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Independence Church Presents Christmas Play

A Christmas play, "A Legend of Xmas," was presented by the young people of the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the following program carried out:

Grandma: Euphemia Crandall.
Anna: Phyllis Burdick.
Big Brother: Lyle Slocum.
Greta: Joyce Spicer.
Little Sister: Lorraine Cornish.
Mimi: Goldie Keough.
Beggar Boy: Richard Clarke.
Angel: Ann Marie Greene.
Voice of Town Crier: Ted Hibbard.

Reader: Beatrice Hibbard.
Villagers: Marietta Vincent. Franklin Cornish
Choir: Ruth Shutt, Audrey Baker, Harold Rifenbrug, Sr., Don Hargis.

Music and play direction, Nora Clarke.
Cartoon, "The Night Before Christmas.
Hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."
Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
Call to Worship.
Hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."
Christmas story, "The Shepherd's Watch," Narrator, Grace Spicer.
Hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."
Solo, "O Holy Night," Audrey Baker.
Sermon, "There Was No Room at the Inn."
Solo, "Star of the East," Don Hargis.
Offering.
Children's exercises.
Song, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."
Visit by Santa Claus.

The last part of the evening was given over to the children when some 30 or more added to the Christmas spirit with their songs and recitations. A sound system was temporarily installed so all could be heard. Santa appeared at the proper time and distributed gifts from the Christmas tree.

The exercises were very well attended and the success of the whole program was largely due to the tireless efforts of Pastor Theodore J. Hibbard.

Unless household linen is cared for as soon as stains appear, it is likely to retain some of them forever. The wise homemaker will take out all visible stains before the article goes through the washing process.

Put scraps of toilet soap in a thin cloth bag and use it for the bath. It works just as well as a bar of soap.

Farmers estimate that it costs about $100 a year to operate a mow hay-curing system. Stated another way, it costs about $1.70 to mow-cure a ton of hay.

Christmas Program Presented at Andover Catholic Social Center

The following Christmas program was presented December 23rd at the Catholic Social Center here, followed by a visit from Santa and a Christmas tree. The program was directed by Mrs. Monica Connor:

Hymn, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful."
Recitation, "Welcome," Sally Smith.
Recitation, Ellen Joyce.
"Merry Christmas Wishes," Lucille Smith and Patricia Baker.
Song, "Jingle Bells," boys' and girls' chorus.
"Message of the Candles," by Carolyn Brundage, Mary Teresa McAndrew, Jocelyn Joyce, Marie McAndrew, Corrine Alvord.
"The First Christmas," by James Connor, Evan Dolan, James Yannie, Michael Smith, Charles Howland, Martin Smith.
"A Good Plan," Denny Joyce and Michael Connor.
Vocal solo, Wisner Cook.
Piano solo, William Dougherty.
Song, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," by the chorus.
"Farewell," Robin Dolan, Keith Howland, Kay Mickle, Anna Marie Joyce, Jean Daley, Robert Neville.

Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

Former Andover Physician Is Honored

Many Andover people, especially those who lived in this area a generation ago, will be pleased to learn of honors recently received by a former Andover physician, Dr. J. P. Cleary. Dr. Cleary left Andover for his present South Jersey location in 1923, following about two years' practice here. His office was on West Greenwood street, in the present McLaughlin building. Those who remember Dr. Cleary will think of him as one skilled in the treatment of pneumonia and allied ailments, with which he had had such extensive practice during his years of service in the First World War.

The following are extracts taken from the Vineland, N. J., Times-Journal of December 11, 1947, about the "rural doctor" as he is referred to: "Dr. J. P. Cleary, 69, of Minotola, N. J., who has spent approximately 30 years as a resident physician in Buena Vista Township, was tendered a surprise testimonial dinner last evening in the gymnasium of the Dr. Cleary School at Minotola, recently renamed in his honor. More than 300 persons gathered to pay tribute and do honor to their beloved friend. Dr. Gibson Colby Engel, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and a close friend of Dr. Cleary for many years, was the main speaker of the evening. . . . Dr. Engel lauded the work of Dr. Cleary in his role of rural doctor. . . He also praised Dr. Cleary for the many contributions he made to the children of the community through his contributions to the public school system. . . . Dr. Cleary, visibly moved by the tribute, thanked his many friends for their kindness. He said that only a doctor who saw the people both in trouble and in joy could know them as he does, stating that it had been a pleasure to work with them and be a part of them. He said that he had delivered 3,232 babies during his years of service in Buena Vista Township. . . . Dr. Cleary told how he had chosen this spot for his home following his separation from the Army after World War I and that now, after many years, he felt sorry for the city physician with his routine and formal cases."

Another clipping regarding Dr. Cleary states that during the past years he has purchased outright needed improvements for the school system in amounts ranging many times to several thousand dollars. On one occasion, after serving as school physician, he astounded the Buena Vista Township Board of Education by handing back his entire year's salary.

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Notice to Owners and Harborers of Dogs

Dog licenses for 1947 expired on December 31st, 1947. The 1948 license fee was due January 1st. Licenses so issued will cover the period from January 1st to December 31st, 1948. Every dog must wear a tag of the current dog license year. A dog without such a tag is not protected by law and no action can be maintained for his injury or destruction.

