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## About People You Know in Collegeville

### Fishers Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas P. Fisher left last week for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to spend the winter months.

### Appendicitis Operation

Robert, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gennaria of York, a student at C-T high school, was suddenly stricken with acute appendicitis at his home Saturday night. He was removed to Homeopathic hospital where a successful operation for the removal of the offending organ was performed on Sunday afternoon. The lad's condition is reported as very satisfactory.

### Tonsil Patient

Robert Powelson of Collegeville R. D. was admitted to Phoenixville hospital as a tonsil patient.

### Teaches Lansdale Bible Class

Russell C. "Jing" Johnson, teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Trinity Sunday School, was the guest teacher of the combined men's and women's Bible classes at Trinity Lutheran Sunday School, Lansdale, on Sunday morning. Twenty-four members of Jing's class here accompanied their teacher on the pilgrimage. Mr. Johnson was greeted by an audience that filled the church auditorium.

### Rebekahs Xmas Party

The Rebekah Lodge held a covered dish social and Xmas party on Monday evening in the Odd Fellows hall. A large crowd was present and enjoyed a pleasant evening. Jacob Rahn impersonated Santa Claus.

Mrs. Wm. Allen of Second avenue returned home on Monday after being a week-end guest of Miss Carhart of New Brunswick, N. J.

Alice LaRose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse LaRose of Park avenue returned home on Saturday after being a surgical patient for two weeks in the Montgomery hospital following an appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gumpfer and daughter of Washington, D. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LaRose of Park avenue over the week-end. Mrs. Frank Clamer entertained a sewing club at a Xmas party at her home on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns and Mrs. Mary Hart of Glenwood avenue left on Sunday for several weeks to visit relatives in Florida.

Mrs. Leonard Omrod entertained the Colonial Club at her home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Francis and family are moving this Thursday from Fifth avenue into their newly built home on Sixth avenue. On Friday they expect to go to Sabot, Va., for a week to visit her parents Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Knibb.

Mrs. Michael Todd of Glenwood avenue has been confined to her bed with illness for the past week.

Mrs. Reuben Winter of Third avenue entertained a number of friends at a card party at her home on Friday evening.

Mrs. E. L. Longaker of Ridge lane entertained at a covered dish luncheon and card party on Tuesday afternoon. Xmas gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. H. A. Bone of Decatur, Ill., is visiting her son Prof. and Mrs. Maurice Bone until after the holidays.

Mrs. Lois Young of Collegeville R. D. was admitted to Montgomery hospital as a medical patient.

Mrs. Ralph Jones, of near Mont Clare, entertained a number of little guests at a birthday party at the Jones home on Saturday afternoon. The event was in celebration.

### Schools Close for Xmas Recess

The Collegeville and Trappe grade schools and the Joint Junior-senior high school will close Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, for the Christmas recess. Classes will be resumed on Wednesday morning, Dec. 27.

Friday afternoon the elementary grades will hold Christmas parties in their respective rooms with exchange of gifts and appropriate programs. The high school grades will combine to enjoy their annual Xmas party in the new gym.

### CHRISTMAS JOY

There is a wholesome joy that Christmas brings. Within the heart a warmth of feeling springs. We greet our friends and feel a happy thrill! The very air is teeming with Good Will.

The little tokens tied with ribbons gay marked "Do not open until Christmas Day".

Have gone their way some to far distant lands, the loving tributes of our hearts and hands.

We will keep the Christmas Spirit here and use it daily through the coming year. It will become of truly wondrous worth. We will help to brighten up the earth.

MRS. HENRY ARMSTRONG,  
Chester, Mass.

## Plan Gala Program at Community Tree

### Annual Christmas Party Will be Held This Friday Evening, Dec. 22, on Masonic Temple Lawn

The annual Collegeville Community Christmas Tree program will be held this Friday evening, December 22, on the Warren Lodge, F. and A. M. lawn. A live evergreen tree, planted several years ago, was decorated on Tuesday with the usual profusion of colored electric lights. The decorating was in charge of Charles J. Smedley, representing the Collegeville Fire Co.

The Community Tree program will open at 6:45 with musical selections presented by Melvin Baker, local radio dealer, over his electrical recording and amplifying system. The regular program with choral singing will follow at 7 p. m. The Concordia Harmonica Club will make their first public appearance and the Bugle and Drum Corps will again participate in the program. The arrival of Santa Claus with "something" for the children will be the usual climax of the joyous occasion for young and old.

Henry W. Mathieu, Trappe realtor, representing the Collegeville Lions Club is chairman of the committee representing the following participating organizations: Collegeville Lions Club, Community Club, Junior Community Club, Byron Fegely Post American Legion and the Post Auxiliary, Collegeville Branch of the Red Cross, Collegeville Fire Company, Collegeville-Trappe Parent Teachers Association.

All the children of the entire community, as well as of Collegeville and Trappe, are invited. The older folks, too, are urged to come out and participate in spreading the Christmas spirit and assist with the singing.

If there are any other service groups wishing to participate in the event please get in touch with chairman Mathieu.

## SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONTRACTS

The Collegeville-Trappe Joint School Board at a special session on Monday evening reviewed material and contract specifications and formally awarded the contracts for several thousand dollars worth of machinery, tools and equipment for the Industrial Arts shop at the new school building.

The Sunday school will meet at 9:15 a. m. Final rehearsal of the Christmas music.

