

Blast Kills Twp. Man

A Franklin Township man with three children was killed when an explosion ripped a three-story building at Bakelite Corp. in Stayaway Township.

EM Man In Hit-run Crash

An East Millstone man was thrown to the pavement following an accident Monday with a hit-run driver.

Wladyslaw Jasinski of Elm St., East Millstone, was turning from Franklin St. onto Amwell Rr. Monday in his car.

As he reached the intersection, he was struck by an unidentified truck. So great was the collision that Mr. Jasinski was hurled to the pavement where he lay bleeding.

After gathering his strength, he fought his way to his feet and staggered to his home, which was only two blocks away.

The East Millstone First Aid Squad was summoned, and two female members, Miss Betty Hart and Miss Mary Runge transported Mr. Jasinski to Somerset Hospital where it took eight stitches to close a severe scalp wound.

Mr. Jasinski told Police Chief Ed Voorhees that he laid on the pavement for quite a while before going to his home.

Mr. Jasinski's car was severely damaged by the crash. Police could find no clues as to the identity of the truck. The victim was not able to identify it, either.

Franklin Township, died in Somerset Hospital Tuesday morning, about 18 hours after the explosion.

Mr. Lapezynski has two boys, John, Jr., 16; Tommy, 10, and one daughter, Joan Ann. He is survived also by his wife, his father, Anthony of Bound Brook; three brothers, George, Stanley and Walter; and three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Grywalski, Mrs. Mary Catherine Grywalski, and Mrs. Anna Maluta.

Mr. Lapezynski was rushed to Somerset Hospital suffering from burns which hospitalized nearly 30 men. Most of the men sustained burns of the hands, face and back. Many were listed as critical.

The blast was followed by a fire which raged in the building for almost an hour while plant and municipal fire fighting apparatus clogged R'ver Rd. as they tried to help the stricken plant.

The blast was termed a "dust explosion" by employees. A dust explosion means that ventilation was at that time inadequate to clear dust and fumes from the building. Spontaneous combustion or a spark of some kind can set off the explosion.

Damage to the Bakelite Plant building was estimated at close to half a million dollars, with inestimable damage to lives and property.

Mr. Lapezynski was the only Franklin Township man in the mishap. Many Somerset County residents were victims, however.

Middlesex County's prosecutor, Alex Eber, has launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident. The FBI has also assigned agents to determine if sabotage might have played a part.

Voters Expected to Approve \$415,000 Addition Tues.

Approval of a \$415,000 school project is expected by the Board of Education Tuesday night at the special school election.

The special election will be for township voters to approve plans by the board to construct an addition to Pine Grove Manor School and to provide for issuance of bonds to finance the project.

Polls will be open from 4-9 p. m. in each of the township's regular polling places. Registered voters can cast their ballots in the following places:

District One, Franklin Park School; District Two, Firehouse on Elizabeth Ave.; District Three, East Millstone Firehouse; District Four, Pine Grove Manor School; District Five, Hamilton School, and District

Six, Kingston School on Laurel Ave.

The board found little opposition to the proposed addition to Pine Grove Manor School when it discussed the plan with the Citizens' Lay Advisory Committee last week, and at a general meeting for the public in Pine Grove Manor School. Only three township residents heard the board make final plans for the election last Thursday night.

If approved, the new addition will provide 13 new classrooms of modern design, and a new cafeteria large enough to handle all pupils in the enlarged school in just two servings.

The cafeteria now being used in Pine Grove will be converted to an

instruction center for the Physical Education Department.

The new addition will also present rooms for meetings which do not require such a large hall as the auditorium. Also built will be two offices, one for the superintendent of schools, the other for the district clerk. A foyer will be established where pupils can display publicly their handicraft.

Frank Lynes, district clerk, presented the following financial plan for the new school to the Record:

From capital account balances	\$ 60,000
From current account balances	15,000
From repair and replacement account balances	10,000
From sale of bonds to be authorized at the school election	\$330,000
Total	\$415,000

Dr. James Lynch said that the rooms will be absolutely vital next year, since the township is at present using eight rooms which fall below minimum standards set by the state. In all, there are 43 rooms being used in the township.

He reported that enrollment in elementary schools in the township has increased from 887 in 1948 to 1,312 this month. Annual increases of about 100 children for the next several years were predicted by him and C. Rexford Davis, president of the Board of Education.

The new project will cause the township to exceed its legal bonding limit, permission for which was granted by the Division of Local Government in Trenton a month ago. Clerk Lynes predicted that within five years, however, the township board will again regain its bonding capacity.

400 At Lions' Xmas Party

About 400 children and adults attended the Christmas Party in Middlebush School sponsored by the Franklin Township Lions Club Monday.

A variety show was presented under direction of Edmund Jenkins during the course of the party. Participants in the program were Henry Pietrucha, George Newell, Joseph List, Jack Taylor, James Susan, Fred Grott, Joseph Fontana, Albert Bessemeyel, Albert Basellil, Roland LeMire, Peter Bascillil, Jack

Mason, Louis Jonas, Tony Nastass, Carol Sicora, Mrs. Louis Jonas, Dorothy Tagliabochi, Mary Rose List and Pose Ann Defeda.

Albert Milchanowski, president of the club, extended greetings and conducted the program. Carol Lingling was led by Alex Katchem, Cammie Calvo and Charles Sicora showed cartoons.

Music for the program was provided by Joey Gross and his dance orchestra. Anthony Naterelli was general chairman.

