

**COMMUNITY LETTERS**

Local News Correspondents

**Davis Hill**

**Mrs. John Billings, Reporter**  
Dec. 17—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe and family were in Gold, Pa., Sunday helping their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornell, move to a new farm they have bought.

Mr. and Mrs. John Billings visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Billings and family, Saturday evening.

Nora Halsey attended the FFA and FHA Christmas Party Monday night.

Terry, Dianne and Jeff Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Monroe Saturday.

Bruce Johnson spent the weekend with William Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Havens and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Halsey, Saturday.

Donald and John Billings and the Whitesell boys were "Caroling" with the Independence Youth Group, Tuesday night.

May I extend to all the Hill friends and neighbors, the very best Christmas wishes to you and your families.

**Why We Americans Should Shoulder Our Moral Responsibilities**

Are We Americans Ashamed to be identified today with decency and morality? Are we forsaking the time-tested principles upon which our great country was founded for a substandard, more accommodating code of conduct?

There appears to be a preponderance of evidence to indicate a truthful reply to these questions has to be in the affirmative. However, here a true answer is the "wrong" answer, and it is high time righteous, freedom-loving people take a closer look at what is happening to our moral standards.

Morality is one of the more perplexing and controversial problems facing our Nation. Why? Primarily, it is because of individual and collective moral cowardice on the part of our society. We do not have the courage to stand in conflict with the mad rush for material wealth, indulgence, and social prestige. We are condoners and appeasers of a practice which we distrust and disapprove but which we will not overtly oppose.

The lack of morality and integrity stems from a false sense of values. Many persons are so preoccupied with selfishness and greed they no longer know—nor care for that matter where honor stops and dishonor commences. Others are simply confused. Rationalization and double standards have so clouded some moral principles that right and wrong are no longer clearly distinguishable.

Moral retrogression is not confined to any one group or sector of our country. This social illness is universal. Immorality rears its ugly head in every American institution and profession. None is free from its stigma. It is reflected equally as much in corporate price-fixing as in teen-age vandalism; in payoffs to politicians as in classroom cheating; in sports world bribes as in law enforcement scandals; and in income tax returns padding as in voting frauds.

Immorality itself is not the only danger of the crisis. Some theorists suggest our moral standards be scrapped for a less restrictive code by which our moral derelictions can be justified. Such thinking is a flight from responsibility and an accelerant to further moral decadence. If the destruction of our great Nation itself were the goal of these advocates, they could not devise a better means to achieve it.

With the approach of the joyous Holiday Season, let us as God-loving people shoulder our moral responsibilities, not flee from them. Let us stand proud and erect, champions all, for morality, integrity, and godliness. Let us assume that it may always be said of our country, "America is great because she is good."

Americans consume about 97 pounds of sugar per person each year—by weight, one of the most important items in their diet.

The sea covers nearly 71 per cent of the surface of the earth.

Send that article through the Classified Section.

**World's Fair Committee Announces Student Rates**

Elementary and high school students of public, private and parochial schools in the New York area will be admitted to the Fair at reduced rates when attending supervised groups during the 1964 school months. The plan, revealed this week in a joint statement by Fair President Robert Moses and New York Mayor Robert Wagner, covers all such students in the entire metropolitan area within a radius of 50-miles from the Fairgrounds. It provides that classes will be admitted on the five school days each week during May, June, September and October at a price of 25c per pupil on certificates covering 25 pupils and presented by a teacher. There will be no charge for the teacher. The certificates will go on sale starting January 1 with all applications, regardless of the number requested, channeled through one representative at each school.

Broilers, sometimes called fryers, are tender-meated birds that grow to marketable weight in 8 to 10 weeks.

**JUST A MEMORY**

Don't forget that your wife still enjoys candy and flowers. Let her know that you remember—speak of them occasionally.

**Rainfall Heavy At Belmont On Nov. 29 & 30**

The Soil Conservation technicians of Belmont recorded 2.24" of rain on Nov. 29 and 30th.

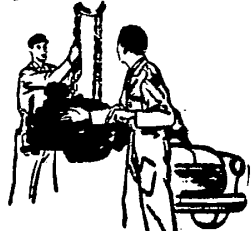
This was the heaviest rainfall recorded in two days at Belmont this year. The November rainfall was heaviest of any month during 1963. The growing season rainfall of 16.06" last year. October of this year rainfall was .24". It was the lowest on record.

**Card of Thanks**

Words cannot express our deep-felt gratitude and we shall long hold in grateful remembrance the many acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions of sympathy extended us during our bereavement.

We also thank the Rev. John E. Holmes and Father Bennett of Alfred for their prayers and comforting words.

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| Sunbeam Frypans | Bathroom Scales      | Revere Ware              |
| Tools           | Corning Ware         | Hampers                  |
| Ash Trays       | Hoover Cleaners      | Electric Toasters        |
| T.V. Tables     | Electric Food Mixers | Steam Irons              |
| Flash Lights    | Cosco Stools         | Stainless Table Flatware |
| Electric Razors | Bathroom Hampers     | Electric Blankets        |
| Tool Boxes      | Dinnerware           | Waste Baskets            |
| Thermometers    | Arvin Table and      | Clocks                   |
| Carving Sets    | Transistor Radios    | Power Snow Plows         |

**Tree Lights And**

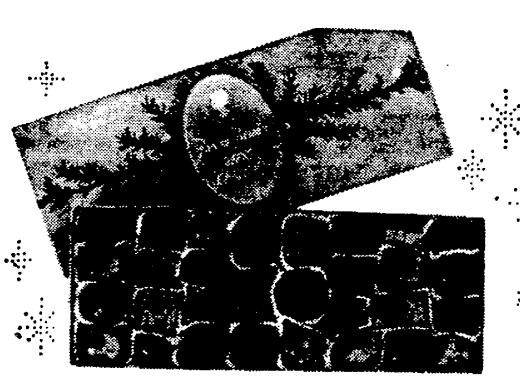
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