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The Independent

About People You Know in Collegeville

Convalescing in Florida

Att. Raymond Pearlstone accompanied friends from Philadelphia on "The Orange Blossom Special" to Miami, Florida, where he expects to convalesce for a month after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the Montgomery hospital recently.

Motor Trip to Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates of the Perkiomen apartments left Saturday for a two weeks motor trip to Florida. They expect to tour the entire state of Florida during their stay in the South.

Ligament Torn in Fall

Mrs. Lewis Schatz fell up the cellar steps of her home last week and sustained a torn ligament of her leg. She will probably be incapacitated for six weeks by the painful injury.

New Chorister and Organist

Alfred Bartholomew started his duties as the new chorister at Trinity Reformed church on Sunday morning. William Heffner also started his duties as the new organist. Both Bartholomew and Heffner are students at Ursinus College.

Mrs. Martha Worthington of Eighth avenue returned home on Friday after being a medical patient at Montgomery hospital for two weeks.

Mr. Jesse LaRose of Park avenue was confined to his bed with the grippe the past week.

Mrs. Z. V. Powell of Philadelphia is visiting for several days with her daughter Mrs. Carl Difer and family of Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. Louis Bock visited on Monday with her mother Mrs. George Fowler of Wynnewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wismer of Ridge pike visited on Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Vivian Morgan and son of Wyomissing.

Mrs. Martha Franklin of Eighth avenue is confined to her bed since Wednesday with the grippe and a heart ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Fuhrman, Miss Grace Fuhrman and Miss Virginia Adams spent the week-end at Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Miller attended a dental convention held at the Benjamin Franklin hotel, Philadelphia, last Thursday.

Dr. Russell B. Hunsberger attended a dental convention at the Benjamin Franklin hotel last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rihl of Frankford visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Longaker of "The Lanes", Ridge pike. Mr. and Mrs. Rihl formerly were of Myrandy Farm, Level road.

Mrs. Warren Z. Anders entertained a "500" card club of which she is a member at her home on Friday evening.

Mr. Jesse Heiges, Jr., of New York City, visited for the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Heiges of Sixth avenue.

Miss Sarah Helen Keyser returned on Monday to Columbia University, N. Y., after visiting for the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Keyser and family.

Mrs. Paul Gardy and children of Park avenue are convalescing from an attack of the grippe.

Miss Marguerite Litka of Allentown was a week-end guest of Mrs. Joseph Hastings of Third avenue.

The Dolly Madison Sewing club met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Raymond Miller of Evansburg. There were twelve members present.

Mr. Peter Spang of Second avenue is confined to his bed since Saturday with the grippe.

Misses Roberta and Virginia Myers attended a mass meeting of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, held in Norristown on Thursday evening. Miss Virginia Myers' membership. (Continued on page 4)

Legion Auxiliary to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Byron S. Fegely Post, American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on Monday, February 12, at 7:45 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Dora Poley, Main street, Trappe.

For The Independent

LOVED LINCOLN
He stands triumphant and alone,
Needing no monument of stone,
To keep him in the public eye,
His memory will never die.

We see him bowed by weight of years
Of frightful agony and tears,
Knowing that cruel war and strife
Saps the heart of a Nation's life.

He saw beyond the agony—
The North and South in unity,
Banished for aye the chattel slave
And over all one flag to wave!

Out of his honest deep set eyes
Fell tears for war's great sacrifice,
When he knew was our salvation,
And noble Lincoln saved the Nation!

MRS. HENRY ARMSTRONG,
Dorchester, Mass.

Temple University to Confer Honorary Degree on Dr. McClure

Dr. Norman E. McClure, president of Ursinus College, Collegeville, will be one of four to be honored at the Founders' Day exercises of Temple University on February 15. Dr. McClure will receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Hessler-Brown Wedding in Parkerford Church

Charles Hessler, Grocer at Poley's Market, Here, Marries Miss Ethel Brown of Parkerford

Charles O. Hessler, son of Mrs. Laura Hessler of Royersford, and Miss Ethel M. Brown, daughter of Joseph Brown, Parkerford, were united in marriage at a ceremony in Parkerford Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. A. H. Rowland, pastor, officiated. Mrs. Newton Savage played a 15-minute organ recital preceding the ceremony. The couple were unattended. The bride looked attractive in a blue ensemble with accessories to match. Her corsage was of gardenias.

A reception followed in the home of the bride for the immediate families before the couple left by motor on an extended trip to the Southwest.

They plan to tour California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. They expect to be gone about six weeks and will return via Florida. The trip will include a visit to Mr. Hessler's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke at Houston, Texas. They also plan a side trip into Mexico.

Upon their return they will reside with the bride's father at Parkerford.

Mr. Hessler is a graduate of Royersford High School and is a grocer and meat cutter. He has been associated with Poley's Market, Collegeville, for a number of years.

The bride is a graduate of Spring City high school and attended West Chester Teachers College. She formerly was connected with the Bell Telephone company in the Royersford exchange.

DITTER WILL BE URSINUS FOUNDERS' DAY SPEAKER

Hon. J. William Ditter, Representative of the Seventeenth Congressional District of the United States, will deliver the Founders' Day address at Ursinus College on Thursday afternoon, February 15, at 3:00 p. m. Mr. Ditter will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws, as will Hon. Thomas E. Brooks, a member of the Board of Directors of Ursinus College. Rev. Pierce E. Swope, of Lebanon, Pa., and Rev. Ervin E. Young, of Delaware, Ohio, will receive degrees of Doctor of Divinity.

4-H Club Served 560 Platters

The Montgomery County 4-H Baby Beef Club served 560 platters at their annual supper in the Hendricks building here on Saturday evening.

THE DEATH ROLL

Melvin T. Hunsicker

Melvin T. Hunsicker, formerly of Rahns, died at his home 5844 Chew street, Germantown, on Tuesday. He was in his 80th year and had been ailing for some time.

Mr. Hunsicker conducted a general store in Rahns for many years before retiring about 25 years ago when he moved to Germantown. He was a member of Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, and Warren Lodge, F. and A. M.

Surviving is a son Carl H. of Germantown, and two daughters, Florence wife of B. H. Geise, Norristown, and May wife of G. A. Bell of Philadelphia.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence on Friday evening, Feb. 9. Masonic burial services will be conducted at 11:30 Saturday morning with interment in Trinity Reformed cemetery, Collegeville.

Mrs. Raymond H. Price

Mrs. Ada Friend Price, 25 wife of Raymond H. Price, Schwenksville, died last Wednesday at the Chestnut Hill Sanitarium after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Price resided in Norristown until her marriage four years ago. She formerly was employed in the office of the Bell Telephone Company.

Besides her husband, proprietor of the Old Mill Inn, Schwenksville, she is survived by her father, Frank Friend; a brother, Frank, and a sister, Lillian Friend, all of Norristown.

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Dotts funeral home, Skippack, with interment in Wentz Reformed cemetery.

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H. Ober Hess Named to \$4200 State Post

Prominent Young Local Attorney Appointed to Legal Position in Department of State, Harrisburg

H. Ober Hess, prominent young local attorney, with offices at 152 High street, Pottstown, was named director of elections and legislation in the Department of State at Harrisburg last week. He began his duties in the Capitol last Thursday. He will serve under Secretary of the Commonwealth Sophia M. R. O'Hara. The post pays an annual salary of \$4200.

Hess is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Hess of Upper Providence township with whom he resides. He was graduated from Collegeville high school and Ursinus College, both with honors.

Prior to opening law offices in Pottstown, Att. Hess served as law secretary to Justice James B. Drew, Philadelphia, a member of the State Supreme court. He organized and is now president of the Pottstown Junior Chamber of Commerce.

HALTEMAN-GUNTZ NUPTIALS HELD IN MENNONITE CHURCH

Miss Sara Perle Guntz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Guntz of Royersford R. D., near Trappe, became the bride of Wilmer M. Halteman, son of Elmer Halteman of Bergey at a ceremony performed Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Vincent Mennonite church, near Spring City. The Rev. Warren Bean of Creamery, pastor of the Upper Skippack Mennonite church, and a grandfather of the bride officiated.

