

How Would You Like To Fill This Family's Stockings?



Pennington Celebration On Tuesday

Community Program To Be Held Outdoors At 7 P. M.

PENNINGTON — The community Christmas celebration will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Pennington Grammar school. The program was arranged by the combined service clubs of the borough, with the Pennington Lions Club.

Lighting of the community tree, greetings by Mayor Lawrence Shear, singing by various groups, and the presentation of the nativity scene by the Pennington Theater Club are programmed.

The Trenton Community Chorus, under the direction of Harry A. Mulder, will take part.

The program will be held in the grammar school should the weather be inclement.

The committee includes: Lions Club, R. H. Bernasco, chairman; Klio Woman's Club, Mrs. Murray Ernst; Pennington Woman's Club, Mrs. Harold R. Arendt; Borough Council, Marshall Wright; YMCA, Robert Burroughs; YWCA, Mrs. A. Smith; fire company, William Vannoy; Junior Chamber of Commerce, Richard Hillman; American Legion, Alan Hart; Pennington Theater Club, Miss Catherine Hoch.

How would you like to buy Christmas presents for 24 grandchildren?

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Thompson Sr. of the Washington-Crossing-Pennington Road have that pleasure. And it takes about \$200 according to Mrs. Thompson to remember their 13 children and all the grandchildren. They are shown surrounded by the entire family at a recent reunion.

Reading generally, left to right, are Miss Martha Thomas of Brookline, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Natriello of East State Street, Trenton and their children, Kathleen, Betty Ann, Edith, Albert and Sarah Ann; Mrs. Robert Simmons and children, Janet, Barbara and Raymond of Allen Park, Mich.; the Rev. and Mrs. John Golla and children, Jimmie and Joann, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dolton and son, Charles, of Mantoloking; Mr. and Mrs.

Ridgeway Challiner of Burd Avenue, Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson and son, Jesse, of Reed Road, Pennington (their twin sons, Walter and William, are standing in front of the grandparents); Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Thompson and son, John, of Schiller Avenue, Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson Jr. and children, June and Joseph Jr. of the Pennington-Washington Crossing Road; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and sons, David and Freddie, who live on the same road; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason and children, Shirley, Virginia, Fred, Carolyn and Larry, and Miss Margaret Thompson, all living at home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Sr. are 66 years old. He has lived, since he was eight months old on the 125-acre dairy and poultry farm since his father moved there from Crosswicks. All of their 13 children grew up on the farm. Three others died in infancy.

Neighborhood Has Program Around Tree

Residents Of Burgess Manor Join In Yule Fetes

MORRISVILLE — The Burgess Manor Civic Association today will erect a large Christmas tree at the corner of Hamilton and Burgess Avenues, around which residents of the neighborhood and their friends will gather for an old-fashioned Christmas fete.

Children of the area have been gathering clothing and toys as yule gifts for the needy. The youngsters also are planning a program of Christmas carols on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. They will go around the neighborhood to sing carols to shut-ins, and at 7:30 they will meet with the adults in a program at the tree. Santa Claus will distribute gifts, and refreshments will be served.

Planning the erection and decoration of the tree were Lloyd Hill, Frank Orloski, J. R. Foster, Willard Conway and H. R. Morris. Music and carol singing at the tree will be under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Resch and Mrs. Frank Krapf.

The children's program was arranged by Mrs. Raymond A. Carby, assisted by members of the association's music committee.

Textile Company President Feted

HIGHTSTOWN — Local employees yesterday joined with others of the Native Lace Works, Inc., in honoring Leon Birnbaum, president of the company, on his 50th birthday. A dinner was held at the Hotel Pierre in New York City.

The employees presented their head with an oil painting of himself done by Norman Garbo, noted artist. Mrs. Birnbaum also was given a gift.

Guests from here included: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Applegate, Miss Irene M. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Fiedler, Paul Gallo, Mrs. Mary Granello, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lauzon, Mr. and Mrs. David Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Priestley, Mr. and Mrs. Louie E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winfield.

Shopping Center Site Is Purchased

FLEMINGTON — Plans for a 25-acre shopping center on Route 202 are announced by Hugh Kent of Clinton, who purchased the tract from Clarence Alles.

