

CHRISTMAS GOAT TIES UP TRAFFIC IN CATONSVILLE.

The goat he had written Santa Claus for was nibbling peacefully at



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his stocking when James O'Brien, 10, Frederick avenue, Catonsville, awoke Christmas morning.

But when he attempted to hitch his bearded charge to the new red wagon, Billy broke away and became so rambunctious traffic was tied up on Frederick avenue between Mellon and Wade avenues while pedestrians joined in capturing the animal.

Christmas night the boy wrote Santa another letter asking for a curb bit to hold his pet in check.

CATONSVILLE BARN BURNS CAUSING LOSS OF \$1,000.

Fire destroyed a barn on the property of Ferdinand C. Dugan, Nunery lane, Catonsville, causing a loss of about \$1,000.

The Catonsville Fire Engine Company was called and kept the flames confined to the doomed structure.

GOOD PLANS ESSENTIAL IN HOME BUILDING—LOCATION AND SIZE OF LOT IMPORTANT.

First Class Plans Necessary To Make Finished Product O. K., And They Should Be Studied Carefully Months In Advance.

(By Nancy Hanks)

Many things influence the selection of a plan for your home. Here are some:

First, the location of your property, its size and value.

Second, the number of people in your family, the climatic conditions of your locality, the available materials at hand with which to build.

Third, the limits of your purse.

In selecting a plan for your home don't be influenced too much by style. Even though Spanish Mission, Dutch Colonial or English cottages are in vogue it is no indication one of these may yield the only home suitable to your needs.

Such things as room arrangements, location of stairs, doorways, windows, steps and labor-saving devices are far more important in planning your home than accessories or frills and fancies.

Homes are growing smaller, not only because of present-day building costs, but for the further and no less important reason that they are easier to maintain and keep up.

When it comes to the type of house that may give you the most for your money, you should keep in mind that, even though bungalows are popular, yet compared with the convenience, comforts and floor areas of story and one-half homes, bungalows are more expensive to build.

You cannot afford to build even a small home without first providing yourself with the most complete drawings, specifications, quantity survey and contract forms available, if possible.

A good set of plans more than offsets their small initial cost through the savings they make.

They give you complete and independent control of your building operation. They permit you to buy your own materials.

They eliminate guess work, arguments, delays and extras.

Don't make the mistake of selecting your plans a week or two in advance of your building operation. Get them early. Study them. You will find it a great source of satisfaction, and in addition, you will fear many things not generally known by most people who for the first time approach a building operation.

THIEVES TAKE ADDING MACHINE AND TWO CHAIRS.

Thieves on Tuesday night entered a store building on the property of George D. Iverson, Jr., at Texas, and carried away an adding machine and two chairs.

MRS. LOUISA L. HOPKINS IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA.

Mrs. Louisa Lodge Hopkins, 88, died of pneumonia at the home of Harry C. Keagy, at Towson.

She was the widow of William P. Hopkins, and is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Spalding Howell, of Minneapolis.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE BEADENKOPF CONDUCTED AT HOME.

The funeral of George Beadenkopf chief engineer of the gas division of the Gas and Electric Company, was held from his home, 2604 Roslyn avenue. He died suddenly on Tuesday night from stroke of apoplexy while at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Walter E. Atkinson, of Glyn-don.

Mr. Beadenkopf was 66 years old and had been with the Gas Company 45 years. He was a leader of the Monument Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. STUART COTTMAN IS COMMITTED TO SPRING GROVE.

Released from the Baltimore City Jail 10 days ago by order of Judge Charles F. Stein, so he could spend Christmas with his family, J. Stuart Cottman, 27, was back in a cell at the Central Police Station the fore part of this week, after which he was committed to Spring Grove Asylum, Catonsville, for mental observation.

Cottman, who gave his address as 5 West Biddle street, and who is prominent in social circles, was serving a six months' sentence in jail for operating an automobile when drunk, when members of his family and friends pleaded for his release from jail.

Mrs. Clarence Cottman, the young man's mother, and his two brothers, Clarence and Llewellyn Cottman, went before Magistrate John Harwood Stanford in Central Police Court and asked that J. Stuart Cottman be held by the police pending an examination into his mental condition.

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