

Complete News Of New Bremen

Carl Quist was called to Spencer, Ia., because of the illness of his brother Charles.

A-C Richard E. Black has been transferred to Hondo, Tex., where he is attending an advanced navigator school.

George Hulsmeier was removed to his home here Monday from Lima St. Rita's hospital where he submitted to an operation recently.

Mrs. Robert Fark and son Wayne have gone to San Diego, Calif., for a 30-day visit with their husband and father, S-1e Fark of the Navy.

Sisters and brothers of Mr. and Mrs. August Dicke gathered in their home to honor them on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Harry Schroer has moved from the Gustave Dummeyer residence at Main and Pearl streets to the suite of rooms upstairs in the Mel Laut building.

Lafe Scheer, who submitted to a major operation recently in Gibbons hospital at Celina, was removed to his home here last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nedderman entertained with a dinner honoring their son, S-2c Virgil Nedderman, who was home on a nine-day furlough from the Great Lakes naval training station.

Walter Grothaus, president of the First National bank, was a guest of the Huntington bank in Columbus at a bankers' meeting held in Hotel Desher-Wallick last Friday evening.

Mrs. Gustave Dummeyer was hostess to members of the Deborah section of the St. Peter Evangelical Reformed church and their husbands, for the annual Christmas party and December business meeting.

Mrs. Don Schurr has gone to Camp Blanding, Fla., for an indefinite stay with her husband, Pvt. Schurr.

S-2c Ross Rupert arrived from Norfolk, Va., for a seven-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rupert, Sr., and his sisters.

Mrs. Wilbur Rairdon, who has been a patient in St. Rita's hospital at Lima, was brought to her home in the Vornholt invalid coach.

S-2c and Mrs. Virgil Nedderman entertained neighbors in their home northwest of town while he was home on a nine-day furlough.

Cpl. and Mrs. Ted Pohlman are parents of a daughter, Darlene Kay, born last Thursday in the residence. The father is enroute to an unidentified theater of action.

A-S Warren Brockman of Turner Field, Ga., arrived here on a 11-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Brockman. His father was injured in a fall recently.

Cpl. Paul Ketzol and wife were here from Cherry Point, N. C., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pape. Cpl. Ketzol is with the Marine Corps at Cherry Point and his wife has taken a position there doing office work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niemeyer received a letter from their son, Robert (Buddy) Niemeyer, who is in Burma, in which he told of shooting a snake 17 feet long and weighing 300 pounds. A 70-pound deer was found inside the reptile according to Pvt.

Ration Calendar

Meats, Fats, Etc.—Book 4 Red Stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through S-5 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Dec. 31.

Processed Foods—Book 4 Blue Stamps A-8 through Z-8, A-5 through Z-5 and A-2 and B-2 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Jan. 1.

SUGAR—Stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, in Book 4, good for five pounds each until used. Sugar stamps 40 good for five pounds of home canning sugar. Spare stamp 37 (not sugar stamp 37) must accompany application to ration board for additional home canning sugar. Maximum allowance per person, 20 pounds.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3 good until further notice.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-13 good for 4 gallons expires at midnight, Dec. 21. Stamps B-4, B-5, C-4 and C-5 good for five gallons indefinitely.

TIRES—Inspections of passenger vehicle tires not compulsory unless applying for tires. Motorists must keep inspection record for use when applications for tires or supplemental gasoline rations are made.

FUEL OIL—Coupons 4 and 5 of the 1943-44 heating season good. Coupon 1 of the 1944-45 heating season now good. Unit value, 10 gallons.

LIQUOR—New three-week ration period will begin Dec. 11. Ration card required only in purchase of whisky or domestic gin.

Niemeyer who wrote also he killed a lizard six feet long.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wehrman entertained their children and grandchildren recently in honor of their grandson, A-S Donald Metz, who was home from the Great Lakes naval training station.

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dummeyer gathered in their farm home recently for a farewell party for the couple who are leaving the farm this week and moving here into the residence at Main and Pearl streets which they bought.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roediger have gone to San Diego, Calif., to visit for an indefinite time with their son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Roediger. Mrs. Vernon Roediger is employed there as a government bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dicke entertained with a dinner in their residence northwest of town for members of the 1944 senior class of New Bremen high school and the class advisor, Miss Alvina Burk. Their daughter, Miss Laurie Dicke, is a member of the class.

BURKETTSTVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Clem King of Dayton visited Mrs. Rosa Reinders Sunday.

Edward F. Rammel of Dayton visited relatives here over the week end.

Cpl. Louis Schwieterman spent Sunday with Edward Schwieterman and family.

Mrs. Margaret Winhoven entertained relatives from Dayton during the week end.

Julius Moorman was taken to the hospital at Union City Saturday suffering with blood poisoning.

Sgt. Greg Heinrichs spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs and family.

Forty Hours' Devotion was closed here Sunday evening. Rev. Paul Buehler, ordained to the priesthood in the morning, gave his first blessing at the close of the service.

Marriage banns were announced the first time on the feast of the Immaculate Conception for Soundman 2-c Wilfred Bruns and Miss Alvira Weaning, the wedding to be Dec. 20. His brother, Bernard, stationed in Washington, arrived Monday evening on furlough and will be best man.

OSGOOD

Earl Vandenoosh of Greenville was a recent visitor here. Mrs. Robert J. Bohman was taken to a Celina hospital last

Friday. She is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Winner and family visited relatives in Dayton recently.

Eugene Rhoades, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rhoades, was home on furlough recently.

Cpl. and Mrs. Vernon Hull are parents of a son born at Wayne hospital, Greenville.

Mrs. George G. Bohman spent several days with the Alph J. Buschur family at Coldwater.

The Christmas play to be given by the grades will be presented at the school Wednesday evening, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Winner attended the funeral of August Sextro at McCartyville Saturday. Mr. Sextro was an uncle of Mrs. Winner.

Choir rehearsals are being held each Friday evening at St. Nicholas church in preparation for Christmas. Several boys have been added to the choir.

Mrs. Louis Alexander entertained her card club and Mrs. August Reichert and Mrs. Joseph Lachey were winners of the prizes. The club meets every two weeks.

Herman Brandewie of Egypt, vice president of the Osgood State bank, was in Columbus last Friday and attended a bankers' meeting in the evening in Hotel Desher-Wallick as the guest of the Huntington National bank. Post-war problems effecting the business were discussed and prominent speakers heard. Mr. Brandewie returned Saturday.

SOCIETIES ELECT

The St. Nicholas Men's society observed its anniversary with a high mass at St. Nicholas church during which members received communion. After the services the following officers were elected: August Dirksen, president; Bernard Dahlinghaus, secretary, and Andrew Heckman, treasurer. The St. Barbara Married Ladies' society recently elected Mrs. Fred Hoelscher, president; Mrs. John Poepelman, secretary, and Mrs. Frank Arling, treasurer.