Attending the couple was Miss Anna Guntz, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Mrs. John Guntz, Jr., brother of the bride, as best man.

A reception was given by the bride's parents at their home following the ceremony after which the couple left on a short wedding trip. Upon their return they will reside at the bride's home until April when the farm recently purchased by Mr. Halteman near Bergey will be vacated.

The bride was formerly employed as housekeeper for C. W. Scheuren, Collegeville. The groom has been engaged with his father in the operation of the latter's farm.

Hot Stove Pipe Ignites Bed Covers in Farm House

The Collegeville Fire Company was called out at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in answer to an alarm received from Isaac Detwiler, well-known farmer residing near the Dunkard Church, two miles east of Collegeville.

Blazing bed covers, which had ignited from a hot stove pipe passing through a second floor bed room, caused the excitement. The flames had been extinguished by members of the Detwiler household before the arrival of the firemen.

Chief Charles J. Smedley said the loss was confined to the bed covers, mattress and springs, with little damage to the building.

The covers had been thrown back over the foot-end of the bed in such a manner that they got against a hot stove pipe located near the bed. Fortunately members of the household smelled the smoke and investigated in time to discover the blaze before more serious consequences resulted.

G. L. Wood Returns from Texas

Mr. George L. Wood, of Evansburg, who recently retired from the grocery business, returned last week from a vacation in the Southland. Mr. Wood who left for San Antonio, Texas, shortly after the Christmas holidays, said that he went South to escape the cold; but when he got there he found the entire South so cold that he finally decided to come home to get warm. He said at San Antonio, Texas, the coldest weather in 54 years had been experienced. He said the early fruit and vegetable crops were frozen completely and that for 15 days straight the mercury stayed at 22 degrees—and then he decided to come home and get warmed up.

Men's Bible Class Enjoys Banquet

The Men's Bible Class of Trinity Reformed church enjoyed their second annual banquet on Tuesday evening in the Hendricks Memorial building. John Longaker, former State Representative and baseball star was the guest speaker. He was introduced by R. C. "Jing" Johnson, teacher of the class.

Trappe Fire Co. Card Party

Trappe Fire Company will hold a public card party on Monday night, February 19, at 8 o'clock in Trappe Fire Hall. Door prize and score prizes—adver.

To Purchase New Fire Engine

Firemen, property holders and citizens of Schwenksville will hold a public meeting Feb. 12 to arrange a plan to procure a new fire apparatus for the Schwenksville Fire Company.

Rahns Couple Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. George von Bosse of Rahns celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday at St. Pauls German Lutheran church, American and Brown streets, Philadelphia.

Rev. von Bosse served as pastor of the church from 1905 to 1930 when he retired and moved with his family to Rahns. The von Besses live near the River Brethren church between Rahns and Graterford.

They were remembered by a host of their former parishoners and friends.

J. S. Weber Elected to Insurance Co. Board

Well-Known Evansburg Attorney Named One of Perkiomen Valley Insurance Company Managers

J. Stroud Weber, well-known county seat attorney, residing at Evansburg, was elected to the board of managers of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company at the 68th annual reorganization of the company held last week in the office of the firm here.

Att. Wallace M. Keeley of Norristown, was elected solicitor of the firm succeeding the late G. Herbert Jenkins, deceased.

The board of managers includes: S. H. Yocum, Oaks; D. S. Henning, Kulpsville; I. Y. Barringer, Perkasie; I. T. Haldeman, Schwenksville R. D.; J. F. Stamm, Pottstown; H. C. Shallerross, Graterford; H. H. Smith, Pennsburg; R. E. Miller, Collegeville; O. H. Moyer, Royersford; C. K. Tyson, Skippack; E. H. Alderfer, Souderton; and J. Stroud Weber, Evansburg.

The officers are: I. Y. Barringer, president; S. H. Yocum, vice-president; E. H. Coggeshall, secretary; I. T. Haldeman, treasurer.

The annual report of the secretary revealed a continued steady growth of the company during the past year. The company now has over \$43,000,000 worth of insurance in force. The surplus was raised from \$90,577.38 to \$99,492.26 during the year.

WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVANCE THIS FRIDAY

The annual observance of the World's Day of Prayer will be held locally this Friday afternoon at 2:30. The services will be held this year in Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville.

The committee extends an invitation to all women of the community to attend this service to help in the local event which is part of the world-wide celebration.

The following churches are represented in the local conference: Trinity Reformed, Collegeville; St. Luke's Reformed, and Evangelical Congregational, Trappe; St. James Reformed, Limerick; Augustus Lutheran, Trappe; and St. James Episcopal, Evansburg.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

Services for the week beginning February 11, at Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, are as follows: The Sunday School at 9:30. Morning Worship at 10:35. The Catechetical class on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the parsonage.

ST. ELEANOR'S CHURCH NOTES

Evening Lenten devotions are held weekly in St. Eleanor's church on Friday nights at 7:30 o'clock. Following the "Way of the Cross" each Friday one of a series of sermons will be preached by the Rev. Richard Keul, a distinguished pulpit orator of Philadelphia.

"The Way of the Cross", short meditations on the Sufferings and Death of Christ, had its origin in the desire of the faithful to visit the localities where Christ spent the first Holy Week. The chief purpose of the present day practice, which has developed since 1350 A. D. is the return in spirit to the stopping places of Christ carrying His Cross.

Mass is said on weekdays in the rectory chapel at 7:30 o'clock.

LIMERICK'S NEW FIREHOUSE ADDITION NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of an addition to the Limerick fire hall to house the township fire apparatus nearly is completed, it was reported at the monthly meeting of the Limerick Fire company Monday night.

All that remains to be done is the installation of a fireproof ceiling to the enginehouse. A new type of sliding overhead door is one of the features of the building.

With the exception of the brick work, the firemen built the 20 by 30 foot brick addition at a cost of \$900. It was erected on the east side of the hall to replace the small white frame building west of the hall, in which the apparatus was housed for many years. The frame structure was sold about six months ago to Isaac Yerger.

The company is planning a pork and sauer kraut supper for Saturday, Feb. 17.

President Appoints Council Committees

Francis Names Nace, Sheeder, Ludwig to Head Important Committees of Town Council

Featuring the regular February session of Collegeville Town Council was the naming of the standing committees and the important chairmanships of the same. Since most of the work in all borough councils is relegated to committees, the importance of committee selections and especially the chairmanships upon whom the major part of the work evolves, necessarily is of vital importance to good government.

President A. H. Francis appointed his standing committees for the ensuing year of 1940 as follows: Street and Road—K. B. Nace, chrm., Thomas Hallman, R. D. Hess; Finance—F. I. Sheeder, chrm., Thomas Hallman, Frank Clamer; Water—A. C. Ludwig, chrm., F. I. Sheeder, Frank Clamer; Light—Frank Clamer, chrm., A. C. Ludwig, R. D. Hess.

Because of the absence of solicitor Raymond Pearlstone who is recuperating from an appendicitis operation, presentation of the 1940 boro budget by the finance committee was postponed until a special meeting to be called later.

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BESSE HOWARD TO SPEAK AT A.A.U.W. FORUM TONIGHT

The Perkiomen Branch of the A.A.U.W. will meet in conjunction with the Ursinus Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p. m., in the chapel in Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College. Miss Besse Howard, Director of the Pennsylvania Branch of the League of Nations Association and a very active member of the Philadelphia Branch of the A.A.U.W. will lead the Forum.

Miss Howard will speak for the first half hour of the forum. The second half hour will be devoted to a contest conducted by Miss Howard between three representatives of the Ursinus I. R. C. and three persons from Swarthmore's I. R. C. on current world problems. The final half-hour will consist of open questioning from the floor.