An unlicensed dog may be seized and killed and the fact that a dog is without a tag is presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed.

Dog licenses must be obtained from the clerk of the city or town where the dog is harbored or kept.

License Fees: Male dog $2.25; female dog, $5.25; spayed female dog, $2.25. These amounts include clerk fees.

No license can be issued for less than the full license year.

The owner of the dog who fails or refuses to obtain a license for the dog as required by law incurs a penalty of $10.00 and costs.

The enumerators of towns and the police departments of cities are required to prepare in January of this year a list of dog owners. The omission of the name of an owner from such lists will not excuse the owner from obtaining a license.

If you owned a dog last year and do not own one now, so advise the clerk of your town or city.

Dog licenses in the Town of Andover are issued by

F. S. POTTER, Clerk
P. O. Address, Andover, N. Y.

Masonic Campaign For Rheumatic Fever Opens Jan. 2

This Friday, January 2nd, marks the opening of the New York State Masons drive to raise funds for the recently established Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare. Among a membershpi of some 300,000, money will be raised for research into the cause, cure and prevention or rheumatic fever.

Masons Grand Master Gay H. Brown lauded the project as "inaugurating a new era in Masonry in keeping with new horizons." A board of eleven prominent eastern physicians, of which Dr. Currier McEwen, Dean of New York University's College of Medicine, is chairman, has been appointed to decide upon research allocations.

Launching the overall Brotherhood Fund Campaign which includes the rheumatic fever project, Clarence Glass, vice president of Anaconda Copper Company, chairman of the campaign, said in New York City today, "We open the new year with the most important project the Masons Brotherhood has ever undertaken—a peace-time campaign to save human life and to prevent a crippling disease from victimizing not only our own fellow citizens but any citizen of the world." Meetings of campaign directors will be held throughout the week, and according to Mr. Glass, funds will be accepted by the 1,038 individual lodges in New York State.

In urging an aggressive New Year's plan for service that would reach people of every race, creed and color, Mr. Glass pointed out the importance and magnitude of the task ahead. Medical Board Chairman Dr. McEwen stated, "The good that can be achieved be the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare can scarcely be exaggerated. Rheumaatic fever causes more deaths among school children than any other disease, but in spite of the serious importance of the rheumatic disease as causes of economic loss and human misery, only negligible funds are available today to carry on the attack against them. Now, through the vision and generosity of Masons throughout New York State we may take new hope that these dread diseases will be overcome. My warmest congratulations and good wishes."

Masons will simultaneously raise funds for their own benevolences, includnig Outside Relief and the Utica Home for children and the aged.

Sell that article thru the classified ad column.

Growers to Discuss Public Opinion and Food Status

"Public Opinion and the Food Situation" will be thoroughly discussed at the first of three joint sessions at the annual convention of potato and vegetables growers to be held in Syracuse, Jan. 8 and 9.

Larry Johnson, president of Syracuse Food Markets, will speak for the retailers; Mrs. Ruth C. Carbone, home economist for Arria Hunting Foundation, Syracuse, will represent the consumer; and John Wickham of Cutchogue, the farmer.

"The Farmers' Responsibility for Food Merchandising," the subject of another joint session, will have the following speakers: H. C. Biblack of Farm Market Relations, New York City; Mrs. Lola Dudgeon of Cornell, J. W. Robson, grower and seedsman of Hall, and Fletcher R. Smith, president of the National League, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Association, Syracuse.

"Agriculture for Tomorrow," will feature a panel discussion of rural education, research, and a "blue print for progress," by E. R. Eastman, editor of American Agriculturist, Dr. C. E. F. Guterman, director of research at Cornell, and E. S. Foster, secretary of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation. T. K. Bullard of Schuylerville will preside.

In addition to a big potato show, announcement is also made of the first winter carrot and onion show in years, open to all New York vegetable growers.

Captain (to rookie cop): "What would you do to break up a mob?"

Rookie: "Pass a hat."

Politician: "Now ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory."

Lady in audience: "Good gracious! Has it come to that?"

Foreman: "Why are you leaving?"

Elm Beetle Infests Homes

Homemakers may be surprised about the first of the year to see groups of small dark beetles in warm spots around doors and windows and in other places in the house. These insects, called the Elm Leaf Beetle, do no damage in the home, but are often a nuisance during the winter months.

This beetle is about ¼ inch long, and is olive-green to black in color with darker, often indistinct, stripes on the outsides of its wings. It spends the winter in a dormant state in people's homes, garages, barns, churches, and other suitable places. In the summer this pest feeds on the leaves of elm trees, but in winter it does no feeding, hence curtains, furniture, and other household items are safe.

The beetle is rather thin, and readily enters buildings through crevices around doors and windows. According to Doctor F. L. Gambrell of the Geneva Experiment Station, the elm leaf beetle can be killed with most of the common household fly sprays. Difficulties arise, however, when more beetles keep coming out of hiding as their fellows are done away with.

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