BUS SCHEDULE

EAST BOUND			WEST BOUND			
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Sun days and Holidays Only	Daily Except Sun days and Holidays 8:10 P. M.
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FORT LORAMIE NEWS:

AUXILIARY MEMBERS PLAN GIFT EXCHANGE

The auxiliary of the Knights of St. John will have its monthly meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 21. A covered dish supper will be served promptly at 7. Members are asked to provide their own table service. A 35-cent gift exchange will be held.

At the next meeting, Elsie Albers will be chairlady. Her assistants will be Ethel Freytag, Anna E. Raterman, Corrine Schulte, Cecelia Busse, Clara Brockton, Hilda Griner and Franzen Walkup.

Rhinehart Zircher was taken to Wilson Memorial hospital in Sidney for treatment.

Margaret Machem of Toledo visited for a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer and family.

Pte. Virgil Arkenberg, stationed in Arizona, arrived home on a 10-day furlough to visit his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Arkenberg.

Mrs. Joe L. Willman, Mrs. Lawrence Albers and Mrs. Joe Turner were guests at a meeting of the Knights of St. John auxiliary at Minster Monday evening.

The Servicemen's Aid club will hold its final meeting for 1944 in St. Michael's hall Monday, Dec. 18. All soliciters are urged to be there. All relatives and friends of boys and girls in service are invited. During the meeting election of officers will take place.

Cane Chairs

Chairs that are graceful in design and have holes bored in the seat frame may be caned. For chairs of sturdy or rustic design, rustic materials such as rush, Hong Kong grass and splint are suitable. All woven seats need a protective finish. Canned surfaces may be left natural and waxed, or they may be clear-varnished or shellacked. Rush seats should be treated before they are thoroughly dry, a coat of shellac varnish being applied to both top and bottom. Splint seats can be preserved indefinitely by giving them several coats of equal parts of crude oil and turpentine.

Leonard Hoying Wins Commission in Texas

Completing the toughest 18 weeks in the Army Air Forces Training Command, a new class of bombardier-aviators, of which Leonard R. Hoying of northeast of Ft. Loramie was a member, was graduated recently at Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas and received their commissions as second lieutenants and flight officers.

Already skilled as an aerial gunner, young Hoying, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hoying and who attended International Business college at Ft. Wayne, Ind., before entering the service, now is a triple-threat member of a deadly aerial combat team.

In his study and practice of dead reckoning he has learned its application to the problem of bombing enemy targets and how it can aid in making evasive action more effective. He has become as familiar with aerial reconnaissance photographs of enemy installations as the road map of his home state.

The new bombardier-navigator now is ready for the final phase of his combat training in which he will take his place as a key man in the aerial fighting teams of the AAF.

New address of Lt. Kathryn E. Barhorst of the Army Nurse Corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barhorst, follows: Lt. Barhorst, A. N. C., N-768423, Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Transferred from "care of the postmaster" at Seattle, Wash., Pvt. Urban A. Boeger 35037452, now may be reached by writing him care Btry G, 40 C. A., N. Camp Hood, Texas.

Ensign James R. Vogelsang has an address care the fleet postoffice, San Francisco, Calif., which may be obtained from his parents, and Sgt. Albert L. Boeger has a change in his overseas address which may be obtained from his family.

SEBASTIAN

Miss Helen Wies spent several days in Piqua visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hein are parents of a daughter born Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Falke spent Sunday evening in Coldwater.

Mrs. Gregory Goecke and son of St. Henry spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Mary Ann Schuerman spent the week end in St. Henry with Mrs. Gregory Goecke and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hein and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gerhart Falke.

Miss Priscilla Hein of Celina spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hein and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wenning and son of Mendon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wenning and family.

Joseph Borgert, SOM-3c, returned to California Monday after a 30-day survivor's leave with his mother, Mrs. Frances Borgert and family.

Sweating Closet

A frequent hot weather complaint of the bathroom is a water closet that sweats. Sweating on the outside of closet bowls and tanks is from moisture in the air deposited when it comes into contact with surfaces chilled by cold water in the supply system. When the water reaches room temperature, there is no further sweating.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The benefit card party given by the St. Ann Married Ladies' sodality last Friday evening was attended by a large crowd. Prizes in sheephead were claimed by Frank Pleiman, Anton Pleiman, Mrs. Frank Barhorst, John Aselage and Alphonse Stang, and in five hundred by Mrs. Frank Sommer and Mrs. Louise Busse. The door prizes went to Frank Turner and Anton Pleiman. The sodality is grateful to all who helped make the event a success.

MCCARTYVILLE

There was no school here Tuesday because of drifted roads.

Mr. and Mrs. John Albers and family spent Sunday afternoon with the Tony Albers family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Huecker entertained neighbors at a party in their home near here Sunday evening.

Young Ladies' sodality held the anniversary communion at mass Sunday morning. Several new members joined.

A group of young people gave a farewell party Saturday evening in honor of Bernard Frilling and Fritz Egbert who leave for the armed forces Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoying and family were guests at St. Charles seminary Saturday for the ordination ceremonies. Their son, Norbert, received his minor orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albers received word last week that their son, Sgt. Alphonse Albers who is stationed in Italy, had received the Purple Heart for injuries received some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bensman and family are enjoying a gift of fruit, oranges, grapefruit and tangerines that their son, Virgil, sent them from Miami Beach, Fla., where he has been for a month.

Neighbors and friends gathered at the Victor Huelskamp home Sunday evening for a farewell courtesy. The Huelskamp family will move from their home on Route 119 to a Bertsch farm southwest of Anna.

Roman Buehler, seaman at Great Lakes, was home for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buehler and family. Roman has been on the west coast for some time recuperating from an attack of rheumatic fever which he contracted while in boot training at Great Lakes. His condition is reported as better.

NEWPORT

Mrs. Emma Grilliot spent several days with her children at Troy.

Mrs. Jack Bemus entered Piqua hospital Monday for an appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Borchers and family of Russia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borchers.

Keep Milking Machine Clean

Both motor and pump of the milking machine should be in a clean, dry place and far away from the dust of hay and grain.

Loramie Vo-Ag Boys Busy With Projects

Ft. Loramie vocational agriculture boys are on their way to get started farming and help provide the nation's food supply. This year the four classes average two and four-tenths projects per boy and three and three-tenths supervised practices each.

Of the 27 boys in the department, the following numbers of students elected the following projects: sow and litter, 23; poultry flocks, three; chicks for pullet production, three; chicks for meat production, two; dairy herds, four; dairy heifers, three; sheep flock, three, and steer projects, three.

The following numbers of boys elected various supervised practices: farm accounts, 12; dairy herd receipts, 11; poultry flock records, eight; culling poultry, five; soil testing, pruning, spraying trees and reforestation, 35; home beautification, three, and raising pleasants, 15.

