe a work relief program is the best possible means of doing so.

We trust that you will cooperate with the County and that we may have these applications in our hands not later than December 24th.

Signed—
W. D. Ridgeway
S. H. Drake
G. C. Albright

BOUNTY PAYMENTS INCREASE

Bounty payments in October started an upward trend and as a result \$4039 was paid on 2653 weasels, 339 gray foxes and two wild cats. In the first two weeks of November claims averaged 150 a day, an average daily expenditure of about \$800. More gray foxes are being probated than weasels at the present time. The Game Commission expects in the near future to be making average daily payments of \$1000.

The importance of the bounty system in Pennsylvania cannot be over emphasized, officials said. Not only are predators kept in check through this activity, but thousands of individuals, many of them in poor circumstances, are enabled to earn much needed money.

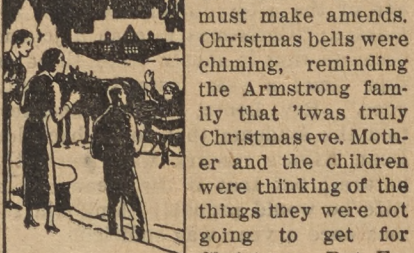
Franklin and Marshall, swimming; Lehigh and F. and M., wrestling; Lehigh, baseball; and Rutgers, track.



Father's Ingenuity
A Christmas Story
By Alice B. Palmer

"T WAS just two weeks before Christmas and there did not appear to be any material means of attaining the necessary funds for the great celebration. "Oh dear, if John would only sell that old heirloom," thought Marty Armstrong. Just then Betty and Jerry came charging in from high school. "Oh, Mother, I just can't wait until Christmas. I know you are going to get that tuxedo for me. I can see it now, oh boy!" exclaimed Jerry. "And I can see that party gown, Mother, with slippers to match," said Betty, sweetly. "It's no use expecting anything this year, children," said mother. "Your father has made some unwise investments."

"Here comes father, now!" "Hello, everybody, what's up? Why the frigid atmosphere?" queried father. "Mother says there's to be no Santa Claus this year," ventured Jerry. The next few days John Armstrong was trying to figure it all out. Perhaps he had been a little negligent in the past few years concerning his family. Now he realized that he must make amends. Christmas bells were chiming, reminding the Armstrong family that 'twas truly Christmas eve. Mother and the children were thinking of the things they were not going to get for Christmas. But Father was chuckling inwardly. In fact he could scarcely keep from bursting out laughing; but that, of course, would never do.

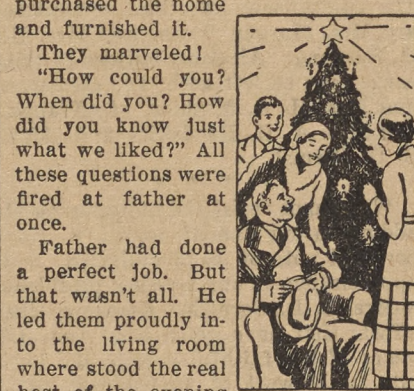


The silence was broken by the jingling of sleigh-bells. They hurried en masse to see what it was all about. Were they still dreaming? There stood an old-fashioned bobbed. Out stepped Santa Claus. "Why, Uncle Joe, what are you doing here on Christmas eve?" exclaimed Mother, all excited. "I've come to take you and the family for a ride. So bundle up and hop in, without delay."

All stared at one another and tried to speak, but not a word was uttered. They simply obeyed their Santa Claus and within a few moments Father and all were seated cozily within the fair-land contraption and were driven off. The sleigh stopped with a jerk, right in front of a stucco bungalow all brilliantly lighted up with Christmas decorations. "Why, I never knew the Thompson home was for rent. It has stood vacant so long," said Mother, with great concern. "A friend of mine from the office just purchased it," said Father, with a convincing smile. "We were invited over to see it in its new regalia. But you were all so out of sorts that I called up Uncle Joe and ordered the Santa Claus ruse."