The church will be beautifully decorated for the season by the committee appointed by the superintendent, Ralph F. Wismer. At 12 o'clock Christmas morning, the carollers will sing for the shut-ins.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Association will be held Wednesday, January 3.

Installation of the shop equipment will be rushed. It is expected that the Industrial Arts department will begin practical operation in the new shop early in January.

## THE DEATH ROLL

### Henry Elmer Custer

Henry Elmer Custer, life-long resident of Evansburg, died Saturday evening at his home, aged 88 years. He was single and was the last surviving member of his family. He was the son of Samuel and Tressa Custer of Lower Providence and was a painter by trade earlier in life.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the J. L. Bechtel funeral home, Collegeville, with the Rev. J. C. Gilbert, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, of Evansburg, in charge. Interment was in St. James' cemetery, Evansburg.

### John P. Wunder

John P. Wunder, 79, was found dead Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk, Limerick, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

Mr. Wunder complained of feeling ill and went to lie down. He was in ill health for some time.

Born in Harrisburg, he lived in McKeesport until 16 years ago, when he came to reside with his daughter. He retired from his carpentry trade ten years ago. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church, McKeesport.

Besides the daughter, Mary, wife of Albert Kirk, Mr. Wunder is survived by another daughter, Margaret, wife of B. C. McCaul, Hermosa Beach, Calif., and a son, John G., Fredonia, N. Y.

Funeral services and interment will be conducted Thursday at McKeesport.

### Limerick Fire Co. Card Party

On Thursday evening, Dec. 21, Limerick Fire Company will hold a poultry hussie in the fire hall—adver.

### Watches, Diamonds, Wedding Rings

A. E. Willauer, Jv., 217 High St. Opposite Hip. Theatre, Pottstown

## Christmas Programs Are Planned by Local Church School Organizations

### Trinity Reformed Church

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, takes this opportunity to extend to all the people of Collegeville and vicinity, its best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas, and to assure everyone of a hearty welcome at our services.

Sunday morning at 9:30—the Church School. A period of Coral Singing.

Morning Worship at 10:35; sermon theme: "Even Unto Bethlehem".

The Church School Christmas Service will be at 7:30 p. m.

The service will be in three parts. The children's divisions of the school will present the theme, "God So Loved the World"; in recitations and exercises. Then the Young People's department of the school will present a short play "The Two Sides of the Door"; and finally the whole congregation will join in a coral service.

The Consistory will meet on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

### St. Luke's Reformed Church

Uplifting and inspiring Christmas services have been planned for Sunday, December 24, at St. Lukes.

The Christmas Worship Service at 10:30 a. m. (Sunday) will be unique. This will be an outstanding service in the community. The combined choir—St. James' Reformed, the St. James Lutheran, Limerick, and the St. Luke's Reformed Choir under the direction of Eli F. Wismer, will present a program of music, singing several Christmas anthems with parts, namely—"Sanctus" by Gounod, "Good Christian Men, Rejoice", by Lorenz, "Shepherds Tell Us", by Washburn, "Night of Wonder", by Ashford. The congregation will join in coral singing. The pastor will deliver the Christmas Message. Friends and visitors are cordially invited.

The Sunday School Christmas Service at 7:30 p. m. The children's groups and the music by the main school will make this an enjoyable service. The school will sing "Silent Night" by Tullar-Meredith. Various exercises and songs will also be sung by the groups. The Primary and Beginner departments, superintendents, Miss Sue Fry and Mrs. Earl Crist, will present the program by the children. The offering will go to Bethany Orphans Home.

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### St. James' Episcopal Church

The Rev. James C. Gilbert, Vicar, announces the following services for the Christmas season at St. James' Episcopal Church, Parkville, of Evansburg:

Sunday, Dec. 24: 8:00 a. m.—The Holy Communion; 9:30 a. m.—Church School, the offering will be devoted to the British Medical Societies; 10:45 a. m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon; 11:00 p. m.—Coral singing followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, Dec. 27: (St. John the Evangelist's Day): 7:30 p. m.—The Church School Party. This party is for the boys and girls in the upper classes. The parents of the pupils are most cordially invited.

Thursday, Dec. 28: (Holy Innocents' Day): 2:30 p. m.—Christmas Party for the Primary Department. Parents are welcome.

Monday, Jan. 1: (Feast of the Circumcision): 8:00 a. m.—The Holy Communion.

Sunday, Jan. 7: (The First Sunday after Epiphany). The Candle-light Service. The hour of this service will be announced later.

### Evansburg Methodist Church

Services for Sunday, Dec. 24, at Evansburg Methodist Church are as follows: Sunday School at 9:30; Church Service at 10:30; Sermon: "The Gracious Announcement"; Evening Service at 7:45; Sermon: "Glory to God"; Epworth League from 7:00 to 7:30 p. m. A feature of the Evening Service will be a presentation by Muriel Schonck. I hope that many of you will come to our Watchnight Service on Sunday, December 31, at 11:00 p. m. "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day a saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11. Edward K. Knetler, minister.

### COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES

The Collegeville Community Club met on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. S. Fretz, for its annual Christmas party. The guest speaker was Rev. John Hart of Valley Forge Chapel. An exchange of ten cent Christmas gifts among the members provided an enjoyable interlude.

### CHILDREN'S XMAS PROGRAM FEATURES P. T. A. MEETING

The December meeting of the Collegeville-Trappe P. T. A. was held Wednesday afternoon in the new high school gymnasium. The program was featured by a Christmas entertainment presented by the pupils of the Collegeville and Trappe grade schools.