Various crop projects were elected by the following numbers: corn, 12; potatoes, two; tomatoes, one; oats, one; wheat, two, and soybeans, four.

The boys are required to keep accurate cost and return records of their projects. A project book is used by each student in which he keeps his inventory, feed, labor, overhead cost, weights and sales.

At the end of the year he summarizes and analyzes his project. He finds the total cost of production per pound or bushel and compares his record with those of other students. In this way efficiency of production is stressed and reasons for the results explained.

Many of last year's projects are completed and production costs will be announced soon.

CLUB ENTERTAINED

Miss Margaret Gaier entertained members of the bridge club in her home Monday evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. John Anthony, Mrs. Amelia Freytag and Mrs. Ed Freytag. Later a tasty lunch was served. Present were Elnore Lehnkuhl, Anna Raterman, Mrs. John Anthony, Mrs. Hattie Raterman, Mrs. Amelia Freytag, Mrs. Ed Freytag, Lauretta and Ursula Wilkous, and the hostess, Miss Gaier.

CASSELLA

Peter Ranly and Frank Goettmoeller attended the AAA meeting at Maria Stein.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Heitkamp and family were Celina business callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cron and family attended the Christmas program at Egypt Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lillian Feltz of Ft. Wayne and Lt. Henry Leugers of the Army were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Feltz and daughter.

Rev. Urban Siegrist of Divi Thomas institute, Cincinnati, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Siegrist and family.

Forty Hours' Devotion will be observed here starting Sunday at 7:30 a. m. It will close Tuesday with a high mass at 10 a. m. Services will be held in the afternoon at 1:30. Benediction will be at 7:30 every evening.

Pine Has War Uses

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ACTIVITIES IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Marries Navy Man

In Washington
Miss Rita Elisabeth Hakemoller, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hakemoller, Sr., was married to Philip Thomas, petty officer, United States Naval Reserve, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Philip J. Thomas of Toledo, Tuesday morning. The marriage took place in the Naval Memorial chapel in Washington, D. C. Lt. Comdr. Brubaker, Catholic chaplain, performed the ceremony. Lloyd Middaugh, petty officer second class, and Mrs. Middaugh, friends of the bride and bridegroom, were the only attendants.

The bride wore a forest green suit with a gold hat veiled in brown. Accessories were of matching gold and brown. A corsage of bronzed-yellow roses completed her costume. Mrs. Middaugh appeared in a heather brown suit with coral accessories and wore a corsage of clove-pink roses.

Following the wedding ceremony a breakfast was served in the Hotel Mayflower in Washington.
Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Minster high school and attended Western college. For the past several years she has been associated with the Army Air Forces at Wright Field. The bridegroom attended Waite high school in Toledo and is a graduate of the University of Colorado where he was active in athletics. For the past three years he has been with the Navy. The couple will reside in Washington, D. C. until he completes his present course at the advanced gunner school.

Birthday Of John Fischer Celebrated

Mrs. John Fischer entertained recently with a turkey dinner honoring the birthday of her husband, in their residence on North Main street. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schneider and daughters Carol K. and Barbara.

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Entertain For Nephew Home On Leave

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frericks entertained with a dinner Sunday in honor of their nephew, Lt. Frank Busse of Ft. Benning, Ga., who is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Busse. Present were the honored guest, Lt. Busse; Mr. and Mrs. John Stueve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Busse, New Bremen; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Busse, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Fischer, John Busse, Miss Hilda Frericks, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Frericks and family. Invited but unable to be present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Murphy and daughter Mary, of Dayton.

Housewarming Party Held In New Residence

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Westerheide entertained a group of friends Sunday evening at a housewarming party in their new and completely modern home east of Minster, into which they moved recently.

The evening was spent at cards and first honors were claimed by Ben Kramer, second by Miss Carrie Haverbeck and third by Mrs. Clara Holtzhauser. A delicious lunch was served late in the evening.

Present were Miss Rose Feldman, Misses Amelia and Carrie and John Haverbeck, Miss Margaret Hornman, Miss Celia and Ben Kramer, Mrs. Clara Holtzhauser and son Tom, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Westerheide and son Joey.

St. Rose Sodality Has Its Christmas Party

Members of the St. Rose sodality had their Christmas party in the high school Tuesday evening. Forty were present. Beano was played with prizes won by Misses Alvina Fortman, Margaret Hornstman, Hilda Frericks and Rosemary Beckman. The door prize was won by Miss Mary Wernsing. An exchange of gifts was held and a delicious lunch served.

Has Christmas Party For Young Friends

Miss Lois Ann Streacker entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Streacker. Games were enjoyed with prizes awarded. A gift exchange was held and a tasty lunch served. Present were Misses Mary and Norma Sautman, Beverly Schmieder, Doris Ann Ritter, Patsy Shenk, and Lois Ann.

Commercial Club Ladies Christmas Party Held

The potluck dinner and Christmas party given by the Commercial club ladies Wednesday evening was successful and the committee is grateful to all who participated for their cooperation. Decorations were carried out in a Christmas theme. Prizes for pinocle were won by Mrs. Maurice Bernhold, Mrs. Bernard Budde and Mrs. A. J. Wagner. Winning scores in sheephead were held by Mrs. Caroline Kramer, Mrs. August Luckman and Mrs. Sylvester Froning. A gift exchange was held. The next card party will be Wednesday evening, Dec. 22.

Minster FFA Has 6th Parent-Son Banquet

Sixth annual parent and son banquet of the Minster chapter, Future Farmers of America, was held in the high school community rooms last Thursday evening. The dinner, consisting of fried pheasant, dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, bread, butter, fruit salad, coffee, ice cream and cake, was served by girls of the home economics department.

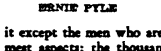
Harvey Schmiesing, president, was toastmaster during the program which included the singing of America by the group. The invocation was given by Fr. Theodore Koenn, and the chapter ceremony followed.

The welcome was given by the chapter vice president, Roger Bornhorst, and the response by Harry Lehmkuhl of the parents. Harold Homan, chapter reporter, introduced the guests. Ted Fischer gave a talk on his steers which he exhibited at the Auglaize county fair. Orville Poepelman gave a brief outline of his feed lamb project of last year. Arthur Bergman, Norbert Schimmel and Urban Schlatter joined voices in singing an FFA song titled Home on the Range.

Ivo Hoying gave an outline of the accomplishments of last year. Bernard Boecker, president last year, gave a brief talk on Our Ohio FFA association. Vag plans for his next three years in agriculture were disclosed by Alfred Lehmkuhl, a freshman. Distribution of awards by D. C. Sharp, the adviser, followed, and

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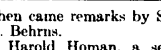
There are probably still some G.I.'s who would not give their last cigarette or blanket to Ernie Pyle. But nothing that any G.I. can scrounge from another is too good for him. This glowing tribute to one of our top war correspondents was recently paid by Time Magazine, and from all we hear Ernie Pyle more than deserves it.