They all laughed most heartily. They couldn't help it—Christmas or no Christmas! They had to give father credit for his clever ingenuity. Out they hopped, beaming with the Christmas spirit. Father took the lead and rang the doorbell, but no one answered. Then he actually turned the knob as they all stepped back in protestation. "Merry Christmas!" shouted Father. Too surprised to speak, they looked at one another and back again at father and then— "Don't you understand? Oh, hang it all, anyway! This is your Christmas present," said father, sinking into the closest easy chair and gasping for breath. "What?" they all exclaimed. Then father explained it all to them—how he had sold the old heirloom, purchased the home and furnished it. They marveled! "How could you? When did you know? What we liked? All these questions were fired at father at once. Father had done a perfect job. But that wasn't all. He led them proudly into the living room where stood the real host of the evening—the gorgeous Christmas tree. Needless to say Jerry received his "tux," Betty her gown and slippers and mother a set of silverware, a long-desired luxury.

Then descended such a shower of Christmas hugs and kisses, gratitude and joy that dear old father was practically snowed under. But he enjoyed his Christmas presents better than all the material gifts he had bestowed upon his family; and he felt that his heart was filled with enough Christmas cheer to last forever.



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Nickel Plate Railroad

Given Name by Newspaper
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But just when the amount of money asked for had been practically subscribed and things appeared rosy, the officials of the company tucked on an additional sum, more than the people could meet. No amount of persuasion could change the attitude of the officials and the road was built to pass Norwalk six miles to the north. Editor Loomis wrote a scathing editorial, the last paragraph of which told the people of Norwalk not to mind, that the N. Y. C. & St. L. railroad was only a "nickel-plated affair anyway." The company's officials laughingly adopted that name and called the new project "the Nickel Plate Road," and the name has stuck.

In a letter to the editor they thanked him for unwittingly supplying a sobriquet for the railroad and as a remembrance issued their first life pass to Finney E. Loomis, editor of the Norwalk Chronicle.

Black Girl's "Dilly Bag" Exhibited at Melbourne

A curious exhibit has found its way into the Melbourne (Australia) museum. It is the "dilly bag" of a black girl of the East Alligator river, in the northern territory. It is the equivalent of the white woman's vanity bag. The bag looks something like a closely woven onion bag, only it is made of grass stalks instead of string, and around it are displayed and labeled the contents just as they were found and as carried about by the average woman of the Kakod tribe.

Like any other woman, she has her powder and her paint—white pipeclay and red ochre for painting the body. She has even some locks of hair, black and woolly, and probably her own. Here and there among relics of meals are fresh-water mussel shells, a stone for pounding them open, part of a fly rot used for food, an ornament of kangaroo teeth, a fragment of plaited split cane, a small lump of beeswax and a mass of wool from the cotton tree. The life of a native woman at Alligator river is told by her "dilly bag."

"Hullo, just back from your holidays?" "Oh, no; just been working extra hard."—Toronto Telegram.



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SPREAD CHEER AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMAS TIME
by G. Bertram Regar

The Yuletide season quite naturally creates a feeling of human interest in all mankind, and further stimulates the spirit of good-cheer among many who, ordinarily throughout the rest of the year, do not give much thought to others.

Christmas Day is observed in every Christian Country throughout the entire world. As the actual date of the Nativity was unknown, various dates were celebrated up to the fifth century, when the early Christians gradually settled upon December 25 as a fast day in honor of this event. The reason for this date seems to be the veneration in which the ancient people held the season of the winter solstice, because this is the turning point of the year, the lengthening of the days and the season of more light.

Our Christmas customs of today are the contributions of people of many lands. It has been quite customary within the home to create an atmosphere emblematic of the season. The traditional English Yule log originated in Scandinavia. The great Yule candle was the forerunner of our Christmas lighting.

