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### Harrington Man Held In Slaying

A Harrington man accused of killing another man Saturday night is being held at the Sussex Correctional Institution under \$10,000 bond.

State police at Bridgeville said Arthur Lewis, 53, of Harrington, shot Sam Colter, 46, of Greenwood at the home of David Biddle, 7 miles southeast of Harrington.

Police said Lewis had been an all-day visitor at Biddle's, and that Colter arrived about 3:30 p.m. Police said everyone was drinking and an argument started between Lewis and Colter in the late evening.

They said Lewis went into the Biddle bedroom and found a .410 shotgun. He then got into bed with the gun, police said.

Colter threatened to get his own gun, police said, and Lewis got out of bed and shot Colter at a distance of 10 feet.

They said Lewis then left Biddle's and went to the home of his employer at Burrsville, Md. His employer called the police.

Colter was pronounced dead on arrival at Kent General Hospital. Police said Lewis was taken Sunday morning to Magistrate Court 4, Seaford, on a charge of second-degree murder. They said Biddle and his wife were also arrested as material witnesses and are being held under \$1,000 bail after appearing at Court 4.

### 2 Captured In Shawnee Country Club

Police, alerted by a burglar alarm, Sunday captured a Milford man and a Smyrna teenager inside the Shawnee Country Club south of Milford.

Police identified the intruders as Charles Wayne Brittingham, 23, of near Milford, and Thomas Hyland Heverin, 18, of the 300 block South Street, Smyrna. Both were charged with burglary.

The two suspects, police reported, were in the act of stealing liquor from the club on the Milford-Rehoboth Highway. They were caught by Milford police at 12:15 a.m.

Brittingham was released in \$5,000 bail and Heverin was committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in default of bond, at a hearing in Magistrate Court 3, Georgetown. Magistrate Earl Williams ordered the bail for appearance of the suspects in Superior Court.

**LIBRARY CLOSED FROM DEC. 19 TO JAN. 7**

The Harrington Library will be closed for the holidays beginning Dec. 19 until Jan. 7.

### Loyal Order Moose to Sponsor Float In Tournament of Roses

The Moose Fraternity will be represented by a beautiful floral float in the 80th annual Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, it has been announced by Earle W. Horton, Grand Herder of the Legion of the Moose, sponsors of the float.

Horton quotes Don Bent, head of Don Bent Floral Floats, Inc., the contractor who designed and is charged with building the float as stating: "The Moose float will be one of the most difficult ever conceived or attempted.

The float will be maximum size in all dimensions. It will be 55 feet long, 20 feet wide and 17 feet high. The total weight will exceed six tons and it will be supported by eight dollies each rated at 2,400 pounds. It will be pushed by a Clark freight mover with a top speed of nine miles per hour.

In the shape of a carousel, the float will have 30,000 roses alone on it. In addition, there will be in excess of 200,

### Correspondents Please Notice

All correspondents, advertisers, and other persons wishing to submit news, should do so no later than Tuesday because of the Christmas holiday. The Journal will be printed Thursday.

### Nov. Traffic Increases on Del. Mem. Bridge

November traffic on the Delaware Memorial Bridge increased 13,112 vehicles over November, 1967 it was reported by Theodore C. Bright, general manager to the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

Bridge traffic for November was 1,191,621 vehicles compared to 1,178,509 for November, 1967, an increase of 13,112 vehicles or 1.1%.

Revenue from Bridge tolls for November was \$738,057 compared to \$731,569 for November, 1967, an increase of \$6,488 or 9%.

Bridge traffic for the 12 months ending Nov. 30 was 15,714,943 vehicles compared to 15,043,291 vehicles for the 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1967, an increase of 671,652 vehicles or 4.5%.

Revenue from Bridge tolls for the 12 months ending Nov. 30 was \$9,667,755 compared with \$9,183,864 for the 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1967, an increase of \$483,891 or 5.3%.

A total of 186,695,210 vehicles have crossed the Delaware Memorial Bridge since it opened on Aug. 16, 1951.

### Federal Inspector Receives Promotion

James P. Engle, federal supervisor of fruit and vegetable inspection, has been transferred from Dover to Rochester, N. Y., effective Jan. 1.

Engle, stationed in Dover 17 years, was honored by the inspection department recently at a dinner at Blue Coat Inn, Dover. Delaware Potato Shippers also gave him a luncheon at Alexander's Restaurant, Dover, recently.

The supervisor started lima-bean inspection for growers and processors and the training of inspectors of potatoes with the University of Delaware.

He will be replaced by Walter T. Honeycutt, of the Baltimore City market.



### Art, Too, Shows 'Illumination' To Light Up Christmas Scene

**Illumination.**  
The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

With the passage of time, the art of illumination has become a modern or Victorian era

**When It Began**  
In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-lit vignettes dating back to 1350 B. C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

**To Spread Learning**  
The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts. Monasteries of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the development of crafts, the

spread of learning.  
In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A. D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts — scientific treatises, for example — were also copied and illustrated.  
**How It Grew**  
Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

**Treasured Today**  
In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D".  
Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

### Coming Events

Murderkill Lion's Club, New Year's eve dance, Dec. 31 at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall. Dancing from 9 to 1. Music by Ron Jester & Versitones.  
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### State Trot Driver, Suspended, Awarded \$12,000.