ERDIE PYLE

His book on the African campaign, "Here Is Your War," sold over a million copies, all told. His new book, "Brave Men," which covers the war from the Sicilian campaign to the liberation of Paris, is the Book-of-the-Month Club selection for December. A special feature of "Brave Men": the author lists every service man with whom he talked and the name of his home town.

Ernie Pyle hates war, everything about it except the men who are fighting it. He tells about it in all its grim aspects: the thousands of dead on the Normandy beach-head— and among the litter and debris, thousands of sheets of blank litter paper, on which the men had planned to write home about their first visit to France. He tells innumerable heroic exploits; among his "brave men" was the wounded English flier, pinioned for eight days under his plane, whose first remark to his rescuers was an apology for the trouble he was causing them.



BEACH HEAD

But there was one glorious moment: "I had thought that for me there could never again be any elation in war, but I had reckoned without the liberation of Paris. . . . The streets of Paris are very wide and they were packed on each side. . . . The women were all brightly dressed in white or red blouses and colorful peasant skirts. . . . Everybody was throwing flowers."

Ernie Pyle says he didn't hear any classic remarks when the American troops entered France, such as the famous "Lafayette we are here," of the last war. The nearest to it was made by an ack-ack gunner, sitting on a mound of earth about two weeks after D-Day, reading the "Stars and Stripes." All of a sudden, he said, "Say, where's this Normandy beach-head it talks about in here?" Pyle realized he was serious and he told him, "You're sitting on it." The gunner looked up in surprise, "Well, I'll be damned! I never knewed that," he said.

then came remarks by Supt. F. J. Behrus.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Schmiesing and sons Harvey and John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoying and son Ivo, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Homan and sons Harold and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Bornhorst

and son Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoying and son Virgil, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Albers and son Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wochmeyer and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winner and son Paul, Ed Seger and son Urban, Mrs. Gertrude Bernard and Melvin and Andrew Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fischer and son Ted, Mr. and Mrs. August Poepelman and sons Orville and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmitmeyer and son Eugene, Joseph Schulse and son Mervyn, Mr. and Mrs. John Horstman and son Cletus, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruns and son Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Aloys Osterloh and son Othmar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poepelman and son Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prenger and son Edward, Mr. and Mrs. John Schimmel and son Norbert, Mr. and Mrs. August Bergman and son Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winner and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arling and son Urban.

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--SUNDAY, DEC. 24, AT 6 P. M.--

Old Santa is again coming to Minster and the Crescent theatre to meet all his children friends, and will be brought here by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. All the kiddies are invited to be on hand to see him.

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Table with columns for various grain types and prices, including Wheat Flour, Corn, and Soybeans.

1944 DECEMBER 1944 calendar grid showing dates from 1 to 31.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Treon, daughter Roberta and son James, spent Saturday in Dayton. My barber shop will be open all day next Monday for convenience of my customers. Albert Barhorst.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Schlater and son David made a business trip to Dayton last Friday. Miss Mary Lou Bornhorst of Dayton spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bornhorst.

Pvt. Richard Niemeyer of Battle Creek, Mich., spent the week end with his mother, Dora, and his sister, Miss Erma. Lt. Frank Schmucker left Thursday for the east coast after spending a week's leave with his wife, Jane. He came here from Fresno, Calif.

S-Sgt. Joseph J. Wehrle of Camp Atterbury, Ind., spent the week end with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Heintl and family.

Just received a shipment of mirrors in different sizes. See our windows. Hoying-Westerheide Howe, Minster.

Pfc. Donald Wendeln arrived here Sunday from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., to spend a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendeln and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roettgerman are parents of a daughter born at Piqua Memorial hospital Sunday. Mother and baby are fine. Mrs. Roettgerman is the former Miss Lucille Westerheide.

Mrs. Elsie Donauer went to Columbus Tuesday where she took a train for Norfolk, Va., to spend the week end with her husband, Robert Donauer, S-1c, with the Navy.

Cpl. Roger W. Frericks has been transferred from Camp Plauche, La., to the following address: A. S. N. 35543263, Co. B, 4th Repl. Bn., A. S. F., Personnel Repl. Depot, Camp Beale, Calif.

Pvt. Vernon M. Naber, stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas, has a slight change in address as follows: A. S. N. 35240012, Co. C, 102nd Bn., 3860 Unit, Camp Claiborne, La. His wife, Katherine, and their children reside here.

Melvin Wendeln, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendeln here, having passed naval aviation tests in Detroit last week, went to Columbus Tuesday and passed another exam then was sent to Memphis, Tenn., for basic training before beginning schooling for the air corps.

As has been the custom for a number of years, Santa Claus will be a guest at the Crescent theater at 6 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 24, to meet all the children of Minster. The kiddies' jovial friend and benefactor is being brought here, as in the past, by the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary.

Misses Ann Knapke and Marcia Kinny of Dayton were week end guests of Mrs. Anna Knapke and family.

Miss Evelyn and Victor Meyer of Dayton were week end guests of their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Meyer and son Dennis, and Leona Meyer, visited relatives in Dayton Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Frericks went to Texas last Thursday to visit with her husband, Pvt. Clifford Frericks, stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas.

Mrs. Harold Ciriego and daughter Linda Sue, of Piqua, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ritter and family.

Members of the American Legion ladies' auxiliary will have the regular meeting and Christmas exchange in the Legion hall Friday evening at 7:30.

Wilfred H. Heyne, S-1c, stationed in San Diego, Calif., has a slight change in address as follows: Div. 7, No. 1119-3, N. A. S., San Diego 35, Calif.

Lt. Frank Busse of Ft. Benning, Ga., who is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Busse, expects to return to camp Friday.

Mrs. Edna Appleton of Newport News, Richmond, Va., returned to her home there Wednesday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Helen Weiskittel.

Miss Bonnie Wetzel of here and Miss Therese Wetzel of Columbus spent the week end in Cincinnati with their sister, Miss Marge, student at Mt. St. Joseph college.

Cpl. Norbert J. Wissman has a slight change in address as follows: A. S. N. 35117676, Co. A, 17th Bn., 5th Regt., I. R. T. C., Ft. McClellan, Ala. He is the son of Mrs. Alvina Wissman of Ft. Loramie and brother of Mrs. Bernard Budde here.

Delbert Barhorst, technician fifth grade, left Wednesday for Miami, Fla., where he is to report for reassignment Friday after a 21-day enroute visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barhorst. He came here from Northern Italy after spending more than 30 months overseas.