Miss Howard was director of the American committee during the Disarmament Conference at Genoa.

H. G. Godshall to Explain Ice Lockers at P. T. A. Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Collegeville-Trappe P.T.A. will be held in the Joint High School Gymnasium on Thursday afternoon, February 8, at two o'clock.

A program commemorating Founder's Day is being organized by Miss Brown.

In addition, Mr. Herbert G. Godshall, president and manager of the Lansdale Ice and Storage Company, will give a talk on the subject of preserving fresh vegetables by the quick-freezing method.

An opportunity will be given to ask questions concerning this new method of storing perishable foods.

LEVEL ROAD MOTORIST HITS POTTSWOWN PEDESTRIAN

James Pappas, 22, residing near Level Road, Lower Providence twp., was released in \$1000 bail pending outcome of the victim's injuries after he struck and injured Miss Jeanne Morgan, 16, of Pottstown, on Sunday evening.

The Morgan girl and her sister were crossing the street at the intersection of High and York streets, Pottstown, where the younger girl was hit. She suffered a fractured skull and abrasions of the legs and arms. Her condition is serious.

Pappas, who was accompanied by his wife, said he applied his brakes and swerved his car but was unable to miss both girls.

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Deputy Collector to Assist Federal Income Taxpayers

For the convenience of those who are required to file Federal Income Tax Returns, Lamar Missimer, a deputy collector of Internal Revenue, will again be at the Collegeville National Bank to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. Mr. Missimer will be at the bank on Friday, March 1, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. No charge will be made for this service.

Fire Company Supper To be Held March 30

Collegeville Firemen Plan Their Annual Roast Beef Event; H. B. Keyser is Chairman

The Collegeville Fire Company in regular February session last Thursday set Saturday, March 30 as the date for their annual roast beef supper. The event will again be held in Hendricks Memorial building and Howard B. Keyser, local school head, will again be general chairman with R. E. Miller in charge of ticket sales and postmaster Clarence W. Scheuren in charge of the kitchen.

It was deemed advisable to deviate from the usual St. Patrick's Day date because of the earliness of Easter and Palm Sunday this year. By holding the supper on the last Saturday of March there will be no conflict with the holy week programs.

Six new members were admitted to the company: Amos Martin, Donald McCann, Lewis Schatz, Jr., Capt. John Brownie, Dr. E. H. Platte and Charles Syter.

An informal invitation from a neighboring fire company was announced.

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COMMUNITY CLUB NOTES

The Collegeville Community Club held its monthly meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 30, in Bomberger Hall with twenty-four members present.

Dr. White Conducts News Quiz

Following the routine business, the President, Mrs. J. Hansell French, gave the meeting over to Dr. Elizabeth White, chairman of the International Relations committee, who very ably conducted a quiz upon the subject uppermost in the minds of all today, "International Relations". Selecting from among the group of members, two teams of three each, the quiz proceeded, showing Dr. White in her role of capable teacher and instructor.

Mrs. Mauchly received highest mark for the best answers but both teams deserve credit for their knowledge of what is going on in the world today. The club thanks Dr. White for her efforts along this highly important line and hopes the good work will continue.

Celebrate 20th Anniversary

The Community Club celebrated its 20th anniversary, Monday, Feb. 5, in the Recreation room of Bomberger Hall. Twenty-one members and three guests were present. Mrs. Charles Ridington, first vice-president at large of the Federation, was the guest speaker and gave a short talk on the progress made in woman's work in the last twenty years. Seven past presidents of the local club were there also, each one giving some amusing incident in the life of the club during her incumbency. Three tables were prettily decorated and a bountiful and delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all present. Cards followed.

Future Meetings in Fire Hall

The members of the club will please notice the change of meeting place as it was moved and carried by unanimous vote that the club ask permission of the Fire company to hold future meetings in the Fire hall. Therefore the next meeting will be held at that place, date to be announced later as it is an evening meeting.

The literary group will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Clamer, Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 2:30 p. m.

SKIPPACK MOTORIST HURT

Willard Reiff, Skippack, sustained a black eye and other bruises, when he was pinned in his car after it skidded across the slippery street, crashed into a tree and turned over following a collision at Walnut and Third streets, Royersford, early last Thursday evening.

Reiff was given first-aid by the driver of the other car, Miss Eleanor Lackman, Glenside, a State nurse. Reiff's car was wrecked almost completely and the other car was also considerably damaged.

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About People You Know in Trappe

Celebrated 86th Birthday

Miss Matilda C. Fegely, sister of Rev. W. O. Fegely, celebrated her 86th birthday anniversary on Monday. Her dinner guests on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohrman and daughter Irene of Allentown, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. John Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lichtenwalner and son Byron of Trexlertown, Mr. and Mrs. Leidy L. Fegely of Breinigsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Davenport of Haddonfield, N. J.

Hiram S. Bucher is ill and has been confined to his home for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Greiner and daughter Barbara and Mrs. Mary Greiner and daughter Elizabeth of Pottstown visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Greiner and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Bechtel and family motored to State College on Sunday. Their daughter Evelyn returned to college after enjoying a week's vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Louis Cornish entertained their card club at dinner and bridge on Thursday evening. There were twelve present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Garis and son of Souderton were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Jowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil G. Sommers and son of Aramoo visited John I. Miller and daughter Verma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Borneman and daughter spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Henry and son of Woxall.

Mrs. Harry Smith and daughters Dorothy, Helen and Harriett of Royersford spent Sunday with Mrs. Harry Keyser.

Robert D. Mathieu returned to Penn State College on Monday after a visit with his parents between semesters.

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RAMBLING AT RANDOM

BY JAY HOWARD

No! He didn't see it! So—an early Spring. We're referring, of course, to Mr. Groundhog, official weather forecaster in these parts, who made his annual Spring prognostication last Friday.

The County was stuck with most of the properties sold at the tax sales last week. Of the 1712 properties sold all but 84 were bought in by the county.

The Mensch vs. McElwee fracas almost wound up in a fist fight when the Democratic committee-men got together at Bungalow Inn last week; but don't think for a minute that the Hoffman-Peters fight on the Republican side is going to be a tea party.

Miss Agnes Donnell, of Trappe, a member of the Collegeville Flag and Mfg. Co. office staff, has an interesting account to tell concerning the famous Mardi Gras at New Orleans which she attended over the week-end.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1940

The Lenten Season

Nearly every creed and denomination will observe the greatest religious season in the history of Christianity with the coming of Lent. Catholics and Protestants alike will hold observations of this stirring season in the local churches. The Lenten season serves to draw congregations closer together in the mutual celebration.

While the various creeds will go through varying degrees of worship and prayer the central spirit of the whole season prevails. The idea of prayer, of humiliation and of sacrifice is our heritage from the past and a monument to the future.

Politics and Debt

Congress, as it settles down to consider debt and taxation, finds itself in a difficult position. This is an election year, and, unhappily for the nation, many Congressmen of both parties are taking a straight approach to the issue before them. If Congress approves another heavy deficiency budget, it must either soon levy new taxes or raise the legal debt limit, which now stands at \$45,000,000,000. Either course is politically dangerous and unwise—either one might cost votes. So, say the Capitol Hill observers, there is an excellent chance that Congress will make an attempt to pass the buck to the next session.

If that happens, the outlook for this country will grow materially darker. We have passed the buck on fiscal matters, and deferred the day of reckoning, for close to ten years. In that time, we have increased the national debt by around \$25,000,000,000. We have instilled in a dangerously large proportion of the people a belief that the country owes them a living, no matter how lazy or improvident they may be. We have created a class of "relief bums" (individual and public) whose sole ambition seems to be to keep hand-outs from the treasury coming regularly. And the national morale, to say nothing of our old time American spirit of independence and self-reliance, has taken a terrible beating.