Melvin Thompson of Hartly, suspended as a harness driver at Hinsdale Raceway in 1966, has been awarded \$12,000 by a U.S. District Court jury, at Concord, N. H.

The verdict was returned Tuesday night, Dec. 10, after a two-day trial.

Thompson sued the track for \$100,000, claiming the suspension caused him loss of employment and reputation.  
Thompson was one of 15 drivers indefinitely suspended early in August, 1966, by the Hinsdale Board of Judges.

His case involved a so-called no-fix race.

### Offers Tax Savings Hints

Many Delaware farmers can save money on their 1968 taxes by evening out their annual income, says W. T. McAllister, extension farm management specialist at the University of Delaware.

McAllister points out that tax rates increase as taxable income increases and that farmers may increase or decrease taxable income for the year. He adds, however, that this action must be taken before the end of 1968.

Among the ways of reducing taxable income, McAllister cited paying up operating accounts and unpaid bills. Buy and pay for some of next year's supplies; be sure, however, that tax savings are greater than interest and other costs of advance purchases. Buy things that last longer than one year but are not capital items. These include such things as paints, small tools and building and machine repairs.

Delay selling cash items until January 1969. These include (Continued on Page 8)

### "Song of Christmas" To Be Presented at Ave. Church, Milford

The Avenue Methodist Sanctuary Choir will present the cantata, "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald, Sun., Dec. 22 at the 11 o'clock service in Avenue Church, Milford. Preceding the cantata a group of carols will be sung by the soloists of the choir.

### Firemen Make 3 Calls; One Chosen

Harrington Fire Company made three calls recently, one of which was chosen.

The chosen call was when firemen had a controlled burning of a house on the farm of Gordon Smith on Vernon Road. Houston Fire Company assisted Thursday night, Dec. 12.

When a hot-water heater backfired, firemen answered an alarm Tuesday night at Pollard's Washomatic on Clark Street.  
They also extinguished a grease fire Wednesday morning at People's Restaurant.

### Yesteryear's Customs Live At Yuletide

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens—and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs, according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

### It's A Mystery

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

### How Many Holidays?

Traditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children. Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" day for school children, who try to play tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of course, is Christmas.

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### Felton Eatery Ransacked

An ice cream freezer was ransacked and a cash register containing no money was taken from the Rushmore Restaurant in Felton early Monday morning, State Police at Bridgeville said.

The register was worth about \$250, they said. Entry was gained by prying a side window loose, apparently with a crow-bar, police said.

State Police are investigating.

### Correspondents Wanted

The Harrington Journal wants correspondents in and outside the community. We will train you and pay you. Phone 398-3206.

### Safety Tips For Holiday Season

The decorations that make Christmas exciting can also bring tragedy, reports Miss Coral K. Morris, extension home management specialist at the University of Delaware.

To make the holiday season safer, choose a fresh tree, advises Miss Morris. Saw it off at a sharp angle at least one inch above the original cut and stand it in water throughout the holidays.

"Don't rely on home flame-proofing treatments," she warns. While these may be useful in reducing fire hazards, the tree will still burn. The best precaution is to place the tree away from radiators and fire places and out of the fire escape route.

Decorations make a tree beautiful, says Miss Morris. But select them with safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets; make sure that all lights carry the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label. And never use wax candles on or near the tree or with polystyrene decorations.

Home outlets are usually rated to handle 1500 watts. This will safely take six to eight strings of 25 lights each as long as no other equipment is drawing power from the same circuit. Use a 15 amp fuse; if it blows, the circuit is overloaded. "Never use a multiple plug in an outlet or substitute a penny for a fuse," cautions Miss Morris. "It could be dangerous." If the tree is extremely large, split the electric load between two or more outlets.

Turn off all holiday lighting before leaving the house or retiring. For outdoor lighting, use only those sets recommended for outdoor use by Underwriters' Laboratories.

In selecting an artificial tree, be sure it is made of slow-burning material, advises Miss Morris. If it has built-in lighting, it should carry the UL label. Metal trees will conduct electricity and should have indirect lighting. Strings of lights on a metal tree can create a dangerous shock hazard.

For other decorations, use noncombustible decorating materials such as metal, glass or asbestos. If materials which burn easily cannot be avoided, make sure that they have been treated for fireproofing. "Also, dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely," says Miss Morris. "But never burn them in the fireplace."

Take extra care not to smoke near the tree and other holiday decorations. And never leave children unsupervised. Unsupervised children lead to tragedy all too often, especially with the attractive temptations in the home during the holiday season.