### Motorist Injured at Creamery

Mathew Hockel, Chalfont, formerly of Trappe, suffered bruises of his right foot on Monday when his car collided head-on with a machine driven by James C. Pancoast, Germantown. The accident occurred on a curve on the Rahms-Creamery road.

### SIX PERSONS CHARGED WITH "CHISELING" RELIEF FUNDS

Six persons, charged with fraudulent receipt of public assistance, will be arraigned before Magistrate Ralph McLaughlin this week. The prosecutor is Irving Gerber, State agent and investigator.

According to warrants issued, those who will be arraigned and the amounts alleged are: Harry H. Kieffer, Horsham, \$87.50; Wilson P. Bergey, Graterford, \$80.60; Charles Fraelich, Conshohocken, \$20.20; Myrtle Brooke, Pottstown, \$55.50; Lewis Campbell, Edge Hill, \$19.50; and Ernest Ewing, Schwenksville R. D. 1, \$185.

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### Christmas at St. Eleanor's

Mass will be celebrated in St. Eleanor's Church on Christmas day at 6, 8 and 10 o'clock.

Confessions will be heard on Sunday night, Christmas eve, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. James McGuckin, S.M., will hear confessions and assist in the celebration of Mass.

As usual, the scene of the Nativity will be recalled and made vivid by the erection of the Crib, a custom prevalent in Catholic churches since the year 1260, when it was introduced by St. Francis of Assisi. The Crib group will remain in St. Eleanor's until the Sunday following the Epiphany. Everyone in Collegeville is cordially invited to view it.

### Augustus Lutheran Church

On Sunday evening, December 24 at 7:30 o'clock the Festival Vespers by Augustus Lutheran Sunday school will be given with a pageant "Peace on Earth".

The Matins will be sung in Augustus Lutheran Church on Christmas Day at 8:30 a. m.

The Candlelight Service under the auspices of Augustus Lutheran League will be held in Augustus Church, Sunday evening, December 31, at 8 p. m.

Miss Amelia Thomas was in charge of the devotional service at the Luther League meeting on Sunday evening. Walter G. Reich was in charge of the Luther League topic.

The Choral Singers of Pottstown and members of Christ Episcopal Choir of Pottstown will present the Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child", by C. B. Hawley in Augustus Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, January 7th, 1940, at 3 o'clock. The chorus is under the direction of Miss Jeanette Douglas Hartenstein and is well-known. An offering will be received.

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## Fire Destroys Old Barn on Pen Property

### Convicts Quiet As Flames Raze Building Used as Plumbing Shop Inside of Prison Walls

Hundreds of motorists were attracted to the vicinity and conjecture was rife among local residents when flames destroyed an old frame barn inside the walls of the new Eastern Penitentiary at Graterford at 7 last Thursday night.

Located on high ground the flames could be seen for miles around in all directions. Only bonafide firemen accompanying the apparatus are allowed on the reservation in answer to fire alarms.

The building which housed a carpenter and plumbing shop was destroyed. Equipment, valued at \$1,000 also was destroyed.

The penitentiary fire department and members of the Skippack and Collegeville companies saved another frame building, known as the tin shop, in which valuable equipment was stored. The blaze was discovered by a towerman.

Captain Elmer Leithiser said the frame building had been condemned a month ago and was to have been torn down. He said there was no disturbance whatever among the 1,978 inmates of the institution.

The destroyed building situated in a corner behind the powerhouse, was 600 feet from the nearest cell block and was formerly the Harry Kulp barn. It was 25 by 60 feet and largely of frame construction.

An overheated stove, left burning all night, was blamed for the blaze. The building had been vacated at four o'clock.

### Wehlers Feted on 50th Wedding Anniv.

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### POTTSTOWN MAN FLEES JAIL FARM IN GUARD'S CAR

Allen McCurdy, 28, of Pottstown, who went to jail for stealing automobiles, escaped from the Montgomery county prison farm at Eagleville Saturday evening—by stealing a guard's car.

McCurdy was working in the laundry in the basement. By leaving an electric washing machine running he was able to get a good lead in his escape while officials thought he was still working.

The car of Delbert Keir of Collegeville, farm superintendent and guard, which was parked outside the building, was used by McCurdy in his escape. The car, like McCurdy, is still missing.

The Pottstown man was one of 22 prisoners employed on the farm. All are in the "trustworthy" classification and a strict guard is not kept. McCurdy's 16 month term for auto stealing would have expired next August.

### NOTES FROM HERE and THERE

Officers elected by the Schwenksville Fire Company are as follows: J. Edwin Miller, president; Charles Kehs, vice-president; George Shoemaker, secretary; Jonathan Miller, treasurer; Herbert Smith, fire chief, and Harry Dyer, W. W. Harley and Horace Kratz, trustees.

## "Open House" for Inspection of New School Here, Dec. 29

### "Open House" will be observed at the new \$160,000 Collegeville-Trappe high school building by the Joint School Board on Friday, December 29.

The patrons, taxpayers and general public are cordially invited to come to the new school on that day when the entire building will be open for inspection. Members of the board and faculty will be present to explain details and guide tours of inspection. The building will be open from 2 p. m. to 11 p. m.

In the evening the CHS alumni association will hold an informal dinner in conjunction with the "Open House" event. Harold H. Horn is chairman of the alumni dance committee.