Just how long we can continue to pass the buck and get away with it is no longer an academic question. It is, instead, a burning issue which gets hotter all the time. If the present Congress again puts politics before the national welfare, and like its predecessors, approves more billions of deficits without knowing where the money is to come from, it will simply take us closer to national bankruptcy. There is no use trying to hide the fact that, from the fiscal point of view, this country is and has long been insolvent. And every year we defer taking steps essential to restoring our lost solvency, the more difficult the problem becomes.

Future of U. S. - Japanese Relations

It has long been forecast that the Land of the Rising Sun was heading for more trouble. And serious trouble came home to roost in Japan on January 26, when, at the instance of the United States government, the American-Japanese commercial treaty was concluded. As required by the terms of the treaty, we gave Nippon notice of this six months ago, and in the interim Japanese statesmen almost desperately sought to patch matters up. But Washington was adamant.

The difficulty of Japan's position is plain. The Japanese are a proud and aggressive people, and they have been taught by their leaders (particularly the army clique, which is responsible only to the Emperor, not to the civil government, and is almost all-powerful) that they are to achieve a great destiny. No people is more imperialist-minded. And to build an empire requires vast quantities of a long list of commodities, to say nothing of manpower. Japan has the manpower—her birth rate is the highest in the civilized world. But she is poor in resources. Even to feed her people by low Asiatic standards is an exceedingly difficult problem—visitors to Nippon are always impressed by the fact that hardly a foot of land is wasted, and that the highest ingenuity and efficiency have been given to produce much from little.

It is to this country that Japan has looked for the bulk of those essential commodities she cannot produce herself—raw cotton, scrap metal, machinery, oil, wood pulp, pig iron, etc. And, on top of that, this country has been the principal purchaser of Japan's exports, of which raw silk is by far the most important, followed by cotton cloth, tea, finished silk, porcelain, and crab meat. About a third of Japan's imports come from this country, and almost a third of her exports normally are bought by us.

Denunciation of the treaty does not mean that Japanese-American trade will necessarily be changed to any extent. It does mean that, without notice, this government can levy excessive taxes or tariffs against Japanese goods, can embargo part of our Japan bound exports, and can do anything else it considers wise or necessary. Thus, the U. S., in effect, holds an economic pistol pointed straight at Nippon's heart.

Denunciation of the treaty resulted from two things: our disapproval of Japan's conduct in China, coupled with Japanese mistreatment of American individuals and property in the Far East. Our nationals were never so badly treated as, for instance, the British, but Japanese army authorities have been far from gentle when American rights were concerned. And Washington observers think now that this government will not consider renewing the treaty until Japan gives absolute guarantees that American rights will be fully respected—and, in addition, that Japan agrees to respect China's integrity, and to live up to the Kellogg pact which outlaws war as an instrument of national policy. Furthermore, to bow to American pressure would mean a serious loss of face—and that, in the orient, is the worst of dishonors.

The probability is that this government will turn the economic heat on Japan slowly. First step is likely to be an embargo on materials of war, including oil, scrap iron and machinery. That would cost us money, of course, but it would not be anywhere near as serious to us as to the Japanese. Japan takes only about 7 per cent of our exports, and we get about 6 per cent of our imports from her.

The new Japanese premier, Admiral Yonai, is considered a moderate who is more or less favorable to the U. S. But history indicates that premiers who displease the imperialist army group don't last long. It's a good bet that our relations with Japan will get materially worse before they get better.

Evansburg Methodist Church
Services for Sunday, Feb. 11, at Evansburg Methodist Church are as follows: Sunday School at 9:30; Church Service at 10:30; Sermon: "The Place Called Calvary." Evening service at 7:45; sermon: "Apostasy." Young People's Society from 7:00 to 7:45. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17. Edward K. Knottler, minister.

Lower Providence Baptist Church
Rev. J. H. Carter, Minister; W. H. Risher, Superintendent.
Services for Sunday, Feb. 11: Church School at 9:30; Church Worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermon: "A Road Map for Life." At 7:30 Christian Endeavor with Harry Felton as leader. Monday evening the adult classes will meet with Miss Elizabeth Place.

For Sale Advertisements in The Independent bring quick results.

COOKE, DITTER TO SPEAK AT LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Opening speeches of the 1940 Primary Election campaign will be featured next Monday night at the Lincoln Birthday Dinner for members of the Montgomery County Republican Committee according to chairman John H. Hoffman, host at the annual affair.

The event, to be held at the Valley Forge hotel, Norristown, will feature addresses by Jay Cooke, Montgomery Countyman who is the Republican candidate for United States Senator, and Congressman J. William Ditter, Ambler, a candidate for re-election.

Cooke's address at the Lincoln Birthday event will be considered the official opening of his campaign throughout the State and it will be the first "at home" talk by Congressman Ditter since he announced his candidacy two weeks ago.

Cooke will institute his campaign in his home county on the personal invitation of Hoffman who was one of the first county chairmen to inspire him to run for the high office. In order to join Cooke for the important occasion and at the same time renew his long acquaintances with members of the county committee, Congressman Ditter cancelled a speaking engagement in the South so that he could be here.

NAMED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY PEACE LEAGUE

At the January board meeting of the International League for Peace and Freedom, Montgomery County Branch, the Rev. Franklin Sheeder of Ursinus College was introduced as the new vice-chairman of the County Board.

He will assist the chairman, Mrs. Delaplaine McDaniel of Barren Hill at whose home the meeting was held. Dr. Sheeder is well-known for his active service in peace circles.

S. JAMES CHURCH NOTES

Services at S. James Episcopal Church, Perkiomen, Evansburg, are announced by the Rev. James C. Gilbert, vicar, as follows:

The First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 11, 1940: 9:30 a. m., Church School; 10:45 a. m. The Holy Communion and sermon; 7:30 p. m., The Young Peoples Fellowship.

Wednesday, February 14th: 11:15, The Holy Communion; 4:30, Quiet Hour. Intercessions and Meditation.

Friday, February 16th: 8 p. m., Evening Prayer and Instruction.

On Friday evenings during Lent the instruction will be devoted to the Gospel according to S. John. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to participate.

INTRASTATE PHONE RATES REDUCED FROM 5c TO 20c

Rates for intrastate out-of-town telephone calls between points in excess of 40 miles apart will be reduced in amounts ranging from 5 cents to 20 cents, depending upon the air-line distance involved.

For instance, the day rate on an intrastate call for which the station-to-station charge for a 3-minute conversation is 45 cents will be lowered to 40 cents. Savings to the public as a result of the reductions will be about \$600,000 annually over the state as a whole, A. B. Hennessy, district manager for the Bell Telephone Company, said.

Bell Telephone Company subscribers who, since April 1, 1938, have made intrastate out-of-town calls to points for which rates are now being reduced will receive from the Bell Company a credit covering the difference between what they actually paid for such calls and what they would have paid under the lower rates.

Approximately \$900,000 is involved in these credits and about 400,000 Pennsylvania subscribers will be affected. Details for adjusting subscribers' accounts are now being worked out. Probably a month or more will be required to complete arrangements, Mr. Hennessy stated.

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FARMS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE J. H. FRENCH TELLS FARMERS

The farmers are America's first line of defense because, without them, support of an army and navy would be impossible. J. Hansell French, Collegeville, former state secretary of agriculture, told a regional conference of the Agricultural Conservation Association in Reading last week.

Addressing more than 150 representatives, French now field officer of the Northeast region of the ACA, said "people don't squawk when Congress appropriates millions for defense, but when \$1,000 is expended for the farmer they nearly howl their heads off, yet without the farmer they could not exist."

Representatives of Bucks, Berks, Schuylkill, Montgomery, Lehigh, Chester and Philadelphia counties agreed that "we must know what we are talking about before we go out and preach the gospel of conservation."

French pointed to the importance of conservation, citing the example of Ethiopia, which was once considered the richest soil in the world, but is now a mere desert because conservative practices were not followed. He said that half of America's top soil is now gone and efforts must be made to restore the productive land, because "we no longer have place for advancement; we cannot pioneer into new lands."