Urges Mailing Of Seal Money

Dr. William Courtney Douglass, president of the Somerset County Medical Society, today urged all Somerset County residents to send in their Christmas Seal money.

Dr. Douglas, endorsing the Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, said, "One of the vital factors in the fight against tuberculosis in the last ten years has been the development of services beyond medical care for patients. Our local tuberculosis association has taken an active part in aiding the tuberculosis patient in the hospital and after discharge to adjust socially, emotionally, and economically to the community."

Matters of family security, disability payments, pensions, sick leave and veterans' rights must be explored by the local association before the patient is admitted to the hospital and referral made to the rehabilitation worker for follow-up in the hospital.

Send the contributions to the Somerset County Tuberculosis Association at the County Administration Building, Somerville.

Twp. Talk

One of Coventry Kenneil's best bulldogs is dead. Bill Sykes, a champion thoroughbred, owned and raised by Frank Lynes, died of arsenic poisoning last week.

Mr. Lynes, who lives along Amwell Rd., had entered Sykes in another of the contests he loved so well. The dog finished his championship many years ago, but was still pulling down win after win at the age of eight.

Lynes, who is the township's district clerk, is the township's district clerk.

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Missing Man Reports Keep Park Police On Trail of John Donerly

Police in Highland Park cling to the belief that John H. Donerly, 53, of 305 Beacon St., Highland Park, is still alive despite the fact he has been missing for two weeks.

Mr. Donerly disappeared from his home Dec. 12.

Efforts of 1,000 Park boy scouts and 125 experienced soldiers who combed fields and woods for the missing man were useless.

Meanwhile, reports of Mr. Donerly's whereabouts have piled up in Highland Park Police Headquarters.

A report was made by a New Brunswick man who knew Donerly. He said he spotted the missing man in New Brunswick shortly after it was announced he had been missing.

Since Police Chief Alfred T. Smalley distributed 2,000 flyers describing Mr. Donerly with his picture, other calls from people who do not know him have been received at the Park police station.

A Woodbridge store owner reported to police that a man answering Donerly's description called at his store and asked to use the lavatory.

The request was granted, and when the man reappeared, he seemed to be lost, and mumbled something about, "I must have boarded the wrong bus." Before the storeowner could react and summon police, the man disappeared.

An agent in the Perth Amboy railroad station reported seeing a man who seemed to be dazed and called police, but the man again vanished before the bluecoats arrived.

MR. DONERLY'S SON, John Jr., a business executive in Philadelphia, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence while he tries to locate his father. The son traces down every report of his father's whereabouts and makes careful notes with all witnesses.

In Milltown, the son almost found his dad. A report from there sent him flying to the quiet borough, where he and a resident

patrolled the territory where his "father" was seen. An elderly man was sighted who bore resemblance to Mr. Donerly, but it was not the missing Highland Park man.

Other calls have been made to police from North Brunswick and

in Highland Park itself.

Police feel Mr. Donerly is an amnesia victim and unable to help himself. Ten days before he disappeared, he sustained an accident which could be responsible for a mental condition.

Man of the Hour



'Santa's a welcome visitor in this home in Griggstown. Bringing toys and candy, Santa made his annual tour and visited about 45 homes Christmas Eve.

Spotters' Chief Plugs Post On Television

Ed Tornquist and his family appeared on CBS television Monday morning at 11 o'clock and described activity at the Griggstown Ground Observation Post to listeners throughout the New York metropolitan area.

Mr. Tornquist also won \$105 and three other prizes on the "One In Every Family" show moderated by John Reed King.

He was invited to appear on the program because of his efforts in organizing the most effective Ground Observation Post which services White Plains, N. Y. Liter center.

Mrs. Anaisa Ellison, a Griggstown woman, wrote the TV show about Mr. Tornquist's activities, and he received a telegram last Thursday inviting him to appear.

Monday, he and his family, including Ed Jr., 25; Dorothy, 21; Richard, 15; Donna, 4, and Mrs. Tornquist, all appeared on the pro-

gram. So did the writer of the letter, Mrs. Ellison.

Tornquist gave a short talk on operations of a Ground Observation Post and outlined how the tiny community of Griggstown could support a post 24 hours daily, seven days per week.

In addition to the cash, Tornquist won an electric washing machine for his wife, a tricycle for his little daughter, and a set of dishes for Mrs. Ellison.

Ed, who operates the Griggstown General store, said the prizes came "just in time to solve my Christmas shopping."

While before the Television cameras, Tornquist was quizzed about a plaque which had been presented to him by VFW Post 9113 of Franklin Park. The plaque was shown by King.

A picture of the post's little building with its guard rail and catwalk was broadcast, also.

Rutgers Faces Undefeated Uconns

If Rutgers can pull this next one out of the fire like it did against Princeton, they'll have to print extra tickets for the rest of the home games, for attendance will soar.

A few Rutgers fans showed up last Friday to help visiting Princeton fans fill the gymnasium, fearing the Tigers would administer roughly the same kind of beating they managed against Rutgers in football.

Rutgers outscored the Tigers in the second half 45-36 to win 83-66 after falling behind at halftime. Rutgers trailed by two at the end of three quarters, but a 30-point outburst brought Scarlet fans to their feet screaming while the Tiger tucked in its tail, muttering something about "Wat'll we get you guys on our court later this season."

But Tuesday night even a bigger task faces Rutgers than the supposedly mighty Tigers. Rutgers plays the University of Connecticut, currently undefeated in six games. The U-Conns topped Villanova by four points most recently, Villanova being one of the top-ranking squads in the East.

Connecticut holds decisions over Yale and Brown, also.