Details of a program appropriate for the occasion will be announced later by Horace Godshall, chairman of the committee.

### Local Women Witness Trooper Auto Crash

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Neal, all of Collegeville, Are the Only Eye Witnesses of Tragedy

Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. C. V. Tower and Mrs. Sara Neal, all of Collegeville, were the only eye witnesses of the terrific auto collision which took place at the Ridge Pike and Trooper road intersection last Thursday afternoon.

The local women were enroute to Norristown on a shopping tour in Mrs. Smith's car. They were approaching the intersection and saw the entire accident take place directly ahead of them.

Mrs. Tower, a trained nurse, assisted in relieving the injured and placing them in cars to be removed to the hospital.

A 22-months old baby died Saturday morning and three other persons are still in critical condition at Montgomery hospital as a result of the motor tragedy. The baby was Catherine O'Connor, of Philadelphia.

The critically injured are Charles Everly, 22, of Wildwood, N. J.; Billy O'Connor, 4, brother of the dead

### Collegville Fire Company to Entertain Near-by Volunteers

Irvin Reiff, president of Skippack Fire Company and well-known movie hobbyist, will show movies of the Skippack firemen's housing and parade of last summer at the Collegeville Fire Hall on Monday evening, January 8.

A supporting program of feature moving pictures by Mr. Reiff and several vaudeville acts will round out the evening's program.

Reiff will be accompanied by a large delegation of Skippack firemen and other neighboring fire companies are also expected to attend. Informal invitation has been extended to Trappe, Schwenksville, Limerick, Mont Clare and Jeffersonville firemen.

Russell Smith and Wilbur Brandiff are the local committee in charge of arrangements.

The annual reorganization meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company will precede the movie entertainment. The election is scheduled for 7:30 and should be disposed of in ample time before the visitors arrive for the movie program which is scheduled for 8:30.

### Trappe Fire Co. Card Party

Trappe Fire Company will hold a public hussie on Friday night, Jan. 5, at 8 o'clock in Trappe Fire Hall. Door prize and score prizes.—adver.

### RAMBLING AT RANDOM

BY JAY HOWARD

Jay's personal contacts with the readers, advertisers, printing customers and news sources are very close and we therefore like to feel that there is a spirit of friendship underlying each contact.

As an expression of our mutual friendship we wish to extend the season's greetings. May you and those whom you love enjoy a genuine Merry and Peaceful Christmas.

JAY HOWARD

Thanks, Santa, for the new high school building you put into our stocking!

Be sure and sign your name in ink on all Christmas cards—or you may get the same ones back next year.

What a horrible sensation Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Neal experienced when they witnessed that terrific automobile collision at Trooper last week. They will not soon forget that experience.

Speaking of outdoor Christmas decorations, we like the display of Charles J. Franks, Trappe funeral director, and Dr. Robert C. Miller, Collegeville dentist.

Speaking of decorated towns, Lansdale, Allentown and Bethlehem are worth going miles to see. Somebody in the aforementioned towns did a lot of work to make those beautiful displays a reality.

The fuse burned out somewhere along the line and the anticipated fireworks were therefore not detonated in the test case between Henry Schell, prominent Port Providence dairyman, and the State Milk Control Board. Last April the Board tried to stop Schell from selling milk at 25 cents per gallon at the farm in the customer's container. Schell wasn't to be scared, however, and refused to

### Trinity Watchnight Service Planned New Year's Eve

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, announces a Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve to begin promptly at 11:15 and to close at midnight. The service will be planned and carried out by the pastor in cooperation with the Young People's Fellowship. It will be a candlelight service of meditation and music.

We invite you to begin the new year in communion with God and your fellows.

The condition of Roland H. Bean, of Creamery, who was badly injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, and who is a patient at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, continues to improve.

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### Trappe Christmas Tree Program

The Pal O' Mine Christmas tree party will be held on the Trappe public school lawn on Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. Carol singing will be enjoyed around the lighted tree and Santa Claus will give candy and oranges to the children. Miss Kathryn McHarg is president of the club of young people and they are anticipating a gay event.

### U. P. School Xmas Program

The Christmas program by the Upper Providence consolidated school will be given in the consolidated school building, Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:45 o'clock. Eight girls will present the play, "The Christmas Rush". An operetta carol singing and cornet music will be given by pupils of the first five grades. Parents, patrons and friends are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Dunning, 1702 Main street, Trappe, announced the birth of a daughter in their home Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wismer visited Mr. and Mrs. George Shronk of Mont Clare on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Tyson were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Weigner of Center Point on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ruth and son and Russell Borneman of Harleysville and Mrs. and Mrs. Wilmer Borneman and son of Bethon visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Borneman and daughter on Saturday.

Mrs. John C. Klauer was a guest at the Christmas party of the Providence Square Sewing Circle at the home of Mrs. J. Stroud Weber of Evansburg on Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Grubb of East Coventry spent a day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tyson.

Miss Evelyn Bechtel a student at Penn State College is spending her holiday vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Bechtel and son.

Robert D. Mathieu, a Penn State student is enjoying the holiday season with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Mathieu and family.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ohl and Miss May W. Pearson attended the Christmas Vesper Service of the Liberty high school, Bethlehem, on Sunday evening. Miss Phyllis Werst, grand-daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ohl sang in the Choir which gave the presentation.

