



Here and There:

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I had a swellegant weekend. My sister, brother-in-law and little niece were with me and in addition I had a houseful of company, so it kept me going. The house seems empty now. And Santa was very generous to me. PFC. John J. Kish, son of Mrs. Mary Kish, 27 Dahl Avenue, Keasbey, is a member of the 7th Base Post Office in Japan. If you want to see novel Christmas decorations go look at the home of Jimmy Varady, who lives near Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords. He has a gaily lighted carousel on the lawn, with Santa seated in it, waving and carols play continuously. It took Jimmy and his father three months to make the display...

Tidbits:

Joseph J. Miller, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Miller, 289 Grandview Avenue, Fords, is attending the Naval Radioman School, Norfolk, Va. Miss Dawn Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peterson, 45 Wedgewood Avenue, Woodbridge, is spending the holiday season at home. She is a student at Traphagen School of Fashion. Like that coffee advertisement: "If you must have one for the road, make it coffee." The PRR is going to have "Ladies Day" excursions from here to New York City and Newark, each Wednesday beginning January 4. Ticket holders may use trains after early morning commuter hours—the first train, 9:28 A. M. Returning passengers may leave on any train departing up to and including 1:50 A.M. from Newark on Thursday. The round trip will cost .65 to Newark and 1.20 to New York.

Vital Statistics:

Born at Perth Amboy General Hospital: From Iselin — a son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sachkowsky, Benjamin Avenue; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, 120 Bond Street; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bott, 8 Henry Street; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne, 18 Edward Street. Also a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Cedric McCann, 474 Crows Mill Road, Fords; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crump, 77 Avalon Drive, Colonia; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halasz, 59 Loretta Street, Hopelawn; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Mauro, 60 West Pond Road, Hopelawn; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Ragucci, 82 Birch Street, Port Reading; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lach, 179 Minna Avenue, Avenel; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gatan Ciarello, 18 James Street, Hopelawn.

Last But Not Least:

Rodney P. Gibson, master mechanic of the Seawren Generating Plant of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, has been promoted to chief engineer at the Essex Generating Station to take effect January 1. I must be getting old department: It seems just yesterday that Lois Neary was a little toddler and now she is engaged to be married. And now that the old year is growing to a close, I would like to say that I hope you have enjoyed these little tidbits of gossip and information that I have managed to get together for you. Sometimes, I must admit it has been a chore, especially on holiday weeks like this when it is hard digging up stuff to make an interesting column, but if at any time during the year you got a kick out of an item, then it was worth while. And now for the New Year. I wish each and everyone of you a year filled with good health, happiness, contentment and peace. A HAPPY NEW YEAR, ONE AND ALL — R. W.

GIVES SELF TERM

CHICAGO — Admitting to Judge Joseph Butler that he had led police on a 4-mile high-speed chase, Fred J. Estrada, 20, was asked, "Do you know what they do to drunken drivers like you?" The youth answered, "They get a year in the county jail." "You," said the Judge, "have just passed your own sentence."

Exchanges?

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Sweetness and Light

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What is there about wet walls which crack; wood trim which requires perpetual painting; ceilings which need constant attention when the buildings begin to settle? What is so attractive about appropriating \$250,000 in a single year to pay for these repairs — particularly bearing in mind they are the result, ironically, of our spending twice what we need to spend in the original construction cost? For the best answers to these questions, which will stand the light of reason, I'll buy the pansy plants.

I will not be misled—and I hope you won't—by the platitudinous claim that a \$16,000-per-room conventional school of plaster and mortar and wood, will be as economical as a steel building. As Professor Voss pointed out to us, there are many things which can be done with wood which cannot be done with steel—but what about subsequent maintenance costs? For my part, and his, we would far rather put that \$250,000 for maintenance into teachers' salaries and into teaching facilities, rather than in gluing together a lot of tired old construction which is only large enough for half our school population.

It would be too bad if my suggestion that we see if we cannot contrive a Structo school out of our \$4,000,000 budget—now that we know there are no significant objections to such a building—is rejected simply because I make it. There has become to be an implicit resentment in almost anything I propose, so I am not exactly crushed when I see that the Board because of previous building practices is now forced to spend \$250,000 on maintenance alone—and is adhering doggedly to its purpose of creating brand new maintenance expense. The Board and I are separated by a difference in our philosophy of approach to existing problems—because it accepts expensive construction and the

resultant expensive maintenance while I reject them so I can place the emphasis on education.