Holly has taken an important place in Christmas decorations, and it may be of interest to know that "Holly" is a derivation of "Holy" as the branches and berries were used from earliest times to decorate the churches at Christmastide, thus giving significance to those emblematic colors of Christmas, red and green.

The people of other nations used other forms of decoration, as for instance, the Romans lighted and decorated evergreens in their Saturnalia. The Druids introduced this custom into Germany, where it was first adapted to the Christmas festival. Germany still observes the feast day of St. Nicholas, who is supposed to have died in December sometime during the fifth century. This name was corrupted by the Teutons and Santa Claus became synonymous with Christmas in countless homes. There also came from Germany another derivation—Kris Kringle, strangely changed from Christ Kindelein, meaning Christ Child.

The Christmas legend of the Wise Men watching their flocks by night, and following the Star of Bethlehem, has lived through centuries and been observed by various people in quaint customs of celebration—the story of children and of Santa Claus, a story becoming more wonderful with each passing year.

Within the past ten years, there has been a steadily increased use of exterior holiday decorations, and the use of brightly colored electric lamps scintillating and spreading a warm glow of the Christmas spirit.

Merchants decorate streets and their places of business, reflecting the happiness of the Christmas shoppers. At our homes, light and color transform even the most modest into places of splendor and beauty. The use of Christmas candles and wreaths in the windows, of ropes of greens and colored lights festooned along the eaves; of evergreen, spruce and fir on the lawn, sparkling with tinsel and colored lights, of evergreen branches and wreaths over the door—all and all call forth a warm cheerful Merry Christmas to the world as it passes by. Even a candle in the window of the smallest home spreads a welcome to the homeliner.

Communities are lighting giant trees with thousands of warm, glowing lights, about which little boys and girls shout with glee and laughter. Men stand with heads uncovered and with tender hearts, while on the glowing cheeks of women sparkles a tear of joy, and happiness and love. The Community tree is everybody's Christmas, bringing cheer and gladness to thousands of hearts, many that ache with loneliness, many that yearn for the love no longer present.

Christmas lights! You can feel their warmth and glow reflecting in the smiling faces and glistening eyes of those who pass them by. From every illuminated home and building a warm, happy colorful "Merry Christmas" flashes to the world in Christmas Lights!

And what is this spirit of Christmas? It is nothing more and nothing less than the total of our efforts and our efforts—each of us trying to do his best to bring happiness to the hearts of others. Join with others and show the progressive spirit of your community in its aim to reflect happiness and confidence of better times just ahead. Decorate and light up for Christmas and a merry one to you all.

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Fresh Air Required
The amount of air required for each person in a room varies greatly with the circumstances. The factors determining the proper amount are number of people, type of lighting fixtures and other sources of heat, and construction of the building or room. The standard figure used by ventilating engineers is 1,800 cubic feet per person per hour, which is usually considered a minimum.

Making Sorghum
The first step toward making sorghum after the cane is ripe is "stripping" and "toppin'". It is then cut down by hand, put in a press and the juice squeezed out. The pipe from a barrel under the press runs into the evaporator and as the mill sweep is pulled round and round by a horse, the sap runs rapidly to the boiling trays.

Use of Jams and Jellies
Either the English or the American of a sweet tooth or Americans make more of their own jellies, for studies show that America uses only one and one-half pounds of manufactured jams and jellies for each person, compared with twelve pounds for each Englishman.



A Gift for Santa
By Frances Grinstead

"FELICIA, I forgot to bring anything for your Uncle Hurry!" Father, mother, and daughter-halfway-through-high-school were in a huddle in the pantry, with the kid brother Ripley ("Rip" for short) hovering curiously beyond the door.

"He won't care, Dad." The pretty brunette girl relieved her father of his bundles. "With his radio act going over in a big way he can buy anything he likes. I hope he remembers a wrist watch with a little diamond is nicer than a wrist watch with none."