French addressed a similar area meeting at Lancaster.

EAGLEVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Robert Molster of Oaklyn avenue who had the misfortune to fall on a milk bottle and painfully cutting her hand is getting along nicely.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Ridge pike. Mrs. Wallace Angstadt and daughter Ada spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Forker spent Sunday in Sanatoga visiting Wilson Puhl and family.

Nancy Mehhouse, who was quarantined for chickenpox, is out again. Mrs. Ellen Croll of Ridge pike, who was visiting friends in Wayne for a week, returned to her home.

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WINTER WAYS WITH VEGETABLES

Just about this time of year, fresh foods, especially vegetables, are apt to be limited in variety. The family, therefore, grows weary of seeing the same few appear upon the table day after day, especially when they are cooked and served in very much the same way. It is possible, however, to prepare exactly these same winter vegetables in new yet appetizing, unusual yet simple ways.

Even carrots, onions and cabbage, the three stand-bys that are plentiful, generally, throughout the winter, offer abundant opportunity for variations if one uses a little imagination and effort in their preparation.

A little adventuring with the humble head of cabbage produced an escalloped dish as much of a surprise as Cinderella was when she attended the legendary ball.

CABBAGE SURPRISE
2 cups cooked shredded cabbage
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup thinly sliced onions
2 pimientos, chopped
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 egg, beaten
1-1/3 cups milk
1 cup soft stale bread crumbs
1 cup grated American cheese

First slice the cabbage very thin, and then put it on to cook in rapidly boiling water. Cook, uncovered, for about 5 minutes, or until tender. While it is cooking, place 1 tablespoon butter in a frying pan, melt, and to it add the thinly sliced onion. Sauté, and then add the cooked cabbage and the pimientos. Next, blend the flour, prepared mustard, salt and pepper, and then blend this mixture with the egg and milk which have been combined. Add this sauce to the cabbage mixture, blend well, and pour into a shallow, buttered baking dish.

Finally, melt the remaining butter, add the bread crumbs, mix thoroughly, and then add the cheese. Sprinkle over the top of the cabbage and bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

CARROTS WITH CURRANTS AND PICKLES (Serves 4-6)
1/2 cup currants
1/2 teaspoon salt, about
6 large carrots, sliced
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup finely chopped sweet pickles
Dash black pepper

Cover the currants with hot water (about 1/4 cup) and soak for 15 minutes. Drain. Meanwhile, scrape, rather than peel, the carrots, cut in thin slices, salt, and cook in boiling water, covered, for 20 to 30 minutes, or until tender. By the time the carrots are tender, most of the water should have evaporated. Drain, if necessary, and then add the butter, pickles, currants and pepper. Reheat thoroughly before serving.

For a splendid luncheon or supper dish another recipe features both onions and dried beef, together with mushrooms and seasonings. Form the habit of always keeping several glass jars of dried beef on your pantry shelf. Packed in this way it will keep fresh indefinitely; it is always conveniently available, and furthermore, it adds just the right flavor touch to a host of everyday foods.

SAVORY STUFFED ONIONS
3 medium-sized Bermuda onions, or 6 large onions
1 1/4 cups finely cut dried beef (1 1/2 ounces)
1 tablespoon finely minced raw onion
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup soft stale bread crumbs
2 teaspoons minced parsley
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 pound mushrooms, finely chopped (1 cup, finely)
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup buttered bread crumbs
2/3 cup top milk

Peel onions under cold running water (to spare hidden tears) and then boil them uncovered in a large amount of water until tender, about 20-30 minutes. While they are cooking, sauté the finely cut dried beef and minced raw onion in 1/2

tablespoons of butter, until lightly browned. Place in bowl, add crumbs, parsley, and pepper. Then place remaining butter in the skillet, add the mushrooms (the stems as well as the caps can be used) and sauté until they, too, are browned. Then add to the bread crumb mixture. Add slowly 1/4 cup milk, tossing lightly with a fork.

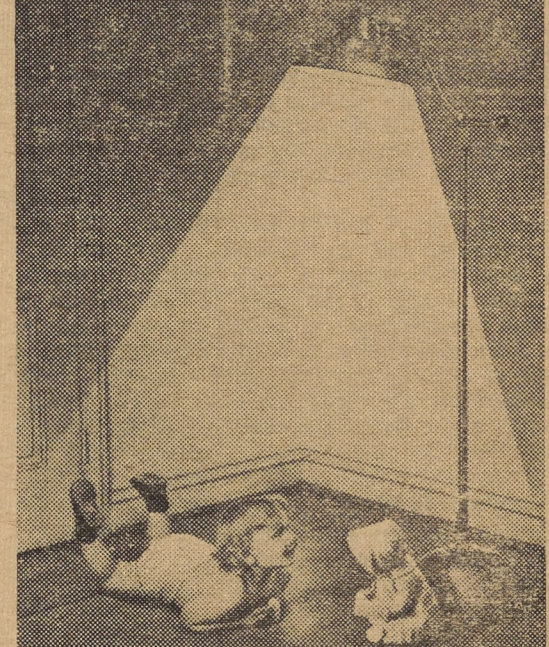
When the onions are cooked, cut in half crosswise, remove centers and arrange shells in a shallow baking dish. Fill the cavities with the dried beef mixture, and sprinkle with the buttered bread crumbs. Blend flour with top milk and pour around onions. Bake in a hot oven (400°F.) for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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County Democratic Ranks Split Over Mensch-Kane Fight

Montgomery County's Democrats were in pitched battle last Friday as the county party ranks split wide open in two consecutive meetings which were held to name a new State Committeeman from the county to succeed Francis Hayes, resigned.

The first meeting was held at Bungalow Inn, Jeffersonville, and was presided over by county chairman McElwee and the members meeting with this group went on record as advocating a "stop Guffey" campaign by electing James J. Kane to represent them at the State Committee meeting and endorsing an open primary with Warren R. Roberts as their candidate.

The second group, barred physically from getting thru the doors to attend the first meeting, met several minutes later at the same place and elected Raymond K. Mensch their candidate for state Committee honors and advocating the endorsement of Senator Guffey for re-election. After electing Mensch as their candidate the second group launched an effort to oust Mrs. Alice Kurtz, state Committeewoman from Sanatoga. Gilbert S. Jones, chairman of the group ruled that such a motion was out of order in the meeting and stopped the movement.

It was decided that Jones and Mensch would go to Harrisburg to the state meeting accompanied by Victor Eppstein, Lewis Greenblatt, H. E. Anderson, and David Conover, all prominent Democrats in the county circles, and present the claims of Mensch to the state Committee.

At the meeting of the state Committee at Harrisburg on Saturday the Democratic credential committee accredited the authority of the Kane election pointing out that the county Democrats could call for another election supervised by a state committeeman if they so desired. The state Committee, at their session, endorsed an open primary campaign. The credential committee accepted Kane, they said, because he carried the official sanction of the county chairman Joseph F. McElwee.

W. B. Keyser of near Fry's school, Towamencin township, has sold his 24-acre farm to a Philadelphia party.

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C-T HIGH BASKETEERS BEAT ALUMNI, 17-14; 33-14

The Collegeville-Trappe high school basketball teams defeated the alumni aggregations in the annual alumni tilts played Friday evening in the new C-T gym. Coach Stratton's boys defeated manager Ed Poley's alumni boys 17-14 in a close and interesting game while coach Clafin's girls ran roughshod over the alumni girls to the tune of 33-14.

C-T	G.	F.	Tot.
J. Miller, f	0	0	0
Williams, f	1	0	2
H. Poley, f	0	0	0
Harley, f	1	0	2
Brunner, c	2	0	4
Moser, c	0	0	0
Dalton, g	1	0	2
Rimby, g	1	0	2
Lacey, g	2	0	4
Godshall, g	0	1	1
Crist, g	0	0	0
Totals	8	1	17

Alumni Boys	G.	F.	Tot.
D. Yeagle, f	0	0	0
Horrocks, f	0	0	0
Godshall, f	0	0	0
McClure, f	0	0	0
Allebach, c	0	0	0
G. Yeagle, c	0	0	0
N. Gensler, g	4	0	8
G. Poley, g	3	0	6
Totals	7	0	14

Halftime score 14-6.