I had hoped, however, that Woodbridge Township could lead the way to the solution of the school problem. I had hoped it could be us rather than Kinnelon or Franklin Township which would first discard an inane tradition which is hurting community after community toward economic and moral bankruptcy. Apparently, however, we are satisfied with our role—and the spectacle of small children waiting on corners for buses on frosty mornings and trudging home on dark afternoons—all for a half-day session of classes the other side of town.

It seems a cruel prank of fate that while Franklin Township, which heard about Structo from us, in all likelihood will have two new schools ready next September—and ours will just be in process of construction, creating a brand new maintenance liability for ourselves and the necessity another year for \$250,000 worth of painting, plastering and patching.

If there is some vicarious kind of satisfaction in this concept, I think we can embellish our ruminations with a remembrance of our kids, crowded and huddled in the buses and deprived of a normal child's life—just because we have become accustomed to the luxury of spending \$250,000 a year in maintenance.

Organization Set

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no action will be taken at this meeting on pay raise for municipal personnel. He said that a decision as to the amount of the raise will be reached before budget time and the raise will be retroactive to the first of the year.

CHANDELER KILLS WOMAN, 74

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Mrs. Christine B. Atwater, 74, was dining in the banquet room of a local restaurant when a 50-pound wrought-iron chandelier broke loose from the ceiling. It fell on Mrs. Atwater, instantly killing her.



AIDS JAPANESE BLIND GIRL: Sgt. William F. Mangan, 27, Avenel, gives a pair of shoes to a blind girl for Christmas at Yahata City, Japan. Sergeant Mangan's unit, the 8205th Army Unit at Camp Kokura, has contributed money to the Senshin-Ryo Home for blind children for eye examinations and operations and clothes. In their off-duty time the men have built the home a playground. Mangan, son of Mrs. Gertrude Maier, 519 Jansen Avenue, is a finance accountant with the unit. He entered the Army in 1946 and arrived in the Far East in November, 1953.

Santa's Messenger

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giver of each of those gifts. May He reward them each one.

"Last year we received a lovely basket and gifts from you and were overwhelmed, but I think this Christmas will be even finer. It has been 16 months since we have worked. I was very sick and now I have to have an operation in the coming year. Thanking you again for the effort and expense of making us very happy. May your Christmas Day be brighter for it, as the least thing done for Him receives its just reward."

The Independent-Leader Christmas Fund also took care of the family of a man who committed suicide just before Christmas by making a generous cash donation. The widow and her children have gone to live with members of their family in Newark.

The Independent-Leader wishes to express its appreciation to all who contributed to the fund and to all those who aided in the wrapping and in the delivery of the packages.

Unclouded Future

Recommended to all who fear we will be overwhelmed by a flood of foreigners. A daylight flight across the country. There's still an awful lot of room here.—Textile Labor.

Clubwomen Hold Christmas Party

ISELIN — The Woman's Club of Iselin held its annual Christmas party at Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Woodbridge.

Mrs. John Cwikalo, president, read letters to the members from two members who were absent, Mrs. Martha Weickert, who is visiting a daughter in Texas and Mrs. Alice Kehoe who is living with her daughter in California.

Mrs. Carl Storch, program chairman, presented gifts to officers of the club during the past year. Recipients of the gifts were Mrs. John Cwikalo, president, Mrs. Anne Calvert, and Mrs. Herbert Williams who was reported as being ill.

There were 29 present at the party. Guests included Mrs. John Hall of Lawrence Harbor, a former Iselin resident, who was first president of the club, Mrs. Adolph Peterson, Mrs. Olga Mulvey, Mrs. Florence Borup and Susan Bliss, young daughter of Mrs. Cecil Bliss, a member of the club.

ISELIN — There will be a Watch Night Service at Iselin Assembly of God Church, Berkeley Boulevard and Cooper Avenue, Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be a candle-light communion service. Refreshments will be served after the services.

ISELIN PERSONALS



By GLADYS E. SCANK 497 Lincoln Highway Tel. LI-8-1679

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Billings and daughters, Karen and Connie, Avenel, were Christmas evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Billings and children, Diane and Hamilton III, Wright Street. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell and children, Charles and Vera Jean, Wright Street, and Mrs. Vera Hollowell, Jersey City.

—Mrs. Vera Hollowell, Jersey City, was a Christmas week end guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollowell, Wright Street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rechko, Wright Street, were Christmas week end guests of relatives in Dunmore, Pa.

—Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher included Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Asquith and children, Kathy and Billy, Sayreville. The Gallaghers and Mrs. Joseph Dougherty and sons Charles and Joseph of South Plainfield were Christmas Eve guests of the Asquiths.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher visited Mrs. Gallagher's mother, Mrs. Louis Lander, who is a patient at Middlesex Nursing Home, Metuchen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher visited Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Berry, Mrs. Daniel Green, all of Iselin and Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty, Christmas night, Daniel Miller and son, Robert, Harding Avenue, visited the Gallaghers Christmas night.