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### RAMBLING AT RANDOM

BY JAY HOWARD

Jay's personal contacts with the readers, advertisers, printing customers and news sources are very close and we therefore like to feel that there is a spirit of friendship underlying each contact.

As an expression of our mutual friendship we wish to extend the season's greetings. May you and those whom you love enjoy a genuine Merry and Peaceful Christmas.

JAY HOWARD

Thanks, Santa, for the new high school building you put into our stocking!

Be sure and sign your name in ink on all Christmas cards—or you may get the same ones back next year.

What a horrible sensation Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Neal experienced when they witnessed that terrific automobile collision at Trooper last week. They will not soon forget that experience.

Speaking of outdoor Christmas decorations, we like the display of Charles J. Franks, Trappe funeral director, and Dr. Robert C. Miller, Collegeville dentist.

Speaking of decorated towns, Lansdale, Allentown and Bethlehem are worth going miles to see. Somebody in the aforementioned towns did a lot of work to make those beautiful displays a reality.

The fuse burned out somewhere along the line and the anticipated fireworks were therefore not detonated in the test case between Henry Schell, prominent Port Providence dairyman, and the State Milk Control Board. Last April the Board tried to stop Schell from selling milk at 25 cents per gallon at the farm in the customer's container. Schell wasn't to be scared, however, and refused to

### Trinity Watchnight Service Planned New Year's Eve

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, announces a Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve to begin promptly at 11:15 and to close at midnight. The service will be planned and carried out by the pastor in cooperation with the Young People's Fellowship. It will be a candlelight service of meditation and music.

We invite you to begin the new year in communion with God and your fellows.

The condition of Roland H. Bean, of Creamery, who was badly injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago, and who is a patient at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, continues to improve.

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**C-T BASKETEERS DROP TWO GAMES TO WHITPAIN HIGH**

In a nip and tuck battle, the Whitpain hoopers defeated the C-T five by a 23-20 count on the home court Friday evening. The losers led at half time by a 13-12 score. Hendrickson paced the visitors with 12 points, while Lacey led the losers with 11 points. The spirit and dash of the C-T five was somewhat surprising and considerably enlivened by the display of new suits.

In a preliminary game the C-T girls lost to the Whitpain sextet by a 31-21 count. Vandergrift led the winners with 21 points, while Carty led the losers with 10.

The next game will be with Schwenksville on January 5 when the Montco league season will be opened.

C-T	FdG	FIG	Pts
Lacey, forward	5	1	11
Miller, forward	0	0	0
Brunner, center	1	3	5
Dalton, guard	2	0	4
Williams, guard	0	0	0
Totals	8	4	20

Whitpain	FdG	FIG	Pts
Hendrickson, forward	6	0	12
Sellers, forward	0	1	1
Perry, center	3	0	6
Ballinger, guard	0	0	0
McCrudden, guard	2	0	4
Totals	11	1	23

Subs: C-T—Harley f, Rimby c, Godshall g. Whitpain—Roberts f, Rossiter c.

**Girls' Game**  
C-T—Mathieu 5, Alderfer 6, Carty 10, Hess c, Hankins sc, Wright g, Muehe g, Gill g, Bock g.—Total 21.  
Whitpain—Ebner 6, Vandergrift 21, Butler 0, Golder 4, Perry c, Butler sc, Umstead g, Cobb g, Kline g.—total 31.

**Ditto at Whitpain Tuesday**

In return games at Whitpain with the same teams on Tuesday evening the C-T boys lost, 23-21, while the Colonel maids were defeated, 34-24.

**\$1200 DAMAGE VERDICT VOIDED AT SECOND TRIAL**

Both drivers were termed "guilty of negligence" by a Montgomery County Court jury before Judge Knight last week in a civil action brought by Francis Wack, Jr., of Gilbertsville, against Merrit Dierolf, of Reading. The verdict of the jury refused damages to Wack, who at a previous trial was given \$1200.

The case was the result of an accident on September 18, 1937, near the intersection of Swamp pike and Fisher Game Farm road, Limerick township. Wack sought compensation for injuries and as payment for damages to his automobile. He blamed Dierolf for the accident, but the latter claimed that Wack was responsible for the crash.

At the end of the first trial, when Wack received the \$1200 verdict, Dierolf filed a motion for a new trial. The court granted the request.

William Frederick, fourteen, of Schwenksville, a passenger in one of the automobiles, was injured fatally in the accident, but this did not enter into the trial, action being entirely between Wack and Dierolf.

**Stole Lingerie From Lines**

Sidney Walker, 20, of Colmar was remanded back to jail to await sentence after pleading guilty on Friday before Judge Knight to charges of stealing large quantities of women's silk underwear from clothes lines in Lansdale.

**Fox Stole Skunk Pelts**

Arthur Fox, 45, of Doylestown was sent to jail for one year after pleading guilty before Judge Knight to charges of stealing nine skunk pelts from a shed at the Montg. County prison farm at Eagleville. Fox had been a prisoner at the farm on drunken driving charges and while there saw the pelts. After his term expired he went back and stole the pelts.

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**URSINUS DROPS OPENING BASKETBALL GAME, 60 - 55**

Rutgers' basketball team defeated Ursinus, 60 to 55, Saturday night at New Brunswick. It was the first game of the season for the Bears who kept pace with Rutgers until the last period.

A successful foul shot by Al Hutchinson at the end of the third put the visitors within two points of Rutgers, 45-43, but from there on the Hillmen forged farther into the lead.