C-T Girls	G.	F.	Tot.
Alderfer, f	4	3	11
Carty, f	7	0	14
Brosz, f	0	0	0
Mathieu, f	4	0	8
Totals	15	3	33

Alumni Girls	G.	F.	Tot.
McNatt, f	3	0	6
L. Keyser, f	1	0	2
Pundt, f	0	0	0
House, f	1	0	2
Yeagle, f	2	0	4
Totals	7	0	14

Guards—E. Hawkins, Henderson, Wright, Gill, D. Hawkins.

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Boys' Montco League Standing
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	W.	L.	P.C.
East Greenville	3	1	.750
Royersford	2	1	.667
Collegeville	2	2	.500
Pennsburg	1	2	.333
Schwenksville	1	3	.250

Girls' Montco League Standing

	W.	L.	T.	P.C.
Schwenksville	3	0	1	1.000
Collegeville	2	1	1	.667
East Greenville	2	2	0	.500
Royersford	1	2	0	.333
Pennsburg	0	3	0	.000

FIRE DAMAGES BARN AS PIPE IS THAWED

The large barn of Myer Cross, near Skippack, was threatened by fire last Wednesday morning when the building caught fire while Cross was attempting to thaw out a frozen pipe under the overchute by burning a burlap bag he had wrapped around the pipe. Skippack and Center Square firemen saved the structure by pumping water from the Zacharias creek.

Collegeville Girl Scout News
 A fair was held by the Girl Scouts of Montgomery County, on Saturday, January 20, in the Y. W. C. A. building, Norristown.

Crafts of all kinds were exhibited by a majority of troops. The scouts of Collegeville troop 7 had a display of basketry. There was also needlework, pottery, metal work and paintings of different kinds.

A program of dancing, music, and several shadow shows were given by the girls of other troops. Tea was served.

The girl scout troop committee and patrol leaders met at the home of Mrs. Herman Pundt on Friday, January 26. The program for 1940 was discussed.

The regular meeting was held Monday, February 5, in the Library of the old school building. The girl scouts wish to thank the Collegeville school board for the room which they have been given for their meetings.

Fire Losses in County Total \$305,730
 January was a disastrous month for fire damage as blazes broke out 80 times in Montgomery county causing property damage of \$305,730. Valuation of the property endangered was estimated at \$880,000.

The loss was reported at the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Firemen's association held at North Wales Saturday night.

The session was attended by 244 persons representing 54 companies.

Injured in Week-End Crashes
 Virginia McClintock, Philadelphia, sustained lacerations and bruises, when a car operated by Fred Busch, Philadelphia, ran off the highway and crashed into a ditch between Collegeville and Mont Clare at 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

Two Norristown youths, M. L. Roberts and R. S. Campbell, sustained cuts and bruises at 3 o'clock Sunday morning when their car rammed into the rear of a coal truck on Ridge pike, Skippack hill.

WOMAN KILLED AS AUTO HITS TRUCK AT SANATOGA

Mrs. Robert J. Meixner, 41, Drexel Hill, was killed and her husband, who was driving the car, and two daughters, were injured when Meixner's car left the highway at Sanatoga and crashed into the rear of a coal truck which was parked at a Sanatoga service station. Meixner was unable to explain what made his car leave the highway.

ROAD SUPERVISORS ASK COUNTY AID FOR TOWNSHIPS

The Supervisors Association of Montgomery County passed a motion at its 34th annual meeting last week in the courthouse to request the county to include township-built roads in its county-aid program.

Ross G. Rile, Whitpain, was re-named president of the group; Norman Moyer, Gilbertsville, vice-president; Joseph K. Shoemaker, Upper Merion, secretary. William H. Schwendt, Skippack, succeeded Ralph E. Frey, Lower Gwynedd, resigned, as treasurer.



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This will afford an opportunity to electors who have not registered under the 1937 Permanent Registration Act to qualify to vote at the elections this and subsequent years.

The main Registration Office in the Court House at Norristown will continue to be open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. (Saturdays 8 a. m. to noon) until March 23, which is the last day to register for the Primary Election.

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NEWS FROM OAKS

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunlap left Monday for a three-months tour of the Western States for the J. C. Dettra Flag Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cook, who had been living with Mrs. Martha Bechtel, Mr. Cook's grandmother, moved to Phoenixville on Saturday so that Mr. Cook would be nearer his work with the Phoenix Iron Co.

Miss Eileen McKinney, who was spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ashenfelter and family, returned to her home in Philadelphia on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver entertained the following guests on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Custer and Mrs. Mary Miller of Royersford, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Miller and family of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Moore of the Gulf spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pennoch. Ralph Davis of Birchrunville and Miss Eleanor Gill of Mont Clare were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Asnerfeiter.

Mrs. Martha Bechtel was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimley of Jeffersonville. In the afternoon she motored with the Grimley family to Graterford where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jefferies of Eagleview called on Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Ashenfelter and Miss Lena Rushong and Mrs. Hannan Ponten enjoyed a turkey dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Landes, Collegeville.

Norris Dettra is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerher moved from Inman Head Park to the apartment of Wm. McCormick of near Mont Clare on Saturday.

Harry Layton, who was confined to the Episcopal hospital in Philadelphia with a badly crushed finger, returned to his home Saturday.

RAMBO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF OAKS FIRE COMPANY

Edwin F. Rambo was elected president of the Oaks Fire company at the annual meeting last week.

Other officers named were: vice-pres., H. Kaacquire; treas., Franklin Moser; sec., Paul Litka; fin. sec., Wilson Litka; fire chief, Allan Bowen; foreman, Elmer Custer; directors, Wilton Bradiord, Walter Beattie and Siegrid Gehm; chairman of house committee, Lewis Miller. These members were appointed to serve as fire police: J. H. Francis, Walter Beattie, Charles Erskine, Harold Miller, Harvey Gebhardt and Edwin Rambo.

Oaks firemen were called out to extinguish a chimney fire at the home of Joseph Hunter, last week. They were also called out to extinguish an automobile which caught fire on Egypt road.

THE DEATH ROLL

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Martin Eser, 56, of 621 Cherry street, Norristown, died at Montgomery hospital after an illness of 11 weeks. He had been employed as a guard at the county prison for the past 12 years.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, William at home, and Martin, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, and a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Christman of Norristown.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the late residence with interment in Green Tree cemetery, Oaks; funeral director Charles J. Franks.

Enos H. Hallman

Enos H. Hallman, 75, died at his home near Lederach last Wednesday night after a brief illness. He was a shoemaker by trade.

A sister, Mrs. Mary Alderfer, Skippack, and a brother, Josiah Hallman, Telford, survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday with interment in Trinity Reformed cemetery, Skippack.

Horace T. White

Funeral services for Horace T. White were held Saturday from a Phoenixville funeral establishment with interment in St. Marks cemetery, Church Hill.

Mr. White, veteran Upper Providence township magistrate died suddenly last week of a heart attack. He was aged 68 years.

He was stricken while delivering gas to a customer at his brother's garage in Mont Clare and was rushed to Phoenixville hospital where he was pronounced dead on admission.

Before moving to Mont Clare he was a farmer at Oaks for nine years. For the last several years he had been in the garage business with his brother, Haines D. White. For many years he delivered merchandise for a Philadelphia department store thru the Perkiomen and Schuylkill valleys.

Surviving is his wife and three sons, Haines, Harold and Paul and a sister, Mrs. Alice Detwiler.

A pound of thin white twine is a mile long.

There are seventy-eight Peace organizations in the U. S.

