

MAINLAND Roamings

Pleasantville Northfield
Linwood Somers Point

By "The Roamer"

With but twenty more days until Christmas, and sixteen more days for shopping and mailing of Christmas gifts, folks on the mainland are due for an exceptionally busy time from now until the time the old gentleman arrives with his bags of toys.

As usual, merchants have started a "shop early" crusade, and Postmaster Walter W. Whitman has urged, through the medium of the papers, that all Christmas gifts be mailed as early as possible to ease the work of local and extra postal clerks. Despite this, employes in the local office expect to have one of the busiest times of their careers.

In the churches and clubs plans are being made for Christmas plays and cantatas to be given during the holiday season to come. A number of what are expected to be excellent cantatas are being rehearsed at the present time.

The Mainland Post of the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club will, as usual, erect their Community Christmas tree here this year. In addition Kiwanis has started a fund which they will use to purchase articles for the poor of the city this Christmas. Each Kiwanian, at the weekly luncheons given at the Country Club of Atlantic City Tuesday noons, acts as his own waiter, getting his dinner for half the price charged, and using the surplus to place in the fund. Contributions are also being solicited.

"Engaged by Wednesday," the play produced by the Senior Class of Pleasantville High School, and successfully given in the auditorium of the Washington Avenue building, will play in Mays Landing Thursday night of this week for a one night stand. Miss Fern Allen is coaching the production this year, and this will be the first time that it has played out of this town.

License tags and drivers' license cards for 1924 will be issued, starting December 1st, it has been announced by the State Motor Vehicle Department. William L. Anderson has charge of the issuing of licenses in this part of the mainland. It is urged that the tags and drivers' license be secured as early as possible this year.

The Atlantic County Board of Agriculture, which includes in its membership farmers from all sections of Atlantic County, will meet in the Courthouse, Mays Landing, December 11, it has been announced by Arthur R. Eldred, County Agent. The morning session will be given to reports of various officers, and a report will

be made by the County Agent. Officers will also be elected.

President Packard has appointed a nominating committee consisting of Henry Tapken, Egg Harbor City, chairman; Laton Parkhurst, Hammonton, and Dr. R. H. Thomas, Bargaintown, to make recommendations regarding officers for the coming year.

The afternoon meeting will be held in the Victoria Theatre, and will be combined with that of the Home Bureau.

For the purpose of providing the taxpayer with an opportunity to inspect the assessment lists of 1924, Reuben E. Adams, tax assessor for the First Ward, and George M. Bates, tax assessor for the Second Ward, will sit in the City Hall here Friday night, December 14, between 5 and 9 P. M. In this way the officials will provide a way for the taxpayer to go over the assessment lists with the tax assessors and inquire or debate the correctness of the assessments. The corrected lists will then be filed with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation.

William Hauenstein, tax assessor of Egg Harbor Township, will also perform this duty at his home in Farmington Thursday, December 13, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.

The Kiwanis Club is preparing to get behind and boost the Boy Scout movement in this city following addresses from scout executives made at recent meeting of the club in the Country Club of Atlantic City, Northfield. For sometime in the past the movement in this city has not been up to the standard.

The directors of the club are at the present time taking the matter up, and further plans will be announced in the very near future, it is reported.

Following his usual custom, Mayor Charles E. Jackson issued a Thanksgiving proclamation here last Thursday, requesting all business houses to close, and all people to attend church services sometime during the day.

A plan that would relieve the congested condition of the Shore Road will soon be put into execution by the County Board of Freeholders, according to reports on the mainland. The plan is that the New Road, a highway running parallel with the Shore Road on the Mays Landing side, be widened, and that it shall be paved for a distance of about two and one-half miles; from Absecon to Pleasantville.

The boulevard will be eighty feet wide, and will cost in the vicinity of \$70,000 per mile, according to the reports. Preliminary work has already been done in widening it to thirty feet and cutting down hills, slicing off curves, and laying a hard gravel surface with costly binder material.

Quite a few members of Ex-celsior Council, J. O. U. A. M.,

took part in the dedication of the new two-room school house recently completed at McKee City by the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education. Daughters of America, and prominent educators, with the Board of Education from the township, and school children and teachers made up gathering.

A new American flag and two Bibles were presented to the school by the local Council. Prof. Henry Cressman, county superintendent of schools; J. B. Maguire, a member of the Council; Miss Cora Schaible, county helping teacher; William Hauenstein, clerk of the Board of Education, and William C. Sullivan, superintendent of the local schools, were among the speakers.

Quite a few people attended the dance given under the auspices of the Pleasantville High School Alumni Association in the Junior Order Hall Friday night. Prizes were awarded to winners of spot dances. The affair was thought to be an unusual success.

The Mainland Ministerial Union met in the First Presbyterian Church, Madison and Washington Avenues, Monday night. Rev. T. M. Simanton is pastor. Rev. Dr. Milton Buck, pastor of the Ocean City Baptist Church, was the speaker.

There will be no further tie-up of the Atlantic and Suburban trolley company over whether the one-man car shall be operated or not, Superintendent Paul R. Goldey announced from his office over the week-end. An agreement whereby there will be no walk-out has been made.

The old agreement, which was made after the recent strike, when the employees refused to operate one-man cars, called for the men to operate the trolleys until the end of November.

One-man cars will be run during the slack hours of the day under the new agreement.

Pleasantville High School and Ocean City High School, rivals for many years, will play their third football contest of the season at the Airport, Atlantic City, Friday afternoon of this week, it has been announced. The game will settle a bitter rivalry that has existed during the present season.

The two previous games, the first played in Pleasantville, resulted in a victory for the boys from this city, score 19-14. The game played in Ocean City Saturday a week was a 6-6 tie. The contest will show who has the greater claim to the laurels.

Plans have been made to award those who win their letters this year gold footballs, it has been announced. Although in many schools and colleges this custom has prevailed, it never has been attempted in the school here, and marks another step forward. The football season this year has been

very successful, with a larger crowd following the teams than ever before.

Basketball will begin in the high school within the next few weeks, when a large squad of candidates are expected to report than ever before. The first game, as usual, will be with the alumni association on Saturday night, December 22. It will be played in the high school gymnasium.

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