The site has 800 feet of frontage on the east side of Route 202, south of the Church Street intersection. It is part of a 100-acre farm recently purchased from Merle H. Greene by Alles.

Harrar-Parvin Nuptial To Be Held February 6

EDDINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parvin of Marion Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gladys Parvin, to Edward Harrar, Jr., son of Edward Harrar of Rosa Avenue, Croydton. The wedding will take place February 6 in Wilkinson Memorial Church, Croydton.

Twins At Alaska Air Base



The twin sons of Mrs. Magdalene Hujber of Washington Crossing and the late Frank J. Hujber are stationed at Ladd Air Base near Fairbanks, Alaska. The 21-year-old soldiers are graduates of Trenton Catholic High School,

Suburban Area Churches Plan Christmas Services

Traditional Religious Ceremonies During Week Commemorate The Birth Of Christ — Youth Groups In Pageants

HIGHTSTOWN — St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a service Christmas Eve at 7:45 o'clock. The time of the annual Yule service was changed from 11 a. m. so that members of the congregation and their friends might attend as a family unit.

The theme of the candlelight program is "Christ Comes in Power." It was planned by a committee including the Rev. Ansis Klisfelds, pastor; Mrs. Paul D. Harling and John V. Keyser.

Waldemar Dabrowski will play organ preludes in the atmosphere of dim lights. As the Voice of Prophecy will be heard foretelling the Messiah's coming, the lights

Church Page Notices Due This Wednesday

The copy for this week's suburban church page is due by Wednesday morning. The weekly feature will run on Thursday. The Times will not be published Christmas Day, which falls on the usual day for the announcements of church services.

gradually will be turned on to full brightness. There will be singing of carols and a Christmas lesson.

LAMBERTVILLE — Pageants will be staged at two local churches.

The junior, junior-high and the senior departments of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will present "Opening Our Treasures" tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Directing the production are Miss Elizabeth Kline, school superintendent, and Mrs. Gordon Hillgartner, junior department superintendent.

At the close of the pageant, members of the school will present their gifts of money for Dr. and Mrs. Donald Gordon, missionaries in Brazil.

"Miracle in Lambertville" is the title of the pageant to be presented in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church next Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Written by William Callanan, New Hope author, the production treats the meaning of Christmas in terms of daily living.

MORRISVILLE — A candlelight service will be held at the Methodist Church on Christmas Eve at 11 o'clock.

Featured will be a pageant, entitled "The Christmas Cradle," by members of the Youth Fellowship. The cast includes Henry and Donald Codd, James Christopher, Ronald and Gail Paxson, Edward and Thomas Allison, Kenneth Roberts, Donald Habel, Katherine Reiter, Betty Young and Vienda Ray.

The First Baptist Church of Morrisville will present a pageant Christmas program on Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the church.

A play, "The Christmas Miracle," by young people of the church will be featured. The cast includes Marilyn Milnes, Mabel Solt, Thelma Cowell, Donald Singleton, Frank Slimm, Carol Morgan, Nellie Martin, Robert Cowell, and Raymond L. Hansen, pastor. Nancy Solt and Mrs. Frank Slimm will be heard in selections.

Louis Weaver will present a recitation "A Special Christmas Wish." Members of Mrs. Grace Smith's beginners' class and of the primary departments, under

Former Playmates In Sicily Are Brought Together Here



Mrs. Salvatore Puccio and Mrs. Andrew Sparacino

Unaware They Live Only Short Distance Apart At Jamesburg, War Brides Are Reunited Through Insurance Agent

JAMESBURG — The holiday season is all the happier for two local housewives and mothers — because an insurance collector at both homes suggested the two meet each other.

The story begins some years ago when Mary Savaggio and Tina Lobianco were playmates in Palermo, Sicily. They were the best of friends through childhood.

They were lovely young ladies when World War II began and American soldiers arrived in Sicily.

Salvatore Puccio of Jamesburg was one of those GIs. He met and fell in love with Mary. He was wounded in the fighting, and

returned to America. However, when he recovered, he sent for Mary and they were married and settled in Jamesburg.