Paper Gas Tanks Auxiliary paper gasoline tanks, known as jettison tanks because they can be dropped from an aircraft when empty, are reported in use on British fighting aircraft, says Domestic Commerce. The tanks are described as cigar shaped, made in three sections consisting of layers of paper bonded together with an adhesive and moulded over a cast to the required shape. After they have been dried and sandpapered, the three sections are assembled and a band of wood is inserted at the joints. Small metal parts are then added, after which the tank is "doped" and finally coated with all-weather cellulose paint.

Bond Drive Lags In Village, Township

Despite oft-repeated pleas of chairmen in charge of the separate campaigns that purchases be made early, Minster and Jackson township are lagging behind in their purchases of bonds in the Sixth War Loan drive, a compilation of total figures for each at the Minster State bank revealed at noon Thursday. A total of \$75,700 has been subscribed toward bond purchases toward the village campaign goal of \$83,780. Jackson township has not even attained the half-way mark. With its quota established at \$17,160 only \$17,800 in bonds have been sold.

REGISTERED BULL SOLD F. W. Lammers, Borkins Brown Swiss breeder, has sold the bull, Rainbow Wonder (6318) to Edwin Keim, Mt. Carroll, Ill., the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' association revealed.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE - Still a few radios left. Call Minster 803-W.

WANTED - Young man for full or part-time employment. Post Printing Co.

WANTED TO BUY - Yellow popcorn. Ethel Hunt, Covington, O., R. R. 2.

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MINSTER GRADES GIVE TO JUNIOR RED CROSS

Eleven schools contributed \$142.27 to the "enrollment for service" campaign of the West Auglaize Junior Red Cross chapter. Of this \$26 was sent to the eastern area and \$116.27 retained locally to aid the armed forces and for other projects. Schools contributing were Minster grades, Huenke, German township west side, Dohse, New Knoxville grades and high school, Noble township centralized, East, West, Bunker Hill and Memorial high school, St. Marys.

Members of the St. Monica sodality will have the annual Christmas party and exchange of gifts at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the high school auditorium.

FOR SALE - Fresh laid, Ben Fullenkamp, 2 mi. south of Maria Stein.

WANTED TO BUY - Hogs, sheep and calves on Saturday. Producers' Livestock association, Lufe Hirschfeld, Mgr., Kettlersville, O.

IF INTERESTED in clean eggs get some new improved Roll-a-Way Egg Nests. Write or see Roll-a-Way Egg Nest, New Knoxville, O.

LOST - Two heavy covers for protecting furniture, somewhere along State Route 119 east of Maria Stein, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. Home Furniture Co., New Bremen.

FOR SALE - Bred gilts. Registered Duroc gilts. Bred to Prospector's Pride champion aged bear of Ohio and Perfecto Superba, sire of our grand champion sow, Roman J. Rose, 2 mi. south of St. Henry and 1/2 mi. west of 118.

RATION-FREE SHOES

Repeating last year's provision, the OPA has authorized retail shoe dealers to sell a limited number of obsolete shoes ration-free effective Friday of this week. One dollar a pair is the highest price that can be charged.

Anticipate Demands Local governments are working hard to put their financial houses in order to anticipate as much as possible financial demands of postwar reconstruction and development. It has been pointed out that some 270 cities already have salted away as cash reserves or war bonds around \$103,000,000, a figure which may be doubled by next year or 1946. These cities also are taking steps to reduce their bonded indebtedness.

The reserve funds are mainly for deferred maintenance, purchasing new equipment and making utility extensions, though many cities reporting in the postwar planning poll by the International City Managers association plan to finance a large share of their projects from reserve funds and current taxes.

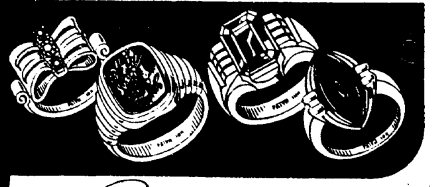
CHURCH NEWS

Next Sunday will be the monthly communion day for the Holy Name society. St. Monica sodality will hold a Christmas party in the high school at 8 p. m. next Tuesday. A 50-cent gift exchange will be held.

Parishioners are dispensed from fasting and abstinence on the December ember days, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20, 22 and 23. However they must abstain from meat on Friday.

Linda Rose Baumer, daughter of Julius Baumer and Emma Meyer, was baptized. Sponsors were Lawrence Baumer and Rose Meyer. Henry Bernard Oberling, son of Herman J. Oberling and Verona Brandewie, was baptized. Sponsors were Walter Helmsing and Theresa Hainner.

Green Bananas Bananas must be harvested green



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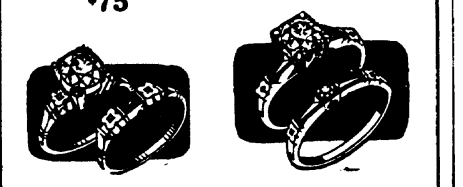
DANCE AT THE Land O' Dance ST. HENRY, O. SATURDAY NITE TO EARL BALTES and His Merry Makers AND ON SUNDAY NITE TO A SPECIAL 11-PIECE BAND ADMISSION 75c

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MR. WINKLE GOES TO WAR

By Theodore Pratt

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER IX: Granted a week's furlough, Mr. Winkle goes home...

CHAPTER X: "This is it!" Under the realization of this Mr. Winkle...

CHAPTER XI: The land on the steep pine slope planted at Talizo...

CHAPTER XII: Mr. Winkle and Mr. Tinker meet the Alphabet on a ridge...

"I don't understand," he said. "We're supposed to be on Talizo...

PIQUAR

FRI., SAT. DEC. 15 - 16

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MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM

"HEAVENLY DAYS"

SUN., MON. DEC. 17 - 18

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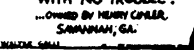
THE HIGHEST AVERAGE EVER MADE AT WEST POINT WAS MADE BY A MAN WHO LATER FOUGHT AGAINST THE U.S. - ROBERT E. LEE ...



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WINKLE, HERO OF TALIZO

He dropped the paper. He was dizzy.

"You do the talking," Mr. Winkle ordered.

Jack himself had merely been knocked out and wounded by the explosion of the lucky shell in the fox hole.

Mr. Winkle was amazed at the extent that a mouse could be changed into a lion.



GEORGE CURRIE, OF 5 PORTSMOUTH AVE., DEERE PARK, STATEN ISLAND, WAS SERVING WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT MONTFALCON, FRANCE, IN 1918 ...

tion to him. "And look at these papers," Jack rummaged in a locker between the beds...

WINKLE, HERO OF TALIZO He dropped the paper. He was dizzy. "You do the talking," Mr. Winkle ordered.

Mr. Winkle knew about his arm. Because of the bullet that had gone through his shoulder, he would never lift his left arm above his head again.