—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Savino and son, Anthony Jr., Cranford, were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Liscinski, Cooper Avenue. Miss Mary Ann Liscinski is spending the Christmas holidays at her parents' home. She is a student at Trenton State Teacher's College.

—Robert Mauerci, who is a student at Mother of Our Savior Seminary, Blackwood, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mauerci, Bird Avenue.

—Due to an error in an item itemizing the newly elected officers of Iselin Fire Company No. 1, the name of Teddy Allen, who was elected as first assistant chief of the company was omitted.

—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sachkowsky, Benjamin Avenue, announce the birth of a son at Perth Amboy General Hospital.

—The Sisterhood of the Jewish Community of Iselin met Tuesday evening at its meeting room 1353 Oak Tree Road. Plans were discussed for a card party and rummage sale, to be held in the future.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Scank and daughter, Miss Violet Scank, Lincoln Highway and Otis Dougherty, Roselle; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mauerci and children Robert, Thomas, Joseph, Jr., and Rosemary, Bird Avenue, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scank, Metuchen.

—Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Scank, Christmas night were Mrs. Harold Maul and children Glen and Diane, Chesapeake and Otis Dougherty, Roselle. Monday guests of the Scanks were Mrs. Harry Evans and children, Dorothy and Harry, Jr., Marcon Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cuthbertson and children, Dickie and Maureen, Woodbridge Oaks.

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St. Demetrius Community Center 681-691 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret Proudly Presents RAY EBERLE AND HIS ORCHESTRA Formerly Featured with GLENN MILLER NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 1956 Admission \$1.85 Doors Open 8 P.M.

and Otis Dougherty, Roselle. On Christmas Eve, carolers of Colonia Gospel Chapel and from Assemblies of God Church paid a visit to Mrs. Scank who has been ill and cheered with singing beautiful carols. —The family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marmuth, Ridgely Avenue, gathered at the De Preter home with whom the Marmuths reside, Christmas Eve. Guests present include Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Luna, and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Luna and sons, Jerry and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klige and sons, Karl and Adrian; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McSweeney and son, William; Mr. Patrick Carville, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yuhasz and sons, Andrew and Gezal, and Mr. and Mrs. Gustave De Preter and children, Frank and Louise. On Christmas Day, the De Preters and Marmuths paid calls to the members of the family.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Maxwell and children, Kathleen, Ruth Ann, Faith, and Georgie, visited various members of the family Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cuthbertson, Woodbridge Oaks; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mauerci, Iselin; Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Oak Tree; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scank and Mr. and Mrs. William Scank, both of Metuchen.

—Mrs. Laura Maltby, Cooper Avenue, is spending two or three days with her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maltby, Newark.

—Mrs. Bessie Hackett and Miss Jerry Graser, Cooper Avenue, spent Monday with Mrs. Bessie Curtis, Beechwood.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Scank and daughter, Violet, Lincoln Highway, Mrs. Harry Evans and children, Dorothy and Harry, Jr., Marcon Avenue, Otis Dougherty, Roselle, were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maul, Chesapeake.

Peter Tedesco, Trieste Street, who is a patient at Perth Amboy General Hospital, spent Christmas at home with his family but had to return to the hospital.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eckbol and daughter, Betty Jean, Vineland and S 2/c Arthur Markell, Jr., U. S. Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Va., were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Markell Sr., Magnolia Road.

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SUN. THRU TUES. Joan Crawford - Barry Sullivan in "QUEEN BEE" PLUS Mark Stevens - Dorothy Malone in "JACK SLADE"

COMING SOON Kirk Douglas in "THE INDIAN FIGHTER" (CinemaScope)

Scouts Present Skits at Party

COLONIA—Boy Scout Troop 45 held its Christmas party at the American Legion Hall Friday night. Before the festivities started, registration cards were distributed to Anthony Sola, Barry Solish, Howard Newmark, William Sheehan and Harry Sorenson.

During the evening, several games were played and a grab bag was held. The three patrols of the troop, the "Flaming Arrows," "Fanthers" and "Rattlesnakes," put on skits that the boys themselves had written. Scouts played musical instruments and Billy Locke elated the boys in singing Christmas carols.

Soda, ice cream and cakes donated by Mrs. Hope Smith Jr. and Mrs. Helen Lavin was distributed to the boys. The next meeting will be on December 30 at 7:30 P.M. at the American Legion Hall.

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