Don White will see some familiar faces when Connecticut appears at the College Avenue gym. Don coached at Storrs, Conn., where the university hangs its foz. Before coming to Rutgers in 1945, White coached for 12 years at the University of Connecticut. And with the

squad sported by the U-Conns, probably wishes he were back.

Against Princeton last week, the Scarlet's Bill Beindorf took up the beat in the third quarter and poured a game total of 27 points through. The speedy guard dropped seven of 10 foul throws which kept the Tigers off his back.

Larry Gordon, the New Brunswick scoring whiz, was right behind Billy with 21 points. Gordon and Beindorf made 10 field goals each. Most of Billy's scores came on

hipper-dipper jump shots preceded by nifty fakes. Tiger forwards were faked out of position by clever head and shoulder movements, and then Beindorf let fly.

Gordon, described as "barrel-cheated," tucked his shoulders in and made effective rushes at the basket to score from in close. However, with time running out at the half, Gordon wound up from mid-court and let ride a baseball-like throw at the basket—which went in!

Zebras Sked Calls for Two Holiday Tilts; Maroons Tues.

Since the hospitals are jammed with victims of the Bakelite blast, it's good that New Brunswick High's Zebras are going on the road this Saturday.

Another game at home like the last two, and heart-attack victims would be dropping like flies in the Zebra gym.

Not content with a thrilling opener, an overtime win against Perth Amboy Catholic, the Zebras came back with a 62-57 chiller against Kearny last Friday.

Three teams go to Ashbury Park tomorrow night for a big triple-header against the Blue Bishops. Freshmen start in at 6:30 with JV's and varsity following comple-

tion of each game.

Kenny Eato upped his scoring mark to 45 points in two games, coming up with a 21-point effort against Kearny.

A bit off their sharp performance in the opener, the Zebras were a bit careless against Kearny with the result that the score was tied 15 times during the game. The last time the score was knotted was a minute and a half to play, 55-all. Bob Bright set two points through, and New Brunswick ran a total of seven points while restricting the losers to only two.

One of the bigger games of the young season awaits New Brunswick High next Tuesday. The rip-

Americans Don't Know What America Is, Says Visiting Rutgers Prof

A new approach toward the goal of world peace is suggested by a historian at Rutgers University who wants to educate Americans about America.

"A better understanding of American heritage by Americans is a secret weapon for peace," asserts Dr. David D. Denker, director of

the American Civilization program at the State University.

Dr. Denker, for many years a staff member on the New York Times and more recently director of a program for foreign students at Yale University, claims that Americans are largely unaware of the social growth of their own nation, and most foreign students "bring baggage of misconceptions and prejudices about America to these shores."

"It seems to me," said the visiting assistant professor from Yale, "that the American is someone who does not know who he is—the European is someone convinced he knows who the American is."

This feeling took root while Dr. Denker served with the Army during World War II and was substantiated during his four-year participation in Yale's foreign student program.

"There was a distinct unanimity about certain features of American life. Foreign students felt America was a materialistic heaven. And Americans seemed incapable of dispelling this preconception," Dr. Denker said.

This, said the former journalist, is precisely the purpose of the American civilization major now being taught on an interdepartmental basis at Rutgers. It is designed to answer these criticisms. "It is an attempt to portray America as a whole—for life is lived as a whole not in fragments.

"For the task of assailing so massive a structure as American society it seems to me," Dr. Denker declared, "the natural sciences as well as the social sciences must be investigated. All can and must join in concert. None alone has the work methods or guiding wisdom to explore the complex social structure of America and reveal its objectives."

He said a comprehensive program of this type must include study and evaluation of economics, family, religion, government and education as well as a dozen or more cultural areas such as art, literature, social welfare and mass communications.

Dr. Denker attributes America's dominant position in world affairs today to a sort of gradual social revolution begun more than a century ago.

This era of growth has seen six fundamental changes in American society, he explains. There is a new structure of occupations and professions, a reversal of the historic urban-rural ratio of population distribution, an awareness of others—anti-isolationism, an enormously-increased capacity to produce wealth, virtual dissipation of illiteracy, and a lengthening of the life span.

These factors, when related to our own civilization of 100 or even 50 or 30 years ago and when compared with contemporary standards in most areas of the world, clearly demonstrate the direction in which American civilization is heading, said Dr. Denker.

"Our civilization is organized in the direction of peace," he maintains. "It is a by-product of peace."

Dr. Denker believes that the American Civilization program, designed to provide an integrated study of American life and a liberal education, will also afford the broad educational background now being sought by many leaders in business, government and the professions.

The interdepartmental major was instituted at Rutgers in 1947 by Dr. Walter E. Benzanson, now on leave of absence on a Ford grant.

Nemeth Made Pfc.

Gussie Nemeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicklose Nemeth of 84 Schurman St., New Brunswick, has been promoted to Pfc. in Detachment A, 1362nd Area Service Unit at Ft. Totten, N. Y. He is assigned as a cook in the detachment mess.

Inducted May 20, 1951 at Fort Dix, Pfc. Nemeth served with the 172nd Communications Group in England for six months before coming here.

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Completes Training

MARINE PFC. WALTER THOMAS JR., son of Mrs. Charlotte Thomas of 6 New St., New Brunswick, recently completed his recruit training at Parris Island, S. C., by receiving a promotion to his present rank. He also won the silver badge of Marine marksman when he fired the Garand rifle for record.

18 Area Men On Dean's List

Eleven New Brunswick and seven Highland Park men were named to the dean's list at Rutgers University, Dean Harry G. Owen announced Wednesday.