URSINUS	FdG	FIG	Pts
Moyer, rf	3	1	7
Keehn, lf	7	5	19
Chern, c	2	0	4
Wise, lg	0	1	1
MacMahon, lf	3	1	7
Meade, rg	7	2	16
Hutchinson, rg	0	1	1
Totals	22	11	55

RUTGERS	FdG	FIG	Pts
Bunnell, lf	6	1	13
Ackart, rf	4	0	8
Hasbro'ck, rf	0	0	0
Varju, rf	0	0	0
Omley, c	4	0	8
Schmidt, c	0	0	0
Brock, lg	6	7	19
Kaplan, rg	1	0	2
Jarvis, rg	5	0	10
Totals	26	8	60

URSINUS	FdG	FIG	Pts
Ursinus	15	10	18
Rutgers	19	13	20

**BUYS JERSEY HERD SIRE**

A registered Jersey herd sire has been purchased by Wayne A. Brown, of near Arcola, from H. J. Pierson of Lititz. The animal is Maraugway Sybil Premier 402,759, according to the American Jersey Cattle Club.

**Nab Pottstown Purse Snatchers**

Two negro youths were arrested on Sunday after police said they admitted stealing purses from three women on Pottstown streets last week. The three women, who lost \$25 were, Mrs. Geo. Fisher, Pottstown; Mrs. Chas. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Hugh Schmidt, both of Fag-leysville.

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**EAGLEVILLE NEWS**

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Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. D. K. Sacks and family of Summit Ave. Mrs. Chas. Podeck spent a day at the same place.

Mary Walters is suffering from the grippe.  
Mrs. Dorothy Malon of Philadelphia visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hood quietly observed their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary.

**Married by Rev. J. H. Carter**

Rev. James H. Carter, pastor of the Lower Providence Baptist Church, united in marriage Donald C. Adams of Mercer, Pa., and Gladys M. Powell of Hadley, Pa., at the parsonage of the church on Monday.

**Harmonica Club to Meet Friday**

The regular meeting of the Concordia Harmonica Club will be held on Friday night, December 22, at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be interrupted so that the Band may participate in the Community Christmas celebration.



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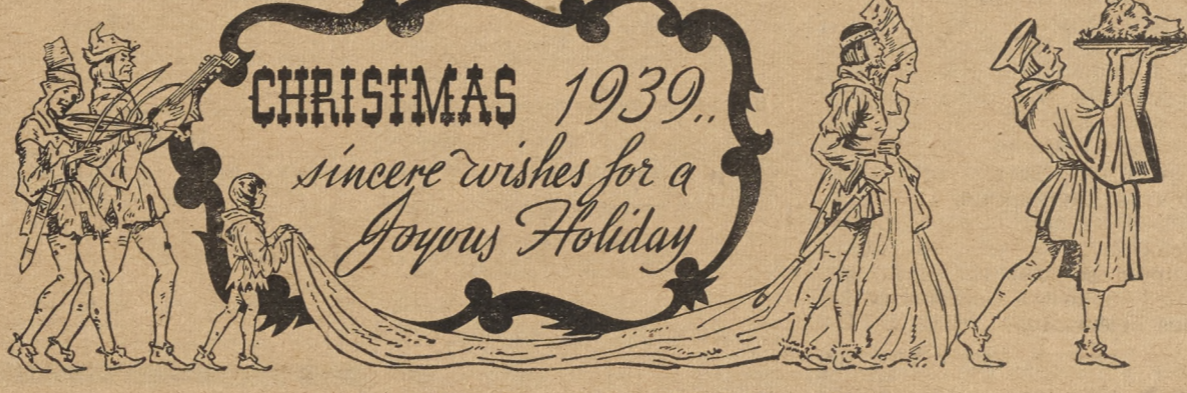
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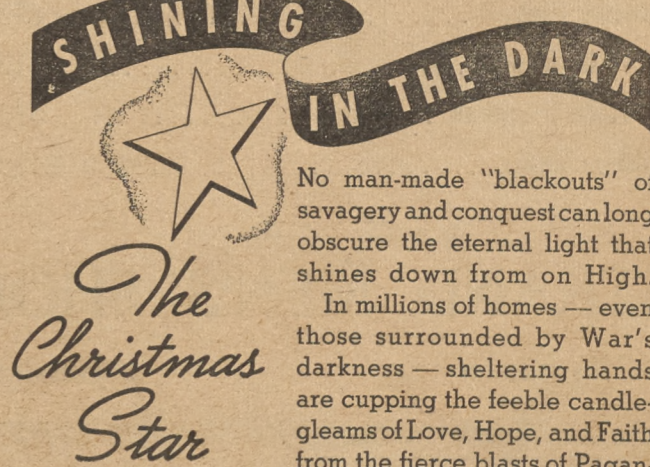
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NEWS FROM OAKS

Oaks Woman Injured in Fall
Injured in a fall from a porch at her home, Mrs. Louisa Smith, Oaks, was admitted to Montgomery hospital on Monday with a possible fractured arm and possible head injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunlap who have been traveling in the western part of the State for the last three months for the J. C. Dettra Flag Co., returned on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Cook and son George of Collegeville spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha Bechtel. Mrs. Charles Hamel of Harrisburg spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Kate Miller and sister Mrs. Frank Weaver.

Miss Dorothy Weber, a registered nurse in Abington hospital, spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Weber.