NEWS FROM TRAPPE

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Mr. and Mrs. James C. Poff and son James of Allentown and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Magill of Philadelphia were guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ohl on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felton and family of Norristown visited Mr. and Mrs. Reaser Felton and sons on Sunday.

Miss Gloria Eakins was the honor guest at a birthday dinner given by her aunt Mrs. Mae Reifsnnyder of Pottstown on Sunday.

Trappe Boy Scout News

Charles Walker, a patrol leader of the Flying Eagle patrol, has been selected as one of the scout speakers at the Scout Mother-Dad dinner to be held at Sunneybrook on Tuesday evening, February 13. His subject will be "What Scouting Means to Me".

Trappe Scout troop will participate in the annual Valley Forge Scout pilgrimage on Saturday, Feb. 17. Scout executive Rex Gary will be the chief speaker. Scouts and colors will be reviewed by the council officials. The boys will cook their dinners on open fires.

Augustus Lutheran Church

By action of the Vestry the following members were received into active membership in Augustus Lutheran Church: Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Detwiler of Estery, Miss Helen Z. Detwiler of Philadelphia and Mrs. Carl F. Sundstrom of Trappe.

Rev. W. O. Fegely, D.D., and Rev. A. B. Markley, Ph.D., attended the pre-Lenten Retreat at Grace Lutheran church on Monday, Feb. 5.

The fourth chapter of the mission study book review of "Home-land Harvest" of the Pastors Aid society of Augustus Lutheran church was discussed at the home of Mrs. S. Louis Cornish on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6. Mrs. C. G. Wismer led the topic and Mrs. John F. Tyson was in charge of devotions.

On February 13 Mrs. Earl B. Moyer will be hostess to the group and will also be in charge of the review. Mrs. Fred Moser will have the devotions.

Lenten services will be held in Augustus church every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Evangelical Congregational Church Sunday School session in the Evangelical church on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Church service at 2:30 p. m. The Women's Missionary Society will meet at the church on Wednesday evening, February 14, at 7:45 o'clock.

St. Luke's Evan. and Ref. Church

The third annual family church supper will be held on Thursday evening at 6:30 p. m. In connection with the supper an entertaining program will be supplied. The address will be given by Rev. Chas. E. Freeman of Doylestown.

The Boy Scout troop of Trappe will attend services at St. Luke's at 10:30 a. m. The pastor will speak on "Youths' Battles". The Foreign Mission Service will be held Feb. 18. Catechetical class on Sunday at 9:30. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

The service of Infant Baptism was held last Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Ohl baptised the following children: Gwendolyn Beth Pundt, child of Herman and Cora Pundt of Trappe; Katherine Jeanne Horrocks, child of Howard and Miriam Horrocks of Evansburg; Beverly Adelle Landes, child of Floyd and Grace Landes of Rahns.

Lenten services will be held weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, beginning February 15.

The What-so-Ever Sunday school class held their February meeting in the social room on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Horace Godshall and Mrs. Joseph Hastings were hostesses.

The funeral of Mrs. Theodore Gaasche of Norristown was conducted by Rev. Arthur C. Ohl in St. Luke's Reformed church on Saturday afternoon. Interment followed in St. Luke's cemetery. Mrs. Gaasche, formerly of Evansburg, was a member of St. Luke's church.

NEGRO HANDYMAN HELD IN BUCHANAN MURDER

District Attorney F. B. Smille got a Montgomery county court order on Monday to hold a Negro handyman for the murder of Mrs. Clara O. Buchanan, 36-year-old wife of a Philadelphia paper company executive. She was found strangled the past September at her home in Jeffersonville.

The request followed a directed verdict of acquittal that freed the Negro, Edward G. Robinson, 29, on a morals charge in another case.

Judge Dannehower promptly ordered Robinson held for a hearing. The Negro, who frequently did odd jobs for the Buchanans, was held as a material witness. Morals charges were preferred against him in November on the testimony of a Negro girl. She refused to testify when the case was called on Monday.

Observe 31st Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Greiss of the Bell-Fritz Farm, German-town pike near Providence Square, observed their 31st wedding anniversary on Saturday.

J. S. WEBER ELECTED TO INSURANCE CO. BOARD

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The officers, managers and office staff enjoyed their annual dinner at Mrs. Gladys Lenhart's "Copper Kettle" on Main street, where a turkey dinner was served to 21 guests. This property incidentally was at one time the home of the late A. D. Fetterolf, a former secretary of the company, who at that time conducted the company's business from an office in his residence.

The board of managers was cut from 13 to 12 members with the naming of only one new man, Weber, as a manager while two vacancies existed thru the deaths of A. H. Gehman of Norristown and solicitor G. Herbert Jenkins who was also on the board of managers.

BESSE HOWARD TO SPEAK AT A.A.U.W. FORUM TONIGHT

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eva, 1932. She was graduated from Randolph-Macon College and received her M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.

She was in Europe last summer until war broke out, an experience which should add to her analysis of the European situation.

Following the Forum, a short meeting of the A.A.U.W. members will be held in room 7, Bomberger. All members are urged to contribute as many new books as possible to Miss Elmira Brandt for the Book Fair this Spring.

The March meeting of the Perkiomen Branch of the A.A.U.W. will be a dinner meeting. Mrs. Eugene Miller, chairman of the International Relations Committee will be in charge, and Dr. Leon Gotschall of Lehigh University will speak on "The Far Eastern Situation".

FIRE COMPANY SUPPER TO BE HELD MARCH 30

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nounced by president J. Edgar Grater to the effect that the Skip-pack firemen wish to entertain the Collegeville firemen on Friday evening, March 1st at the Skip-pack Fire hall.

A bill of \$280 for installation of new brakes on the apparatus was ordered paid. This bill had been held up since last September pending adjustment between the company and the Mack truck service department.

A committee consisting of the trustees, H. P. Tyson C. W. Schuereun and H. B. Keyser, was instructed to interview town council and plead for an increased Fire Company appropriation from the Borough on the 1940 budget.

There were 30 members present at the meeting.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Nace, chrm. of the Street and Road committee, reported a permit had been issued to dig up Fifth avenue in front of the school building to repair a broken sewer pipe which crosses the street from the school.

A communication was read from the State Highway authorities relative to the installation of a proposed traffic light at the intersection of Fifth avenue and Main street. The problem was discussed but no action taken. It was estimated that the installation might cost between \$1200 and \$1500 and council felt that further investigation should be made before a decision is made concerning the project.

Horace Godshall, of Sixth avenue, who is one of the parties interested in the ground recently purchased from the Fetterolf Estate, for a new development building project, and located between Sixth and Eighth avenue West was present and requested information from council concerning the possibilities of obtaining water service. Possibilities of opening Chestnut street and School street between Sixth and Eighth avenue and also possibilities of opening Seventh avenue from Chestnut to School street were discussed. Council took no formal action and made no commitments.

A committee representing the Collegeville Fire Company presented a plea to council asking for an increase in the annual donation from the Borough to the Fire Company. Council promised to consider the plea before making up the 1940 budget.

F. I. Sheeder, chrm. of the Finance committee, reported receipts during the month as follows: Balance at Jan. meeting \$ 87.53 Schuylkill Val. Lines for street light at 9th Ave. 12.00 Trans. from Water acct. 550.00

Total \$649.53 Bills ordered paid were as follows: Auditors \$ 6.00 Com. of Pa. tax on water and road bonds 288.00 Phila. Elec. Co. street lights 104.91 C. W. Schuereun liab. ins. on Fire apparatus 60.10 Brith Sholom refund 127.12 Misc. bills 10.35

Total \$597.28 Bal. general fund \$ 52.25

RAMBLING AT RANDOM

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The Sommers family left Jonesboro where they formerly operated a large farm and moved to Collegeville almost 20 years ago and of late years the contacts have been growing less and less.

The following letter is self explanatory. It reveals that there are still some honest men left who let their conscience be their guide. The letter is a tribute to the man who sent it. (His name has, of course, been omitted for obvious reasons.)