Mr. Winkle was amazed at the extent that a mouse could be changed into a lion. At the same time he knew that he was not all lion. He was both creatures. He

(To be continued)

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ST. ROSE

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hemmelgarn were business callers at Coldwater last Friday.

Mrs. Henry Bombolt helped Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Drosch butcher at Chickasaw.

Misses Henrietta Kehres and Maria Schuerman spent the week end in Fort Jennings.

Miss Anna Lou Sullivan of Celina spent last Friday evening with Miss Alma Bernard.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lochtefeld and family entertained company from Kenton and Indiana over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Braum of Coldwater spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fortkamp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fisher and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. William Sharkey at Glynwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knapp and son of Maria Stein spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Harting and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harting and daughter and Otto and Conrad Harting, of Dayton, spent the week end with Mrs. Elizabeth Harting.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Huelman and family of St. Henry spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harting and daughter.

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FRI., SAT.

FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY

---in--- HEAVENLY DAYS

MARIA STEIN STATION

Medard Kramer and family of Fort Wayne spent Sunday with the Gregor Esser family.

John Fortkamp has been doing carpenter work at the Lawrence Winner home at Egypt.

Merimus Ruschau and family of Dayton visited Mrs. Ben Ruschau and family Sunday.

Lt. Henry Leugers of Salmon Field, La., spent the week end here with the H. H. Leugers family.

Commissioner-elect Anthony Kleinhenz spent a couple of days in Columbus last week attending a convention.

Miss Vera Gages is spending a few days at the home of Ed Schenking, recuperating from an operation underwent a week ago.

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TANGERINES 28c

KROGER FOOD MARKETS

Newsy Notes From St. Henry

Mrs. Anna Bushman returned after a couple weeks in Dayton.

Mrs. Jack Stammem spent the week end in Dayton visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Gard Yaney spent Sunday with Mrs. George Breymeyer in Ft. Recovery.

Miss Dorothy Kunkler of Carthage spent the week end with Delores Everman.

Pvt. Lamar Bierley of Ft. Benning, Ga., is spending a 15-day furlough with his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gels are parents of a daughter born at Gibbons hospital and named Judith Ann.

Mrs. Regina Rose of here and Mark Schockman of Dayton spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Schockman at Coldwater.

Miss Mary Jansen returned to Dayton after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jansen and family.

Miss Ruth Esther Uhlenhake of Dayton was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Uhlenhake and children.

Pvt. Marinus Fullenkamp of Chanute Field, Ill., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fullenkamp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steinle of Ft. Recovery spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bruns and Miss Clara Schindler.

Miss Dorothy Klenke, who is employed in Celina, was a recent guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Klenke and family.

Mr. and Mrs. August Dues and family of Philothesa spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Borger and daughter Mary Kathryn.

Mr. and Mrs. Seraphim Lehd and sons spent Sunday evening visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bettinger and children at Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoelscher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Franks and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bernard and family of Columbus were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bernard and family and Mrs. Lewis Bernard.

Mrs. Louis Bernard returned after spending several weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bernard and family, in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hattert and daughters Donna Ann and Wanda Lou were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Langenkamp and children.

Misses Betty and Helen Vondrell of Dayton were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vondrell and children Ruth, Virginia and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Huelman of St. Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woeste and family of Dayton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Braun in Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Romer and children Ronald, Kenneth and Diane, of Ft. Recovery, were recent visitors with Henry Vian, daughter Betty Joan and son Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Klenke and son Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kunk and son Donald, and Dorothy Klenke, of Celina, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Klenke.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Borger and sons Eugene and Joseph, of Carthage visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borger and daughter Della Mae and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borger.

Mrs. Mary Langenkamp and daughter Delores of Osgood spent Saturday evening in the homes of Mrs. Catherine Kemper, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borger, daughter Della Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Borger.

Miss Norma Dillhoff of Fort Wayne spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Dillhoff and son Elmer, and with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Uhlenhake and children Carol Ann, Jimmy and Mary Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Mader and children of Dayton were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Uhlenhake, and daughter Adeline, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Uhlenhake and children, Carol Ann, Jimmy and Mary Jean.

Lt. and Mrs. Paul E. Homan are parents of a daughter born at Gibbons hospital, named Patricia Ellen. Lt. Homan is stationed at Mountain Home, Ida. Mrs. Homan is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Uhlenhake.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosengarten and family of Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Drosch of Wendelin, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krebs of Dayton, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Borger and daughter Mary Kathryn.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kemper and sons and Mrs. Gene Grevenkamp and children Carol Ann and Teddy during the past week, included Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Broerman and sons of Burkettsville, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Quinter of Cranberry, Mrs. Mary Lan-

U.S. MARINES



HEROIC MARINE OFFICER AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR

LT. COL. AQUILLA JAMES DYESS, USMC, FOR WHOM THE AIRFIELD AT ROI, NAMUR ISLAND, WAS NAMED... WAS KILLED LEADING HIS TROOPS AGAINST JAP POSITIONS... CONSPICUOUS FOR HIS ENTIRE FREEDOM FROM FEAR UNDER FIRE... COL. DYESS WAS CITED FOR "DARING AND FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP."

genkamp and daughter Delores of Osgood, and Miss Alice Jane Kemper of Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schrage and daughter Ruth visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark King and daughter Mary Alma recently near Coldwater. Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Busehur, Misses Catherine and Ida Knapschlafer and Wilfred Rosenbeck of Coldwater, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mader and daughters Rosemary and Catherine of Wendelin.

Houston In Double Win Over Local '5s'

Need of a stronger will to win by the local high school varsity cage quintet if it is to put up any kind of a showing in the remainder of the court season this school term was seen following a game with Houston played at the Shelby county school Tuesday.

When Houston, after holding a slim lead during the first half, increased its margin to six points

up to the opening of the final quarter, Minster's defense cracked up and the players then gave up. No team can win by throwing in the towel.

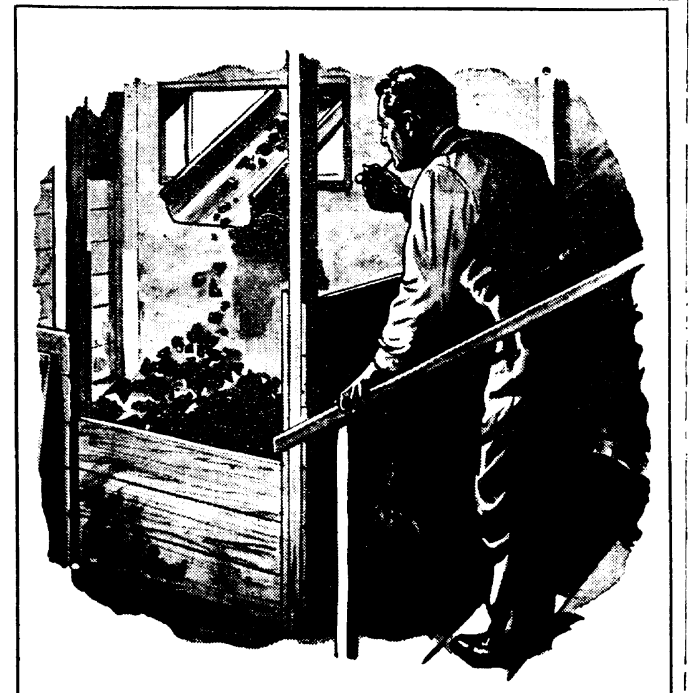
Result of this crack-up was a scoring spree by the home team which wound up with a total of 17 points amassed almost at will. The final score, 40 to 24, does not tell the true story of the contest, since it was anybody's game up to the disastrous last quarter.