The dean's list includes names of those students in the three upper classes of the college whose work was generally outstanding and whose scholastic record was above average.

The students who were named and their subject major is as follows:

NEW BRUNSWICK

Robert E. Akerstrom, '55, 101 Richardson St., history; Malcolm R. Busch, '55, 9 Sandford St., political science; William R. Cohen, '54, 15 Dewey Dr., political science; Richard W. Corlett, '53, Colonial Gardens, romance languages; John J. Oemkovich, '55, 57 Jersey Ave., chemistry; Robert O. Gleason, '54, 124 Osborne Rd., psychology; Dean W. Garwood, '53, 241 Hale St., psychology; Joseph B. Hamston, '53, 567 Davidson Rd., political science; Peter C. Nittala, '53, 11 Marvin Ln., economics; Erwin E. Orasz, '53, 204 Somerset St., economics; Henry M. Spritzer, '53, 214 Howard St., economics.

HIGHLAND PARK

Allan R. Crompton, '55, 320 Montgomery St., chemistry; Pasquino Toffreda, '55, 126 Amberst St., biol. sciences; John Kazilis, '54, 18 S. 7th Ave., chemistry; Sheldon A. London, '53, 217 Dennison St., biol. sciences; Anthony J. Sattilaro, '53, 227 Valentine St., biol. sciences; Edward Schoffel, '53, 426 Cedar Ave., business administration; and William P. Suedeker, '53, 106 N. Sixth Ave., political science.

Asking That State Add Insanity As Divorce Grounds

The New Jersey State Bar Association's special committee to study divorce may propose legislation which would add insanity to the present list of grounds for divorce in the state, Abe D. Levenson of Union City, committee chairman, said today.

He revealed that the committee has nearly completed a study of legislation in several other states where insanity is grounds for divorce and added that there is a strong possibility such action will be recommended to the State Legislature for action. More than 30 states, Mr. Levenson said, now have such statutes.

In New Jersey, divorces may be obtained on three grounds—adultery, extreme cruelty, and desertion. The committee is considering whether or not addition of insanity would "rectify many impossible situations such as those where children may be involved and an adequate home life is impossible."

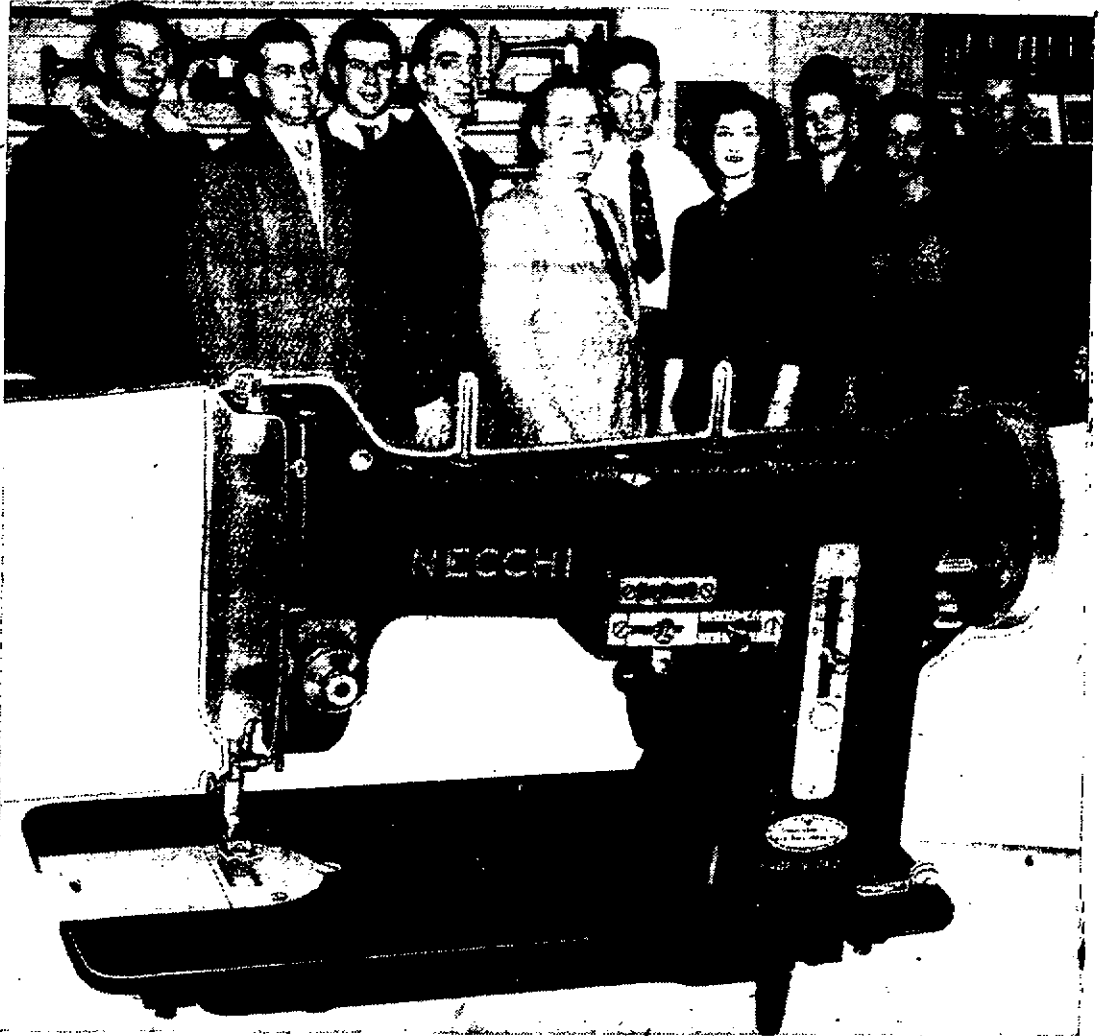
Such legislation is suggested, Levenson pointed out, it would put insanity as divorce grounds only under rigid minimum conditions. Such factors as the degree of insanity and confinement would be of paramount importance, he explained.