Miss Jane Ashenfelter visited her aunt Mrs. Dorton on Sunday.

The management of the Indian Head Park Roller Rink have completed their plans for two Christmas parties—one on Friday evening, Dec. 29, for school and high school students, and the other one will be New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellers spent the week-end in Lancaster.

George Stauffer and sister, Miss Mabel Stauffer, motored to Ringgold, Pa., over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rambo called on Mrs. Samuel Umstead, Mont Clare on Thursday.

Mrs. Albanus Rowland of Port Providence and Mrs. Sallie Litka spent Monday with Mrs. George Karr in Jeffersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hopson and family of Swarthmore spent Sunday at the Brower homestead.

WEHLERS FETED ON 50TH WEDDING ANNIV.

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English Department of Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia; and Miss Margaret Wehler, branch librarian of the Wakefield Library, New York City.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hendricks, Miss Miriam Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Fretz and children, Jean Anne and Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Wellington R. Wolfinger and children, Molly, Robert and Charles; Mrs. George L. Omwake, Stanley Omwake, the Misses Sara and Bertha Casselberry, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Casselberry, Mrs. Adele T. Miller, Miss Hattie Fetterolf, Mrs. J. C. Landis, Mrs. Newton R. Wanner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wehler, Collingswood, Ross Wolf, Asbury Park.

MAY LOSE VOTING PRIVILEGE

Six percent of the 130,000 registered voters in the county have been notified by the Registration Commission that their registration is liable to become void because of failure to vote for two years. Cards have been sent to these voters which if filled out and returned within 10 days will keep the voter's registration in effect.

A total of 7,797 voters have been so notified. Of these 4,498 are Republicans; 2,979 Democrats, 361 are enrolled as Non-Partisan and 59 miscellaneous.

NEWS FROM TRAPPE

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bowers returned on Monday from a two weeks' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Greely Gingrich of Mifflintown, Juniata County.

Mr. and Mrs. George Benner and family and Mrs. John Tyson of Souderton visited Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tyson on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hoyer were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Stauffer and sons of Kenilworth on Sunday.

Miss Marion Detwiler, a student at West Chester State Teachers College is spending the holiday season with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Detwiler and daughter Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Borneman and daughter visited at the home of Mr. Frank Ruth and family of Sunneytown on Sunday.

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stop. The case has been hanging fire ever since—and it still isn't settled. Another "nerve" war, evidently.

The scheduled hearing before Judge Dannehower at Norristown last Friday just about got started when the powers that be decided to send the litigants home and continue the hearing.

The case is regarded as a "test case" and is being watched closely by farmers and milk interests throughout the State and nation.

The ultimate outcome may have a far-reaching effect upon the rights and practices of every farmer and may include every product sold from the farm. Every farmer, therefore, has a chip in Schell's pot.

The hearing lasted about an hour and a half and consisted chiefly of legal and technical sparring between the opposing attorneys.

The only highlight developed just before the case was continued, when Att. E. H. Szlapka, representing a consumers' group, attempted to give the consumers' side of the story. He was immediately ruled out of order and in polite language told that he had no business in the case at hand, whereupon Att. J. Stroud Weber and his man Schell, pulled a fast one—by adding Szlapka to Schell's legal staff and he was thus allowed to go on with his presentation.

The Finns continue to make the Russians look "dumb"—more so every day.

The sooner the Germans "scuttle" Hitler the better off they will ultimately be.

It would be no surprise to us if Hitler committed suicide—or rather, allowed one of his enemies to shoot him into eternal martyrdom.

The Montgomery County Fish and Game Association is on record as opposed to any proposal of open seasons on hen pheasants or deer in this State. Sportsmen are practically unanimous in this thought; but there are plenty of farmers who disagree.

Russia's gold output is second largest in world.

LOCAL WOMEN WITNESS TROOPER AUTO CRASH

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baby; and Mary Barron, 24, of Philadelphia, all three have skull fractures.

The baby's mother, Mrs. Lavina O'Connor, 27, is expected to recover but is suffering with a brain concussion, lacerations and a broken arm. Miss Mary Johnson, 20, Phila., sustained a broken arm; Mrs. H. B. Fehl, Reading, broken arm, H. B. Fehl, lacerations and injuries.

Mrs. O'Connor and children, and Miss Barron and Miss Johnson were riding with Everly who was coming from the Trooper road from Valley Forge. It is alleged by the Collegeville eyewitnesses that he failed to stop at the intersection and drove directly in front of Fehl. The latter was accompanied by his wife and daughter Mary. They were bringing the daughter home from a Philadelphia college. Miss Fehl said she was riding in the back seat, and did not see the other car. She was hurled into the ditch but escaped with slight bruises and lacerations.

The two children were hurled clear of the wreckage, and landed in a field. Miss Barron was wedged in the wreckage, and Miss Johnson was removed from beneath the car.

State police from the Collegeville barracks who were cruising in the vicinity happened on the scene only a few minutes after the crash and took charge of the situation.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

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bration of her daughter Marilyn's sixth birthday anniversary.

Russell Rantz, Collegeville R. D., was admitted to Pottstown hospital on Monday as a surgical patient.

The C. I. C. of Trinity Reformed church will hold their Xmas party this Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Schreffler of Graterford. Gifts will be exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic B. Knapp of W. Medford, Mass., is visiting their daughter and family, Prof. and Mrs. Donald Baker for the Xmas holidays.