Andrew Sparacino of nearby Dayton was another GI. He met and fell for Tina. After they were wed and lived at Dayton for a time, they moved to Pergola Avenue in Jamesburg.

Both women talked to their husbands often of their childhood chums.

One day recently, John Kohes of Prospect Plains, an insurance collector, called at the Puccio home. He told Mrs. Puccio that another Italian war-bride lived only about two blocks away and was lonely to talk to someone from the old country.

Mrs. Puccio decided to call on someone she thought would be a stranger. Great was the joy and fast was the chatter when the "stranger" turned out to be her old friend Tina.

Both women hope to get their naturalization papers soon. The Puccios have a son, John, and the Sparacinos have a daughter and a son, Jane and Frank.

The families are holding happy reunions this holiday season.

Revise Faculty Pay Schedule At Burlington

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Board of Education has again revised its salary policy for professional employees, according to Mrs. Frank K. Brotherton, president of the body.

"Salary minimums and maximums have constantly been revised upward to keep pace with changing conditions," Mrs. Brotherton said. "The average salary for teachers in Burlington City in 1939 was \$1,650. This rose to \$2,515 in 1947-48, and to \$4,073 for last year.

This city has the highest average salary in Burlington County and ranks among the three or four best paid districts in South Jersey. This fact, however, is not as favorable as it would at first appear, since salaries in South Jersey are comparatively low.

"The board has not been able," Mrs. Brotherton continued, "to grant all the requests of the teachers this year, but progress has been made and it is hoped to continue to make progress in the future. About 40 percent of the teachers in Burlington have served more than 20 years. Several years ago these people were recognized in the salary policy with a special service increment.

"This past year the board approved a policy of payment of honorariums for teachers performing extra curricular assignments beyond the normal school day.

The board recently raised the minimum salary to \$3,100 for next year for degree teachers, and \$3,300 for teachers with a master's degree. At the same time, the maximums have been raised to assure all teachers already at their maximums regular increments for the next two years."

\$21,000 Pledge To Hospital Met

PRINCETON — The final payment on \$21,000 pledged to the Princeton Hospital Building Fund has been met by the Hospital Aid Committee. It was announced by Mrs. Samuel Atkins, committee president.

The sum, raised through semi-annual rummage sales held in the firehouse of Mercer Engine Company No. 3, has been paid off in the last four years. In addition to their contribution from the sales, the 70 members of the committee finance and staff the hospital canteen.

Burlington Nativity Scene

BURLINGTON — This city's Nativity scene on the Birch estate lawn will be on view starting today. It is planned to have a chorus from Burlington High School singing carols at the site each night until Christmas.

The city has joined in the movement to "Put Christ Back into this year."

2 Orchestras, Choruses In Yule Concerts

FLEMINGTON — The Flemington Choral Society and the Hunterdon County Symphony Orchestra will be combined for a presentation of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," in the Presbyterian Church here on Tuesday evening, December 29.

This will mark the first time the organizations have appeared together in Flemington. Last year's performance of "The Messiah" by the two groups was given at High Bridge.

The Advent and Christmas portions of the oratorio will be given. The performance will conclude with the familiar "Hallelujah" chorus.

Reynold Happe, regular conductor of the orchestra, will conduct the two groups.

NEW HOPE — A candlelight Christmas concert will be presented by about 60 local high school students in Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday at 8 p. m.

The choral group will be under the direction of Miss Thelma Moist, music supervisor. Janice Worthington, a junior in the high school, will accompany at the piano.

PRINCETON — Mrs. Steffy Ormandy, well-known harpist and member of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, will accompany the Girls' Ensemble of the Princeton High School in the annual Christmas Concert in the Princeton University Chapel tomorrow at 8 p. m.

Featured in the program will be Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols."

A pupil of Vicki Baum, Mrs. Ormandy was admitted to the Royal Academy of Music in Vienna and toured Europe at the age of 12. She was a member of the New York Philharmonic under the direction of conductor Arturo Toscanini, and joined the Princeton Symphony at the beginning of the season.