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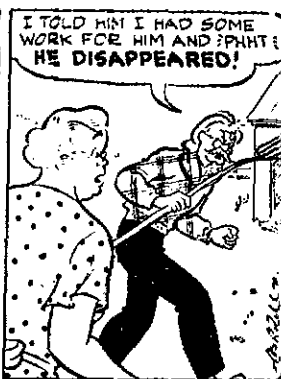
More than 1,000 children thronged into the Rivoli Theater at 9 a. m. Saturday to attend the Christmas party sponsored by Local 630 TWUA-CIO.

It was the eighth annual affair held by the local for the children of employees of Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, and also the outlying plants at Cranford and Milltown. Rudolph Cammerata, manager of the Central Jersey Joint Board, was the master of ceremonies for the affair.

Children were entertained by Al Bacsko, a member of Local 630, who sang cowboy and Christmas songs, and led them in some group singing. Cartoon comedies kept the children occupied for the next hour while they were patiently waiting for Santa Claus.

AFTER THE MOVIES were over, and amid singing of "Jingle Bells," Santa finally made his appearance. Arthur Bocchetti, chief steward at Johnson & Johnson, had donned the long white beard and the familiar red suit for the occasion. All of the children were given presents as they filed across the stage past Santa and his helpers.

The committee from Local 630 who arranged the affair were Irene Nagy, chairman, Alyce Dunster, Edith Apgar, and Han Hardy.



S. A. Driver Hits Tree

Michael J. Sherry, 25, of 418 John St., South Amboy, told Sayreville police that, when he swerved at a curve to avoid an approaching car, his car jumped a curb and struck a tree and station wagon on the Servon property, Washington Rd., at 3:15 Sunday morning. Sherry escaped unhurt.

Picnic grounds, fishing sites, and roadside rests will be located all along the Garden State Parkway, to be completed in 3 years if the Parkway referendum passes on November 4th.

5 Dead And Scores Injured In Half-Million-Dollar Blast

Two area men were killed and two more were injured as a three-story building in Piscataway Township, part of the Bakelite Corp., exploded and burned. About 30 workers in all were involved in the accident which did an estimated half-million dollars worth of damage. Five men died as a result of the mishap.

after the blast. He leaves two sons and a daughter, and his wife.

George C. Waltz, 45, of 276 Somerset St., is in Somerset Hospital. Listed as serious, he has one daughter, Miss Katherine Waltz. He worked at Bakelite for more than 20 years.

Herman Ellis, 45, of New Brunswick Ave. was instantly killed, leaving a wife and 13 children whose ages range from seven weeks to 24 years.

Sylvester Dixon, 662, of Highland Park, has a son, Charles, of Plainfield, who also works at the Bakelite plant. Upon seeing the explosion, Charles helped rescue his father and when he was taken to Somerset Hospital in fair condition, Charles notified his mother, Mrs. Rachael Dixon, of 140 Highland Ave. in the Park about the mishap.

John Lapczynski, 41, of Lenox Pl., Franklin Township, died in Somerset Hospital, about 18 hours

The blast sent victims to Somerset, Muhlberg, St. Peter's and Middlesex Hospitals, suffering from second degree burns of the face, hands and shoulders.

Prosecutor Alex Eber dispatched detectives to the scene to investigate the cause of the accident. Debris was blown into the canal at South Bound Brook by the force of the blast which was termed a "dust explosion."

Dust and fumes gathered in the plant, perhaps through faulty operation of safety equipment, and when combustion took place somewhere, the blast occurred.

Film Teaches Fire Safety to Kiddies

A new film to teach children the facts of fire safety has just been produced by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Its title? "Stupid Carelessness, the Fire Clown" — and children will love it!

The film, in 16 mm. color and black and white, is intended for use by television stations, fire departments, civic groups, schools and others.

OUTPUT OF ELECTRICITY by Public Service Electric and Gas Co. for the week ended Dec. 18, was 170,884,900 kilowatt hours compared with 161,744,594 kilowatt hours in the corresponding week a year ago, an increase of 9,140,306, or 5.65 per cent.

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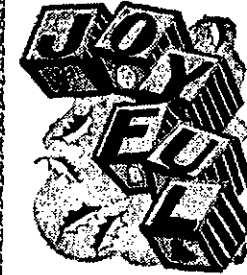
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Ruined Alpine Church Organ Inspiration For Silent Night

The millions who sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," this Christmas season are indebted for the world's best-loved Christmas hymn, to two men who refused to let the little Church of Oberndorf, Austria, be without music because mice had gnawed the bellows of the church organ.

It was just 134 years ago and the two, cold, weary and despondent, were walking home through the gale-swept streets after discovering that mice had destroyed their plans for a festive Christmas observance.

As they walked away from Saint Nikolaus Church, the bitter wind suddenly died and the skies cleared.

Lifting his eyes to the stars, Father Josef Mohr, pastor of the little church, sighed "Silent Night, Holy Night."

After a moment, he added, "All is calm, all is bright."