William Fenstermacher escaped injury but smashed a fender when his auto skidded on the ice on Germantown pike and struck a culvert as he was coming home from work at the Superior Tube plant early last Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spang and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hinkle and daughters of Second avenue attended a celebration in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nagele, Jr., of Conshohocken on Monday evening.

Mrs. Gar Wood and infant daughter of Evansburg expect to return home from Homeopathic hospital on Friday.

SOCIAL SECURITY PENSIONS TO TOTAL \$2,000,000 IN 1940

With 4000 additional persons becoming eligible for Social Security benefits on January 1 the total number of eligibles in the Philadelphia area, which includes Montgomery county, will be 15,000 persons receiving \$2,000,000 in payments during 1940 it was announced. Of this number 8000 are workers retiring at age of 65, 2000 are widows of eligible workers reaching 65, 1300 younger widows of eligible workers who have dependent children, 3,200 dependent children of eligible workers who died, and 150 parents who were dependent on eligible workers now dead.

Payments will range from \$20.60 a month for unmarried workers who have earned an average of \$50 a month during the three years in which they were covered by the act to \$61.80 for married workers who have earned an average of \$250 monthly in the same period.

In a codicil, written December 31, 1935, all farm machinery is given his sons, Matthew L. Hastings and Howard W. Hastings, absolutely. The two sons also are given a fourteen-acre tract of ground on Germantown pike adjoining the farm property. The only change in the will stipulated in the codicil is that the sons, Matthew and Howard, also are to serve as executors with the daughter Mary, and the Montgomery Trust Company.

Magdaline Schwenk's Will

Magdaline R. Schwenk, Schwenksville, who died September 22, left her estate valued at \$600 to her husband, Edward B. Schwenk. The husband also is named executor of the will dated July 26, 1930.

Seal Returns Total \$10,000

Total returns from the county appeal in the annual Christmas Seal Sale campaign are \$10,000 it was announced on Saturday, with returns still coming in.

Money secured through the sale of the seals is used to aid tuberculosis patients by paying their care to Sanatoriums, by providing x-ray study of chest when requested and by other valuable forms of preventive work.

Xmas Dinners for Animals

The Montgomery County S. P. C. A. has a limited amount of grain, dog food, etc., for Christmas dinners for animals and will be glad to distribute this food, in accordance with its annual custom, to those who need it, as long as the supply lasts. Any one who desires to obtain a share of this food will kindly communicate at once with the Society, Ridge Pike below Butler Pike, Harmonville, Pa., (telephone Plymouth Meeting 448).

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Brother who died suddenly

DANIEL KEPLINGER, Dec. 26, 1938, at Norristown;

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FOR SALE—Gas stove, white enamel, broiler, oven, four burners. Canopy type. Apply LOUIS S. CORNISH, 167 Main St., Trappe. 12-14-21

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FOR SALE—Maytag electric washer, Maytag gas range, multi-motor, both like new; also Hoover electric cleaner. Apply H. B. BURNS, Ridge Pike above Township Line. Phone Collegeville 4166. 12-21-31

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HERE and THERE

The Perkiomen Rotary Club of Schwenksville will play Santa Claus to the first five grades of the Landis consolidated school on Dec. 22 by distributing Christmas candy bags.

Samuel Horst, Paul Postell, Warren Smith, Margaret Oelschlagel, Harvey Long, Gerald Long, Robert Warfel, Robert Scherff, John Leffer, Dorothy Puhl, Robert Albright will carry the principal roles in the Christmas cantata, "The Lost Star" to be presented in Schwenksville consolidated high school this Thursday evening, December 21.

Frank Wampole, Creamery farm hand, who was painfully gored by a bull on Dec. 1 has returned to his home and is rapidly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Price, formerly of Norristown, moved into their recently purchased home, the Wayside Farm, near Rahns.

Lillian Civitelli, 16, swallowed two straight pins at Norristown High School where she is a student. A sneeze caused her to swallow the pins which she was holding in her mouth.

GEORGE HASTINGS WILL DISPOSE OF \$23,000 ESTATE

Directions for disposition of an estate valued at \$23,000 are given in the will of George Hastings, East Norriton, who died November 20.

A son, Matthew L. Hastings, is given a gold watch and chain and a daughter, Mary W. Hastings, household goods and other personal effects. After placing \$400 in trust for maintenance of cemetery lots, the residuary estate is left to his children in equal shares.

During the time his farm property on Germantown pike remains unsold the children are given the privilege of occupying it. The daughter, Mary W. Hastings, and the Montgomery Trust Company, are named executors of the will drawn January 25, 1935.

In a codicil, written December 31, 1935, all farm machinery is given his sons, Matthew L. Hastings and Howard W. Hastings, absolutely. The two sons also are given a fourteen-acre tract of ground on Germantown pike adjoining the farm property. The only change in the will stipulated in the codicil is that the sons, Matthew and Howard, also are to serve as executors with the daughter Mary, and the Montgomery Trust Company.

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NOTICE

STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of COLLEGEVILLE NATIONAL BANK, Collegeville, Pa., for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at Collegeville, Pa., on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1940. Pools open from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. 12-7-31 W. D. Renninger, Cashier

LOST

LOST—Black leather lady's pocketbook on Ridge Pike between Trappe and Jeffersonville Saturday night. Reward if returned to MRS. DAVID MARTIN, 1936 Main St., Jeffersonville or Miss Helen Shuler, 704 Main St., Trappe. 12-21-11

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