Houston reserves annexed the preliminary game also, but they played hard to win. This game was close all through and the result always in doubt until the final whistle. The margin of victory was one point, 20-19.

Minster's varsity came from behind to win, 27-23 at New Bremen last Friday evening. Vallo was hot in this contest, scoring eight times from the field and once from the charity line for 17 points. Minster reserves came near blanking Bremen's second team, holding the home players to a single point scored from the foul line in the second canto, and winning 14-1.

Maria Stein St. John will be here for a game Friday night, and Waynesfield, with one of the best teams in the Auglaize high school loop, comes next Thursday, Dec. 21, for the third league game for Minster.

Derrnell.....	0	0	0	Wyen.....	1	1	3	
Totals	6	9	16	19	Thiemann.....	0	0	0
Minster	6	12	14	20	Totals	6	2	14
Houston	6	12	14	20	Bremen Res.	G	F	T
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Schlatter.....	0	1	1	McCullen.....	0	0	0	
Schemmel.....	1	2	1	Schneider.....	0	0	0	
Ripploh.....	1	3	5	Jung.....	0	0	0	
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Meeker.....	0	0	0	Bergman.....	0	0	0	
Holman.....	2	0	4	W. Schlatter.....	0	1	1	
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Meeker.....	3	0	6					
Brown.....	1	0	2					
Mills.....	1	0	2					



How to stretch a ton of coal!

CONSERVING coal is going to be a "must" for everybody this winter. This isn't because less coal is being mined.

It is estimated that 29 millions more tons of coal will be mined this year than last—with fewer men. Quite a feat by mine owners and miners alike! And there are adequate rail facilities for bringing the coal to your city.

But certain grades and sizes of coal are needed for war production. And, in addition, your local dealer is suffering from a shortage of manpower, trucks and tires. So be patient with him.

And conserve the coal he is able to deliver to you. You can make your coal supply go at least 10% further—and save that much on your fuel bill—by taking a number of simple precautions.

See that your heating system is clean and in good repair. Close off unused bedrooms. Pull your shades and drapes at night. If you can, insulate. For other suggestions see your coal dealer.

One of the biggest jobs of the C&O Lines is hauling coal from the mines along its routes, so we're in a position to understand the problem, and to know how essential coal is these days.

Chesapeake & Ohio Lines
CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY
NICKEL PLATE ROAD
PERR MARQUETTE RAILWAY

Save Coal—and Serve America

a GIFT She'll Adore

Nothing pleases a woman more than a gift for her own bedroom... like one of these beautiful boudoir chairs or the chaise lounge.

BOUDOIR CHAIR WITH ARMS

Styled as shown and covered in lovely cretonne. Just

\$20.25

Boudoir Chair Without Arms

A most distinctive style that occupies small space.

\$13.50

CHAISE LOUNGE IDEAL GIFT

For lounging, reading, napping. A true value.

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All the Prettiest Ration Free GIFT SLIPPERS

Shearling Ukraine \$1.99

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For Boys and Girls of All Ages

\$2.49 to \$4.98

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Walker's Family Shoe Store
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NEWS OF THE COURTS

AUGLAIZE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS

Anna Dierhake vs. LeRoy S. Dierhake and others. Partition of real estate...

PROBATE

Ernest H. Heger vs. Estate of Heger. Will of Ernest H. Heger...

Frank W. Hutter vs. Estate of Hutter. Will of Frank W. Hutter...

Notice Of Hearing On Application To Conduct Public Dances

William Koppert vs. R. F. D. Minster. Application for license to conduct public dances...

Friday and Saturday 2 Big Hits. Harold E. Gary GILDETS-LEEVES GHOST. SHIRAZ MATTHEW MY PAL WOLF.

ST. MARY'S SUN. - MON. CARY GRANT "None but the Lonely Heart" MISS EITHI BARRYMORE BARRY FITZGERALD.

MONEY to bid at the Farm Sales. Are you ready with plenty of cash to attend the sale... THE CITY LOAN and Guaranty Company.

MARRIAGES

Earl Roy Hackenbode, 22, and Ellen Elna Scherbold...

REAL ESTATE

Anna S. Cook, deceased, to Conrad and Maria Wellman...

DARKE COUNTY PROBATE

John C. Christian, estate. John Reed, executor, filed motion...

REAL ESTATE

Thomas Longkamp and others vs. William Longkamp and others...

MERCER COUNTY MARRIAGES

William A. Bruns, 21, U. S. Navy, and Maria M. Weining...

Notice of Appointment

Ernest H. Heger, deceased. Ernest H. Heger, executor...

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Taxpayers Reminded Of Income Payments

Commissioners of internal revenue this week reminded individual income taxpayers that Congress has changed from Dec. 15, 1944 to Jan. 15, 1945, the final date for filing declarations of estimated income tax...

Among the taxpayers affected by the change are farmers who estimated their 1944 tax liability...

Also, it is a taxpayer's final 1944 return on Form 1040 and pays all tax due on it by Jan. 15...

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CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO IN U. S. COURT ACTION

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company (Nickel Plate)...

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WAPAKONETA AUCTION SALE PRICES LISTED

Cattle—Market active, instances \$1 higher; medium steers \$12 to \$14; common steers \$8.50 to \$12; medium heifers \$11.75 to \$14; common heifers \$8 to \$11.50; butcher cows \$9.25 to \$11.70; cutter cows \$7.50 to \$9; canner cows \$5 to \$7; butcher bull, \$9.90 to \$12; bologna bulls \$8 to \$9.50.

Calves Choice \$16.55; good \$15.80; mediums \$12.30; outs \$7.50 down; few select up to \$17.00.

Hogs 160 to 180 lbs., \$13.25; 180 to 200 lbs., \$14; 200 to 270 lbs., \$14.10; 270 to 300 lbs., \$13.85; roughs \$13.25 to \$13.35; stags \$11.