Then, according to the legend handed down through the years, his friend, teacher Franz Xavier Gruber, exclaimed:

"That's wonderful — you could make a song from those words."

They looked at each other and an idea was born.

Excitedly the men hurried to Gruber's home. They spent the rest of the night working out the notes and melody of their Christmas hymn.

When the villagers gathered in the little church to celebrate the Birth of Christ, Father Mohr and Gruber led them in the first singing of the carol.

To the accompaniment of a 12-string guitar, the villagers sang and then sang again.

The song was received enthusiastically by the bargemen who floated salt down the Salzach River to Germany and by the village farmers and their families.

But it was not until 1830 that it spread beyond the Alps.

That year an organ builder came to Oberndorf to repair the long-neglected organ. When the church organist tested the instrument, he played "Silent Night." The builder, captivated by its melody and words memorized it and carried it to the other villages he visited.

From there it spread around the world.

Great orchestras played it. It resounded through churches and cathedrals. Madame Ernestina Schumann-Heink, one of the world's great sopranos, sang it each Christmas—even after her retirement—until her death.

But the authors never knew of the song's fame.

Father Mohr died penniless in 1848 and was followed in death 15 years later by Gruber.

Even the village of Oberndorf, as they knew it, disappeared.

The village and its church were destroyed by floods and fire. The new village stands on a site farther down the valley.

Just before World War II a "Silent Night, Holy Night" chapel was built on the location of the old Saint Nikolaus Church—mainly through contributions from the United States.

In this chapel it will be sung again this Christmas Eve, as it was by the two simple men of 1818 and by the assembled villagers, to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Various Symbols Mark Christmas

When Middlesex County residents woke up yesterday, they began a day of religious heritage that can be traced back 1,802 years to Pope Julius I.

For three centuries after the birth of Jesus Christ there was no single day set for universal observance of the Mass of Christ.

As a result, the Roman Pontiff ordered an investigation by St. Cyril to fix the day and month of Christ's birth. And after much deliberation and research, Pope Julius I established Dec. 25 as Christmas in the year 350 A.D.

The most sacred symbol of the day is the crèche or manger of the Christ Child. It reminds us that it is essentially a birthday that we celebrate on Dec. 25.

This year we did not celebrate the 1952nd birthday of Christ, but according to most scholars, the 1,956th.

ROMAN RECORDS tell us it was in the year 4 B.C. that Caesar Augustus decreed the whole world should be taxed. Hence it was in that year, rather than in 1 A.D., when Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem and Christ was born in a stable.

Merry Christmas as the American form of greeting is a refection of the tidings of great joy handed down to us through the centuries and other languages of the Christian world. Everywhere today the same sentiment is expressed. Good Holidays in Portuguese, Good Christmas in Italian, Merry Yule in Finnish, Good Yule

in Swedish, and Joyous Christmas in French.

Thus always a deeply implanted symbol of man's freedom and happy rebirth, Christmas naturally grew to be celebrated in music and song. The earliest Christmas chants drew on the Bible. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour."

The first carol, as we know this type of Christmas music today, however, is credited to St. Francis of Assisi, who lived at the beginning of the Thirteenth Century.

MARTIN LUTHER, 300 years after St. Francis, followed the pattern set by the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant reformer wrote his carol for his children. "Away in a manger, No crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head."

The Christmas tree as the center of our American festivities is credited by legend to this same Martin Luther. It is definitely traced, however, to Germany in the beginning of the Seventeenth Century, since when its thrilling symbol of Christmas has lasted as a thing of joy for children.

The trimmed tree was introduced into England by the German husband of Queen Victoria a little over 100 years ago. Shortly before that, German immigrants had brought it to America.

A star-studded German night one Christmas Eve, seen by Martin Luther, is the legendary explanation

for our custom of hanging candles and lights on our American Christmas trees.

For the large star atop our decorated trees, there is, of course, the symbolic light which guided the Wise Men to the place of the Nativity.

One year from now, 115,000 people who are healthy today will have tuberculosis.

True epilepsy does not occur in dogs, but "fits" which resemble epilepsy frequently are reported.

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Airman Young, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Fritz of 49 Hillside Ave., Sayreville, was secretary of the International Chemical Workers Union, AF of L, prior to her induction. While in service she became the bride of Emery W. Young, torpedoman 3c. He is stationed at the New London, Conn., submarine base.

Cutting hard boiled eggs—Dip the knife in water and the yolk will not break.

STRICTLY FRESH

AN Italian lady cat-burglar, crawling across roofs, was stripped to undies for unhampered movement. She crashed through a skylight, landed in dough being kneaded by a baker's apprentice. Spice cake, eh!

A Massachusetts town made window peeping unlawful except for officers. Only police can peep on people and keep within the law. Our advice: Don't strain the legal eye.

Even the Russians admit their government is overloaded with



bureaucracy. Well? What better place for RED tape!

A Tennessee stickup man, out on bail for robbing a drugist, went back to have a prescription and asked for credit. He was down. His victim knew he had money.

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The Perkins left the United States in May for her second tour of combat duty in Korea. She was

among the first ships to spend six days under fire of Communist shore batteries and become eligible for "combat pay."

The Perkins furnished gunfire

to UN ground troops; operated as part of fast carrier Task Force 77; cruised on the Formosa patrol, and participated in the practice amphibious landing 25 miles inside North Korean lines.

Years ago people thought tuberculosis was a hopeless, curable disease.

Bolling—Put a little salt in the water before putting the eggs in and they will not crack or break.