"Whatever he gives you, Felicia, act as if it's what you want most," her mother warned. "Horrikan would rather be appreciated than anything else in the world. He knows I like pretty negligees. I let him know how I enjoy his presents."

"I was trying to land that contract with Davidson," the father explained, "and I spent most of the evening with him at the McAlpin. When I left there was barely an hour to shop. I didn't dare take a late train, knowing we still had to decorate."

"Did you get the new ornaments?" Mother was pulling at a knobby package.

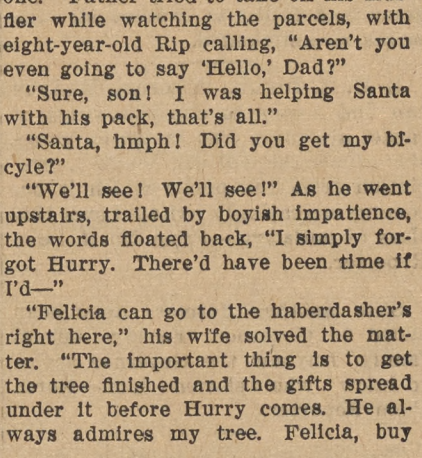
"Here, don't bother that. It's this one." Father tried to take off his muffer while watching the parcels, with eight-year-old Rip calling, "Aren't you even going to say 'Hello, Dad?'"

"Sure, son! I was helping Santa with his pack, that's all."

"Santa, hup! Did you get my bicycle?"

"We'll see! We'll see!" As he went upstairs, trailed by boyish impatience, the words floated back, "I simply forgot Hurry. There'd have been time if I'd—"

"Felicia can go to the haberdashery's right here," his wife solved the matter. "The important thing is to get the tree finished and the gifts spread under it before Hurry comes. He always admires my tree. Felicia, buy



him one gift from your father and me, and one from you and your brother."

"What would Uncle Hurry like, mother?"

"M-mum. He has everything he needs, and he never mentions anything he wants. Ask the clerk to suggest something."

The silver star was aglow, the last fat Santa Claus clinging to a limb, Felicia's purchases had been hastily wrapped in golden and green tissue, when the door burst open admitting Horrikan Carter of "Hurry and Haste" radio comedy team. His arms were full of red, green, and holly-papered parcels, and behind him came the cheery chauffeur, his arms full, too.

"Drop 'em, James my lad. Now hurry to that girl of yours and make hay while the snow falls. Come for me at eleven. Here, don't you need a little extra? It's Christmas." Uncle Hurry put a bill in the man's hand and clapped the door shut.

"Felicia, what a lovely tree! You always have something original. Sophia. Henry, how's business? And," (looking around) "where's Rip?"

"Ripley," called Felicia, flinging open the dining room door.

In the midst of discarded outer wrappings, a red-faced small boy was struggling with tissue and ribbons.

"Aw, gee, Felicia. I wanted to tie it myself. Aw, gee! Why'd you have to go open the door? I spent all the money I earned cuttin' lawns last summer and shovelin' snow this week, an'— Aw, gee, it's a fine gift. If I could get it fixed, it would look swell."

Uncle Hurry jumped to close the door. "Go ahead, old fellow. We won't look."

"It's no use. Everybody's saw." Rip came toward them with the gift protruding from its wrappings. It was a salad bowl with a wooden mixing spoon.

"Who's it for, Ripley?" mother asked.

"Uncle Hurry!"

Felicia began to laugh. "What a gift for Uncle Hurry! Why, Rip, you give salad bowls to ladies, not men."

Rip looked disconsolate. "He said he wanted it. We were passing that shop where they sell old things and he said— you did, Uncle Hurry, you said, 'Love what a quaint salad bowl! I'd like that.'"

"Of course I did. Next day when I went to buy it for my kitchennette they said it had been put aside for someone. It's great to get it this way!"

"I guess even Santa Claus would rather what he wanted was given to him than to buy it for himself," said Rip wisely.

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