Sheep and Lambs Choice lambs \$14.25 to \$14.40; medium to good \$12 to \$12.50; culls \$11.20 down; good sheep \$5 to \$5.20; thin sheep \$3.20 down.

Cork Growth It takes from 20 to 25 years for a cork tree to reach a marketable age.

Professional Eye Attention

Dr. E. M. Conner

114 N. Main St. Tel. 4101

CLOSED THURSDAY P. M.

DO YOUR Christmas Shopping -- AT -- WILLMAN DEPT. STORE FORT LORAMIE TOYS and GIFTS Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday Evenings

Cozy CHRISTMAS GIFTS For warm fingers and warm toes—these lovable mittens and wonderful gloves! Fuzzy and cozy with plenty of room to wriggle around. Pretty and comfy—perfect for Christmas gift giving. \$2.98 to \$3.25 pair. White fuzzy mittens. Fleece lined for extra warmth. Lamb's pie mitten with curly wool contrasting trim. Roomy mitten in soft lamb's wool. Comes in red, navy, green. Fur trimmed quilted mittens in dainty floral print.

Pride and Joy of Every Girl's Life Sweaters Any girl would love one of these treasure-chest sweaters to add to her collection. What better time to give it to her than Christmas? Make your selection today from our wonderful group of styles and colors. \$1.98 to \$8.95. UHLMAN'S SIDNEY - OHIO

Christmas

The Minster Post

Number 1

DECEMBER, 1944

*'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the house...*



Christmas



Yuletide Greetings

The gift we treasure most was not given at this Christmas time... but rather it was given all through the year. This gift is your friendship and patronage. We treasure it most because we know it is your way of showing us that our service has been welcomed by you, and that you value this service. So for another year we say "Merry Christmas to All!"



The Wooden Shoe Brewing Company

GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOURS!

for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We cordially invite you to continue your friendly and appreciated patronage.

JANE'S BEAUTY SHOP



WE ARE THINKING OF OUR FRIENDS AT THIS TIME—

While you are in the throes of holiday preparations and in the midst of Christmas joys it gives us deep satisfaction to know that you are well and happy.

GENERAL SUPPLY CO.
Herb Hegemann, Prop.



Merry Christmas

We have appreciated your cooperation this year and look forward to serving you in the future. May you enjoy a happy holiday season.

THE MINSTER INSURANCE AGENCY CO.
Al T. Frey, Mgr.



OUR HEARTIEST BEST WISHES—

As you go home to your fire-side on Christmas Eve, carry with you our message of cheer for your yuletide season.

LAWRENCE WISSMAN
(My place of business will be closed Christmas Day)



We send you every good wish this joyous day. Brightly as the Christmas candles burn, so burns the hope in our hearts for a full Victory and the speeded return of our loved ones.

ALBERT BARHORST
BARBER SHOP



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Folks, it's great to realize that another year has rolled around, knowing your old friends are true as ever... that you've made new ones.

In Lieu of a Personal Message We Send You Our Greetings.
CRESCENT THEATRE

MAY EVERY HOUR OF CHRISTMAS DAY

be gay with cheer for you. May friends make bright and gay the way and may all the joys your memories hold dear be joined in merry sympathy.

BONNIE'S BEAUTY SHOP



What Was Legend of Star in the East?

"The New Testament does not guide us in attempting to identify the Christmas star," Dr. Dimmore Allen, director of the Griffith observatory, Los Angeles, Calif., states.

"We know what the heavens appeared like 2,000 years ago and there is only one reasonable theory for the announcement of the Wise Men, who said, in Matthew 2:2:

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship him?"

"In 6 B. C., there was a grouping of three planets—Jupiter, Saturn and Mars—which might have provided the ancients with their long-awaited sign of the Nativity.

"One year earlier—7 B. C.—Jupiter, Saturn and Venus were similarly aligned to hide their light." "What makes the astronomer pause at accepting this theory is the passage in Matthew which reads: 'The star went before them.' That, many scientists assume, must have been a psychological rather than an actual visual impression."

Mince Pies Were Symbolic Of Magi's Visit to Manger

The Christmas mince pie had a Christian symbolism in the beginning. The pies represented the gold, frankincense and myrrh brought by the Three Wise Men to the manger; the crust symbolized the gold, and the mixture of spices the frankincense and myrrh. Originally the pies were made oblong and followed the shape of the manger.

There was a superstition that there was no luck in store for the man or woman who did not eat a mince pie at Christmas. To eat one, it was believed, was to be sure of having at least one happy month. To enjoy a year of happiness, a person had to eat one pie on each of the twelve days after Christmas.

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning. The form of the new year arise; He stood like a status adorning. The world with a background of skies; There was courage and grace in his beautiful face. And hope in his glorious eyes.

"I come from Time's boundless forever. He said, with a voice like a song: 'I come as a friend to endeavor. I come as a foe to all wrong. To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid. And the weak I shall gird and make strong."

"I bring you more blessings than terrors. I bring you more sunlight than gloom. I rear out your page of old errors. And hide them away in Time's tomb: I reach you clean hands and lead me to the lands. Where the lilies of peace are in bloom."

Influenced Customs The Germans, perhaps more than any other colonists, influenced Christmas customs in the United States, which celebrates Christmas more extensively than any other. Our concept of Santa Claus is wholly from Germany, and the Christmas tree in the home is another custom that came over with German emigrants in the last century.

In Dance Measure Christmas carols were in dance measure at first. The word carol comes from "carole," a ring, because the song was for a ring dance.

Old Custom Christmas caroling was a thriving custom in England of the fourth century.

Yule Log From pagan Scandinavian worship of Thor comes the Yule log, lighted with a brand from last year's log.

AGAIN—

As time rolls steadily along, Christmas is nearing, and

AGAIN—

We offer our greetings to our many patrons and friends.

JOE'S PLACE
Joe Schwenzler, Prop.



BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY—

While extending our wishes for a happy yuletide season, we take occasion to express our thanks for your patronage during 1944.

BUSSE & BERNING

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

So we say to you not just as our customers in 1944, but also as our friends and acquaintances which you have indeed become. We hope that you enjoy to the fullest all the happiness and goodness of this Christmas Season.

A. J. WAGNER



OUR SINCERE GOOD WISHES—

Valuable assets cannot be measured in figures. Among our most valuable assets are the good will and friendship of our patrons. The spirit of the season brings us to renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends.

May your Christmas be Happy is the wish of

THE MINSTER LUMBER COMPANY

THE HOLIDAY SEASON—

As Christmas nears again, it re-awakens our spirit of appreciation for the confidence that our friends have shown in us. May the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity.

WOEHRMYER BROS. DAIRY



OUR GREETINGS TO YOU—

We appreciate the opportunity to greet you as the Christmas season nears, and to say that our happiness is largely dependent upon yours.

BIG H FILLING STATION



We wish all our friends A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
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