

Engaged To Henry Harold Demsko

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Willis, of Mars Hill have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Orpha Willis of Washington, D. C., and Mars Hill to Henry Harold Demsko of Washington, D. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franklin Demsko of Shanokin, Pa. The wedding is planned for December 28.

STEALS HOUSE, LOT

London, England — James Kirby, 44, noticing a house which had been vacant for a long time, fraudulently had himself entered as the owner in the borough land register. He then proceeded to sell both the house and land to a customer, who has since resold it. The real owner, Mrs. Kathleen Gray, who hadn't been able to rent the house since 1940 because it was in bad repair, agreed to let the transactions stand and the land Registry Office paid her \$2,280 as compensation. Kirby is serving a year in jail for stealing the house and lot.

GATORS DISRUPT GAME

Fort Pierce, Fla. — When a 5-foot alligator waddled onto the diamond during a boys' Pony League baseball game, there was an immediate uproar which subsided only after a team manager, Ken Gordy, managed to lasso and tie the alligator and turn him over to the police.

Possibility Of Breeding Beef For Tenderness

Meat tenderness is inherited in animals and can be passed on to succeeding generations through selective breeding, report researchers with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Scientists of the Department's Agricultural Research Service are studying the heritability of tenderness as one approach to the production of animals that will constantly produce tender meat.

Although no extensive advances have yet been made in the development of more tender beef by selection and breeding, the Department researchers are optimistic about the possibility of improving meat tenderness quality of larger animals through breeding programs. They are also trying to develop a quick, reliable test for tenderness that can be used on live animals. One method now being explored involves biopsy samples — taking samples of live muscle tissue for laboratory analysis. Such a test would make slaughter unnecessary, and animals showing desirable tenderness characteristics could be used as breeding stock.

Tenderness experiments at the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, have been made so far chiefly with rabbits, and to lesser extent with beef cattle. Tenderness in rabbits was found to have a "heritability factor" of about 53 per cent, and in beef cattle about 41 per cent. These percentages represent the degree to which tenderness is determined by genetic differences. Other factors, which also influence

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Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world. The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year. One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers. Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter. The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind. Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year. In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted, was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

DO YOU OWN AN AMERICAN FLAG?

Do you own an American flag? The Disabled American Veterans said today that a canvass of homes in this community would show that those who possess the symbol of our country would be in the minority, a situation which they feel shows a lack of patriotic spirit in peacetime America. Don West, Commander of the Madison County Chapter No. 42, appealed to local residents to display our flag on all national holidays. The DAV commander said his organization feels that if every patriotic American would display a flag on the next suitable occasion, it would show a faith in our way of life that might prove very discouraging to those disloyal Americans who seek to propagate Communist beliefs in our country. "DAV members have fought and bled for the privilege of planting our flag on a piece of war-torn ground which they have won at great cost," said Commander West. "Now in peacetime we have the priceless privilege of flying 'Old Glory' whenever we wish, and far too few take advantage of that opportunity." A resolution was unanimously adopted recently by the national DAV convention urging that funds be appropriated by the State and Federal Governments for supplying and maintaining American flags for display in all Federal and state courtrooms and buildings. "Every business and family should make provision in their budget for purchasing and caring for an American flag," said Mr. West.

Season's Greetings

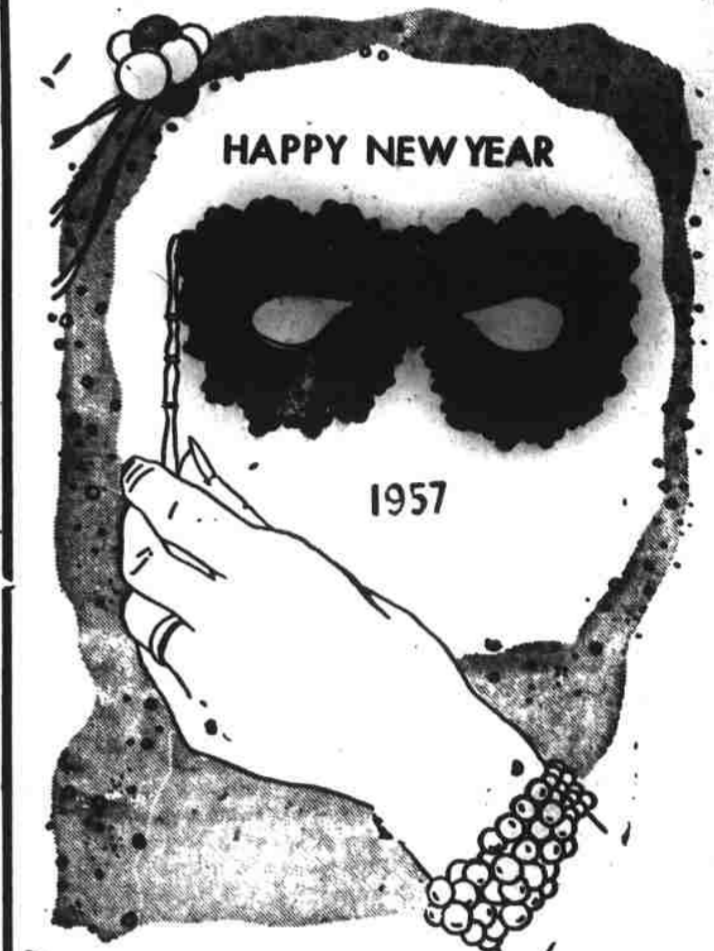


Old fashioned but still from the heart - best wishes from us to you - for all year through.

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Hilliard Teague
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—and—
Mrs. Frances Ramsey
Deputy Clerk



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- Joe Q. Tilson
- Ed Sams



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