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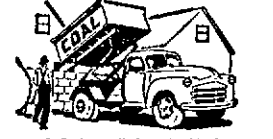
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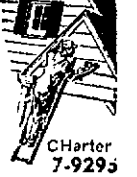


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This may surprise you, but flash batteries will last longer with use than if not used at all; if left in the battery case too long, they may corrode. If you do not plan to take flash shots for a month or so, remove the batteries and wrap them separately in paper. In fact, it is a good policy to replace your batteries every three months, even if they have not been used at all. It is an inexpensive way to insure getting pictures when you want them.

Incidentally, the old batteries need not be wasted. They may fit a flashlight and can be useful for a long while after they have become too weak for flash shots.

A flashbulb today is a pretty safe gadget. It has a protective coating that works just like the safety glass in your automobile. If by some mischance the bulb cracks when flashed, the safety coating will prevent it from flying apart. But there may be a time when the bulb will act up. The safest way is to use one of those clear plastic shields that fit right over your reflector. Some shields have a firing surface, which improves your picture by softening the flash illumination.

Don't be a flash licker. Some people have a habit of moistening the bottom of the flash lamp with their tongues to insure contact. That may be harmful. The best treatment is to rub the bottom of the flash lamp on a rough surface. The sole of your shoe is also good. Or you can attach a piece of light sandpaper to the back of the reflector and use that.

In its early stages, tuberculosis gives no warning symptoms. A chest X-ray is the best way to detect early TB.

Music Association Meets at NJC Monday-Tuesday

The annual meeting of the National College Music Association will be held at New Jersey College for Women, Rutgers University, on Monday and Tuesday in NJC Music Building.

With members from 123 institutions in 38 states, the association is headed by A. Kunrad Kvam, president and chairman of the music department at the state university women's college. Other officers are Prof. Vincent Morgan of Amherst College, vice president; and Prof. Robert G. Barrow of Williams College, secretary-treasurer.

Registration for the two-day conference will be held Monday at 10 a. m. in the auditorium of the NJC Music Building. Meetings will be open to all college faculty members and public-school music teachers.

A PANEL DISCUSSION on acoustics will take place Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Speakers, Dr. Paul B. O'Neley of Columbia University and Norman Pickering, director of research at Pickering & Co., Inc., will speak on "What Music Students Should Know About Acoustics."

Music libraries will be the topic of the Tuesday morning panel. Phillip Miller of the music division of the New York Public Library will describe the special services of a large library, and Miss Eva J. O'Meara, formerly of the Yale University Music School library, will relate her experiences in setting up a music school library and tell how it can be used to best advantage.

During the afternoon, discussion will center about public school music. Speakers will be F. Austin Walter of the Rutgers University Department of Music, Prof. Bjornar Bergethon of New York University and Maxwell Jarvis, supervisor of music in Passaic. A question period will follow each panel.

Concluding the conference, a recital by John Powell, baritone, will be given at 4:45 Tuesday afternoon. It will be open to the public.

Did Enough of Us Vote November?

Was the record number of ballots cast in November's election really high enough?

Although 61,547,861 was an all-time high for voting in this country, experts are wondering if it shouldn't have been better.

It topped by 11,737,343 the previous high-ballot mark of 45,820,312 set in the Roosevelt-Wilkie race in 1940. But on the basis of an estimated 104,550,000 eligible voters this year, the turnout was a shade under 59 per cent, while in 1940 more than 62 per cent of the eligibles voted.

It can be safely predicted that the civic groups whose clamor helped to bring out the heavy vote this year will demand a bigger and better showing in the future, even though the over-all 1952 total, counting blank and void ballots, was 62,042,777, not much less than the 63,000,000 goal of the vote campaign of the American Heritage Foundation and fifty affiliated groups.

These groups will point to the fact that better than 80 per cent of the eligible voters participated in the McKinley-Brayan contest in 1896, when the nation was deeply stirred over the silver coinage issue.

They will cite also recent elections in France, Italy, Canada, Belgium, Japan, Israel, Sweden, Great Britain, Australia, Holland and the Saar, in which ballots were cast by from 71 to 95 per cent of the eligible voters.

The situations abroad are quite different from that prevailing here, in most instances. For example, Australia and Belgium, as the result of compulsory voting laws, get out 90 per cent or more of the electors. Non-voters lacking adequate reason to be exempted are reprimanded or fined.

Many other nations have experimented with compulsory voting laws. Agitation for such legislation has not won much support here, although several states authorized it in their constitutions.

Hunters need to take precautions if game they shoot shows signs of disease.

Affairs of the HEART

Prepared by
The New Jersey Heart Association

(Fourth in a series)

The jest about the man who sits around listening to his arteries harden is a pretty grim joke. Hardening of the arteries is one of three vicious ailments which together account for 90 per cent of all heart disease. The others are rheumatic fever and high blood pressure.

Most common in old age, hardening of the arteries also occurs in middle age. The walls of arteries harden and thicken, narrowing the blood stream channel and reducing the supply of blood to the tissues. Doctors call it arteriosclerosis.

When this hardening and thickening attacks the coronary arteries the blood supply to the heart muscle is reduced and the result is called coronary heart disease. It frequently produces angina pectoris—pain in the center of the chest. Effort aggravates it, rest relieves it.

The type of heart disease which narrows the arteries feeding blood to the heart is on the increase. The picture is not bright because the causes have not been isolated, but medical research, financed by public support of Heart Fund appeals, is making progress. It is known, for example, that there is a relationship between over-weight and changes in coronary arteries. So shed that excess poundage!

