

THE POINTER NEWS

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Library Happenings

On December 9th the library had their Christmas story hour. Everyone had a really nice time, with each person taking home a Christmas tree decoration to hang in their room or on the tree. Thanks to Miss Jo for all her great ideas!

Be sure to check the next newsletter for information about our winter story hour. Stop in at the library and check out a book or DVD to have on these cold winter nights.

Wishing everyone a good start to 2018.

Library hours Monday through Thursday evenings 6:00-9:00 PM; Tuesday afternoon 2-4 PM; Saturday Noon-2 phone - 724-725-9553

New Rotary year begins! Come join us!

Membership is open to all area men and women who believe in "service above self".

January 2018 programs

Jan 4th No Meeting

Jan 11th Russian Christmas

Jan 18th Tuba concert by Philip Rishel

Jan 25th Funeral Etiquette

Program Chairperson for January:

Philip Rishel

Dates to remember

January 3rd & 17th

Borough Council meetings at 7:00 PM

January 8th Zone 1 recycling pick up

January 22nd Zone 2 recycling pick up

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New Year Trivia

- Auld Lang Syne is sung at midnight to toast in the New Year. The song was composed by Robert Burns sometime in the 1700's. The term means "old long ago" or "the good old days."

December 31, 1907 saw the very first ball lowering in Times Square.

- Stats of the first New York ball: 700 pounds; 5 feet in diameter. The ball was made from wood and iron.
- The modern ball that is dropped is made from Waterford Crystal and weights over 1,000 pounds. There are over 9,000 LED lights, but uses hardly any energy. The ball begins to drop at 11:59 and completes the journey exactly at midnight to ring in the New Year.
- The ball was not lowered in 1942 and 1943 due to wartime restrictions.

Town Trivia for the Month of January

1931: Point Marion Volunteer Fire department is 27 years old.

1933: Hecia Coal and Coke Company of Crystal had orders to fire more ovens for a total of 80. With 75 men working, the mine produces 250 tons of coal daily.

1938: The Albert Gallatin Memorial Bridge spanning the Monongahela River is a privately owned bridge operated by the Point Marion Bridge Company with a \$200,000 bond and \$175,000 stock valuation on the company books.

*Bobtown population is now 750.

*Victor Milling opens a tractor display room. The first carload shipment on McCormick Deering tractors ever to be shipped to this community has arrived from the factory in Rock Island, IL.

1940: Both rivers are frozen over with ice ranging from four to six inches. River traffic is halted. Local children enjoy ice skating for the first time in four years.

1943: The average rental for homes in Pennsylvania is \$23.61 a month.

*Tow saboteurs captured by local Police Chief Moser after sinking a barge to block river traffic.

1944: An influenza epidemic hits this community leaving 3 dead and 500 ill. Absent from the local school were 115 pupils.

*Due to mothers working in war defense and fathers in the military, a record number of "door key kids" need recreation to occupy their free time. Locally, there was skating, movies and bowling available. They are being urged to stay away from pin ball machines and penny arcades.

1950: The Pallotine Sisters have acquired title to the Heiskell Memorial Hospital in Morgantown for \$300,000 and has been re-named Vincent Pallotti Hospital.

*Announcement is made of plans to develop a 90 acre tract of land at Lake Lynn into a suburban residential district. It is located on the Fairchance-Morgantown Rd and the Sunset beach area.

1951: Houze Glass Co. receives a substantial order from the U.S. Navy for the manufacturing of goggle glass and other glass to be used in the production of Navy planes. They also have been manufacturing a special glass for television picture tubes.

1952: More people from Point Marion have gone to Cleveland, Ohio seeking employment than any other city.

*Point Marion was one of only a dozen areas in Fayette County showing population gain. It went from 2,063 to 2,197 according to the official 1950 census recently released.

1956: Gallatin National Bank is now rated as the 29th largest bank in the state of Pennsylvania.

1964: All number calling comes to Point Marion meaning that the telephone numbers will consist of 7 numerals instead of 2 letters and 5 numerals.

1970: A blaze destroys Barney's Theatre Building. The spectacular fire was the worst fire in town since 1923.

1971: The ice pond near the athletic field is now open as an ice skating rink. Much of it is maintained by the two school janitors: Mr. Stoner and Mr. Hostetler. Children enjoy the bonfire in the late evening hours.

1976: Police were looking for the remains of two WVU coeds at Alum Rocks overlooking the Cheat River, behind the old Conn Hill School.

1982: Council adopted a resolution to abrogate the application for low-rent public housing in the Borough.

1988: A subscription to the Point Marion News has been increased to \$20 per year.

1992: The old Victor Milling Feed Company built in the 1800's on the corner of Water and Penn Streets was completely destroyed by fire.