Jonesboro, Ind. Jan. 30, 1940 Dear Former Neighbor and Friend:

You will no doubt be surprised to hear from me, but if I am to be in true fellowship with God I must make a restitution to you.

Back in 1920 your hogs came down the road and got in with mine. I got them all out but one which refused to be driven out.

I kept this hog to feed it out and sold it and now I am sending this money to repay you for the hog.

Please forgive me for this dishonest deed. May you look to Him who cares for us as he did in years gone by. He is faithful to the soul of those who will believe on His name.

Ephraim 2:14— For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Your former neighbor,

Art says he was unaware that his neighbor kept any of his pigs. He said he had several hundred pigs on forage at various times and remembers that they broke out of the field several times, but even if one would have gotten away it would probably never have been missed.

January 1940 according to the records was the coldest January since 1918. Also, January is going down in the books as the driest first month in the history of the Philadelphia U.S. Weather Bureau. The precipitation was less than an inch. The previous low was in January, 1872, when the precipitation was 1.49 inches. The wettest January was in 1915 — 6.74 inches.

The farmers welcomed the rain on Tuesday. Many wells had been dry since last fall and the winter wheat on the dry and wind-swept fields has been taking a terrible beating. Those who took out crop insurance on their wheat will probably need it this year.

"Chang", the chow dog of Att. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman, is dead. Chang, who lived to a ripe old age of 14 years, was probably the best known dog in the town. He was a fighter from the old school. He feared neither man nor beast nor vehicle. He was respected for his courage but despised for his brazen nerve. Every time he got into a fight with dog or cat everybody hoped he would get licked—but he never did. Every time brakes screeched in Chang's vicinity everybody hoped he'd get run over (and many people tried to get him). But Chang was able to take care of himself. Yes, Chang was only a dog; but he did not live the ordinary dog's life.

Chang, almost blind from old age, got into his last fight just before Christmas. His old body took a terrific beating and the wounds failed to heal. Infection finally set in and a veterinary had to be called in to put Chang to sleep.

When the boss died the employees "Got the Works"; but in the case of J. Harvey Gravell, Amblor paint manufacturer, it was literally true. He willed his \$3,000,000 business to 15 key employees.

Who was Fastnacht at your house on Tuesday morning? We hope there are plenty of doughnuts on hand for the fastnacht victim to "dunk"—it is the only means of warding off lice, according to an old "Dutch" tradition.

This week America is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement. In its three decades nearly 9,000,000 Americans have been connected with the organization. Today there are over 1,330,000 boys and men actively enrolled.

Now as never before, American adults are giving their time and financial support to time-tested boys and girls organizations that help mold their children into types of citizens that will guarantee the continued existence of the United States along the pattern set by the nation's founders who gave America its democratic form of government and its precious heritage, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Supplementing existing organizations such as the home, church and school, the Boy Scouts of America engages boys' leisure-time energies in outdoor life and activities of cultural and practical values which lead boys to become dependable men. Every American who knows anything about Scouting's beneficial program acknowledges it as worthy of continued confidence and trust.

Walt Whitman never wore a necktie.

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FOR SALE—Maytag Electric Washer, Hoover cleaner and coal and gas range for sale cheap. H. B. BURNS, route 422 at Township Line. Phone Collegeville 4166. 2-8-3t

FOR SALE—Table Products: Graham and Buckwheat flour, Granulated and Rolled Oats, Steamed Rolled Wheat, etc. For the Stable: Milk Chows, Oil Meal, Soybean Meal, Cotton S. Meal, Brewer's grains, Beet Pulp, Gluten Meal and feed, etc. For the Henery: Highest quality laying feeds, Poultry Oats, Purina Corn and Wheat (Support your neighboring growers.) For Piggery: Hog Chows, Supplement feeds, Chops, Hog Tankage 60% protein. For Dog House: Your dog will never double-cross you; show your loyalty by supplying him with real satisfying tested feed. COLLEGEVILLE MILLS R. E. Miller, Mgr. 2-8-3t

VOTERS MAY ENROLL AT TRAPPE FIRE HALL, FEB. 13

Announcement of a schedule for traveling registrars of the Montgomery County Registration Commission for thirty-five communities of the county has been made by commission officials.

The registrars will be at Trappe Fire Hall on Tuesday, February 13, to enroll voters and note changes of addresses for the convenience of those residing in this community.

All forms of registration business, including new registrations, changes of party and changes of address, will be conducted by the traveling registrars.

March 23 will be the last day to register prior to the primary election which will be held on April 23.

ACCUSED SLAYER TRIES SUICIDE IN COUNTY JAIL

Benjamin McCabe, Lansdale W. P. A. worker, accused of smothering his 51-day-old son the past New Year's day, Tuesday afternoon attempted suicide, guards at Montgomery county prison reported.

McCabe, according to guards who found him in his cell, had swallowed four boxes of safety matches and a half bar of yellow soap.

McCabe was quoted as saying, "I was disappointed when my trial was postponed today."

Arraignment of the Lansdale man was postponed because of the illness of Dr. J. C. Simpson, coroner's physician.

McCabe was taken to Montgomery hospital for treatment. His condition was described as not serious.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES

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ship into the organization was accepted. The N.A.A. of C.P. branch in Norristown is at present taking much interest in the case of Edward Robinson, negro handyman, held as a material witness in the Buchanan murder, who recently faced two other charges. Through this association Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia's leading negro attorney, has been selected to represent Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gable and son and Mrs. Wilson of Philadelphia, Mrs. George Hunsberger and Miss Verna Grimley of Pottstown, and Mr. Elwood Hawkins of Philadelphia were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graber on Sunday.

The Women's Missionary Society of Trinity church held their meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl Dilfer of Glenwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boettger and son of Spring City visited on Sunday with Mrs. Helen Reiff of Ridge Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Machat and son of Philadelphia visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Pearlstone for the week-end.

Miss Anne Hinkle and Mr. William Strohm of Second avenue were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becker of Schwenksville.

Pays \$45 for Harboring Raccoon

Isadore Sacks, of Cedars, was obliged to pay \$45.04 in fine and costs for harboring an injured raccoon which game wardens found in a shelter on his premises.

Want a cook, Want a clerk, Want a partner, Want a position, Want to sell a farm, Want to borrow money, Want to sell livestock, Want to rent any rooms, Want to sell town property, Want to recover lost articles, Want to rent a house or farm, Want to sell second hand furniture, Want to find customers for anything, Advertise In The Independent, Collegeville.

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PUBLIC SALES

PUBLIC SALE—Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 1 p. m., Kate S. Buckwalter Estate, 330 Main St., Trappe, Pa. Enamel range and electric Frigidaire both like new, 2 electric washers, 2 sewing machines, new electric sweeper, electric lamps, piano, tables, chairs, rockers, Morris chair, parlor suit, couch, desk, stands, 3 dinner sets, oil heater, silverware, dishes, glass, cooking utensils, canned fruits, jellies, rag carpet, bed and table linens, antique low boy, sink, single and double beds, 3 bureaus, 2 wash stands, jars, tubs, hand cultivator, garden and other tools, wheel barrow, sprayer, lawn mower, shoe makers outfit, ladder jacks, and numerous other articles. Conditions cash. David T. Buckwalter, Executor. Forrest M. Moser, Auctioneer. 2-8-2t

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT—Apartment \$22.50, BELTZ APARTMENTS, Schwenksville. 2-11t

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ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE—Estate of LESTER F. HOFEMAN, late of Douglass Township, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who require all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment, without delay, to IDA HOFEMAN, Gilbertsville, Pa., or her attorney, H. OBER HESS, 152 High Street, Pottstown, Pa. 1-11-6t

ESTATE NOTICE—Estate of ANDREW T. DETWILER, late of Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, deceased. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to Linneaus A. Detwiler and Marion A. Detwiler, Executors, or their attorney, J. Stroud Weber, 9 E. Airy St., Norristown, Pa. 1-25-6t

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