Income in County Above NJ Average

The average Middlesex County family has an income of \$3,725—slightly higher than the state average of \$3,670. This was revealed recently in figures published from the 1950 Census.

The two Middlesex cities of New Brunswick and Perth Amboy were both below the state average. In New Brunswick, the average family makes \$3,536, while Perth Amboy's income figure is even lower, \$3,462.

The average income of New Jersey families in 1949 amounted to \$3,670. While this figure is already out-of-date and is now unquestionably too low, the Census data do provide an accurate index of relative income in the various counties and in a large number of communities. As such they are of interest to businessmen and public officials. Retail business especially will find these figures helpful in determining the location of branch stores and in the placing of advertising.

The income statistics gathered in the course of the 1950 Census are based on a 20 percent sample of the population. Since not every person interviewed was willing to state his income, the actual sample is somewhat less than 20 percent. In using these data it is well to bear in mind the official definitions of the following terms:

Family—a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption and living together.

Income—the sum of money received, less losses, from wages and salaries, operation of a business, periodic receipts from estates or annuities, government subsidies (veterans' pensions, social security etc.) and contributions from persons not members of the household enumerated. Not included as income were payments in kind (food produced and consumed in the

home, or free living quarters), tax refunds, lump-sum inheritances, or insurance payments and gifts.

While the median family income of the State as a whole was reported as \$3,670, there was a substantial difference between income in urban and rural areas. Thus the median income in urban places was \$3,754. Those families living in rural areas, but not on farms had an average income of \$3,222 in 1949, while farm families had an income of \$2,550.

It must be remembered, however that the exclusion of payments in kind from the income statistics would have the effect of substantially lowering the income of farm families who have the opportunity to make substantial supplements to their income by consuming goods (especially foods) produced in their homes. There is certainly not as much difference in the living standards of urban and farm families as these statistics would indicate.

The median income is, of course, merely an attempt to show by one figure an income which is representative of most of the families of New Jersey. Half of the families had incomes which exceeded the average, half had incomes which were less than the average.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Chancery Division, Middlesex County
Docket No. M-1-150-42
TO THE DEFENDANT,
FRANCES CASTIGLIONE, also known as FRANCES CASTIGLIONE;
By virtue of an Order of the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, made on the 14th day of December, 1952, in a cause wherein BENJAMIN (or Benny) CASTIGLIONE, also known as BENJAMIN (or Benny) CASTIGLIONE, is plaintiff and you are defendant, you are hereby required to answer the complaint of BENJAMIN (or Benny) CASTIGLIONE, also known as BENJAMIN (or Benny) CASTIGLIONE, plaintiff, on or before the 9th day of February, 1953, and in default thereof, such judgment will be rendered against you as the Superior Court of New Jersey shall think equitable and just.

The object of said suit is to obtain judgment of divorce between the said plaintiff and you.

JOSEPH J. MESSINA
Attorney for plaintiff
92 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dated: December 9th, 1952.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Chancery Division, Middlesex County
Docket No. M-1-151-52
TO ANNE SHAPIRO, Defendant;
By virtue of an Order of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, Docket No. M-1-151-52, made the 2nd day of December, 1952, in a cause wherein JACK SHAPIRO is plaintiff and you are defendant, you are hereby required to answer the said complaint of the plaintiff on or before the 3rd day of February, 1953, by serving the same on the undersigned, plaintiff's attorney, and in default thereof, such judgment will be made against you as the Court shall think equitable and just.

The object of said suit is to obtain a divorce, on the grounds of desertion.
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Twp. Talk

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trict clerk, finds it hard to talk about the loss of his dog. "I wouldn't have sold the dog for \$1,000," he told your Townsshipper with tears in his eyes.

Frank has one consolation, however. He has one of the most promising young bulldogs in the state, Bob Cratchit. Bob is the grandson of Bill Sykes, top champ at Coventry Kennels.

When Sykes took ill, Lynes rushed him to a veterinarian, but before the dog doc could do anything,

Bill was breathing his last. Lynes said he was sure the poison was accidentally picked up by Bill. The gentle bulldog was loved by all who met him.

The Lions Club party was a humdinger, judging by the lack of space Monday night in Middlesex School. And it wasn't only little children who showed up, either. A lot of "big" children jammed their way in for a great party and smooth dancing to Joey Gross' orchestra.

Griggstown's going to get back on the map, or bust, according to

the Griggstown Improvement Society. Twice in three days Griggstown was on television. Christmas night, "In the Crisis," a tale about a Griggstown Patriot during the Revolution, was shown on a nationwide hookup. Monday, Ed Tornquist, the Ground Observer chief, cleaned out the "One in Every Family" show, winning cash and prizes.

When Santa took his tour of the southwestern section of the township, one little girl in Sunset Hills was highly dissatisfied. Little Anita Thorkildsen moaned out, "Oh, Mommy. It's not so nice to be a Christmas angel. I can't tell which are Christmas presents and which are birthday presents." Anita was born the day after Christmas and receives all her gifts at once.

Since your Townsshipper slipped last week by not wishing his readers a Merry Christmas, let it be known that he wished you a Merry

Christmas and adds a Happy, Prosperous, New Year.

Griggstown people didn't let the bad weather bother them, either, as they erected their 12-foot Christmas tree last Sunday in a rain-storm.

Christmas Eve, Santa made his annual tour of homes where children who still believed in him lived. He distributed gifts and presented candy to the kiddies.

A list of names was drawn up in the Griggstown General Store and 30 names from Griggstown proper were listed, with 15 additional from Voorseville and Sunset Hill Gardens. —J. L.

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