Princeton Births

PRINCETON — Fifteen births, eight girls and seven boys, at Princeton Hospital are announced. Parents of daughters are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Mascolo, 406-B Butler Avenue, December 8; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Campbell, 99 Birch Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Erdman 3d, Mount Lucas Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Johnson, Neshanic Station, all December 9; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Quick, 129 Jefferson Road, December 10; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Wodrom, Ringoes, December 11; Mr. and Mrs. David D. Holmes, 13 Dorran Avenue, December 13.

Boys were born to: Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Hill, 3 Morgan Place, December 7; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Foster, 100 Stockton Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Simpson, 357 Nassau Street, December 9; Mr. and Mrs. John J. McKeon, Monmouth Junction, December 10; Mr. and Mrs. Hyman J. Zimmerberg, Highland Park, December 11; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cevera, 10 Leavitt Avenue, December 12; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kirkpatrick, Jamesburg, December 13; Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Hightstown, December 14.

Yule Events Of Groups

BORDENTOWN — The Bordentown Community Players have completed plans for their annual holiday party. Previously scheduled for December 19, the affair has been changed to January 6 and will be held at Minakia Hall on Park Street.

Miss Ruth Hartman, Mrs. Rose Dennis and Mrs. Biehl are in charge of the games and refreshments. Others serving on the committee are Norman Abrams and Mrs. Elizabeth Joy.

Members may bring guests and reservations must be made by December 31st.

FLORENCE — The annual Christmas assembly will take place at 10:45 a. m. on Wednesday at Florence High School.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the program in the auditorium. Music of the season and a play will be presented.

Students will sing carols and the choir also will perform. "Why the Chimes Rang" will be presented with the following cast: David Thompson, Charles Dennis, Lawrence Bunting, Barbara Lear, Robert Travia, Jean Hegules, Doris Weyand, Nancy Othmer, Ronald Berthasavage and Betty Lou Jones.

An all-school party will be held after the assembly. Hosts will be the honor society and the dancing school.

LAWRENCEVILLE — The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lawrenceville Fire Company will hold its annual Christmas meeting and party tomorrow in the firemen's hall on Phillips Avenue. Mrs. George Hibbs, president, will conduct the business session at 8 p. m. Nominations of officers will take place.

The Christmas party will follow the meeting. Mrs. William Mileski and Mrs. Fred Brian are in charge of entertainment. Gifts will be exchanged.

The evening's social hour will be under the direction of Mrs. John Butler, Miss Hetty Golding, Mrs. Robert Higgins, Mrs. Clifford Poinsett, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. Clifford Stark and Mrs. Charles Venner.

MORRISVILLE — The Lions Club will hold its Christmas party Wednesday at 6:45 p. m. at the Holiday Inn.

Each member is requested to bring his own child and an underprivileged child. Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the youngsters.

The club also will distribute baskets to several needy families.

PENNINGTON — A full program of festivities has been planned for all ages at the Methodist Church next week. Beginning tomorrow at 7 p. m. the church school will hold a Christmas party, with a visit from Santa Claus as a feature. The program has been arranged by a committee of Hilton Wilbur, Mrs. Dallas Johnson, Mrs. Robert Chaten and Miss Pearl Hunt.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. and Mrs. William H. Matthews Jr. will entertain college students at breakfast in the parsonage.

The Youth Fellowship will join Christmas Eve with the Westminster Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church in carol singing a program.

Ceremonies To Commemorate Washington's Historic Crossing

WASHINGTON CROSSING — Congressman Charles Howell will be the speaker at the annual commemorative ceremony on Christmas morning at the monument commemorating the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington. The event is sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1776.

The scouts will assemble at the firehouse at 9:30 a. m. on Friday and parade to the highway. The ceremonies at the monument will start at 10 o'clock.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 13 of Brownie Troops 15 and 48; of Cub Pack 1776 and of the 4-H clubs are invited to participate in the ceremony.

LAMBERTVILLE — At about 2 o'clock this afternoon, St. John Terrell, the showman, will hold a rehearsal for the Christmas Day reenactment of Washington's crossing of the Delaware. The Music Circus Impresario, acting as the principal figure in the historic trip across the river, will use a 22-foot model of the craft used by the General.

Appropriate uniforms will be used by all participating in the feat. On both occasions, the boat will be rowed by George Bailey of New Hope and Elmer Case of Lambertville. The latter constructed the craft.