### Protane Drivers Receive Safety Certificates

The Protane Corporation, local bottle gas distributor, has granted a Safe Driver Certificate to Neil Russell, John McMullen, and Homer Clark. The awards were presented at a meeting held December 11, and signifies that the drivers have operated a company vehicle for the past year without an accident.

The company presents these awards annually in conjunction with their insurance carrier to give recognition to their employees for outstanding efforts in accident prevention.

### Drapers' 50th Wedding Anniversary To Be Honored

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Draper, their children are holding open house at their parents' home near Greenwood.  
Friends and relatives are invited to call on them between 2 and 4 p.m. Sun., Dec. 29.



JUST FOR PRACTICE — Harrington Firemen held a practice fire drill Thursday evening, Dec. 12 on the farm of Gordon Smith on Vernon Road. Assisting in the house burning was Houston Fire Company. Price photo



**Greenwood**

Pat Hatfield

**Wesleyan Church:** Greenwood Wesleyan Church, formerly Pilgrim Holiness Church, will present a play on Sunday night, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m., entitled "A King is Born in Bethlehem". There will be a special Christmas service on Wednesday night, Dec. 25, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. William Copeland, Jr., of Asbury Seminary, Kentucky, will be the guest speaker. Visiting speakers and musicians will be present.

**Menonite News:** The MYFers met at the church on Wednesday evening and went caroling at Governor Bacon, Delaware City.

The Homemakers' Fellowship met Thursday at the school to fill Christmas boxes for distribution along with the Christmas caroling.

Grades 9 and 10 will present a play, "There Found Christ", Friday evening, 7:30, at the school.

Lee Yoder wishes to express appreciation to you for the many cards, gifts, visits and prayers during his illness. He came home from the hospital Thursday a week ago, and seems to be improving normally. Your visits will be appreciated.

We extend sympathy to the family and many friends of Savilla Yoder, who passed away December 14 at the home of her daughter, Ruth. Funeral services were held at the church Wednesday.

**Greenwood United Church:** Fri., Dec. 20, at 7:30, the children will have their program and party in the Edu-

catinal Building. Santa will be there. Everyone invited. Sun., Dec. 22, at 7:30, the Junior and Senior Choirs will present the cantata: "Carol of Christmas" by John W. Peterson. Everyone is invited to come and hear the real message of Christmas, the birth of Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Mrs. Ben Conaway and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fillage, of Wilmington, were callers on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Uhler and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Farrow.

The Rev. Haig Medzarentz, who has been ill with the flu, is reported improving. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hatfield are also recovering from the flu and are up and out again.

Ralph Harmon has returned to his mother's home after a business trip to Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Arizona, and Texas.

On Monday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harmon went to New York City for a week's vacation.

**Odd Fellows Club News**

Saturday evening, Dec. 21, the regular monthly meeting of the General Service Committee of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Delaware will be held in the rooms of Morning Star Lodge No. 6, in Smyrna, with chairman, Lucius T. Fox calling the meeting to order at 8 p.m. The newly elected officers will be installed. Following the business meeting, a Christmas Party will be held, with an exchange of gifts and refreshments.

**Felton Avon Club Andrewville News**

Mrs. Florence Walls

Twenty-seven members of the Avon Club were present on Wednesday, Dec. 11th for the Christmas luncheon and party at the Felton Fire Hall. The tables and room were decorated with Christmas arrangements for the affair. The committee for the luncheon were Mrs. Howard Henry, Mrs. Charles Harrison, Mrs. Nelson Hammond and Mrs. Walter H. Moore. After the luncheon, gifts were exchanged by the club members.

The president, Mrs. Charles Hatfield, presided at a short business meeting. The club voted to give the usual amount to Care. On Wednesday, Dec. 19, a number of Avon Club members will be guests of Dover New Century Club for a Christmas tour of some of the New Century Club members' homes.

Two new club members, Mrs. Earl McCall and Mrs. Charles Lesser were present for the Christmas luncheon and party on Wednesday.

The first meeting in the new year will be January 8th. Mrs. Nelson Hammond will present a program on "Home Life." Assisting Mrs. Hammond will be her committee, Mrs. Marion McGinnis, Mrs. Harry Sipple, Mrs. Charles Harrison and Mrs. Everett Warrington.

Sunday school at Bethel Church Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, Maurice Wright, Supt. Christmas entertainment at Bethel Church on Monday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday evening, Dec. 22, the Christmas Cantata will be held at Union Church at 7:30. The choir consists of members from Bethel, Union, Prospect and Ames Churches.

Mrs. Ida Wooters was an overnight guest of Mrs. Barbara Saulsbury.

Miss Della Ryan spent a few days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elver Ryan.

Mrs. Amelia Vincent, Mrs. Lyda Thorpe and Miss Della Ryan visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Silbereisen last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chew were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan Sunday.

Debbie Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hammond, Marsha Ann Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Butler celebrated their birthday last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright and boys visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright Sunday.

Miss Beverly Cannon of University of Delaware, Newark, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hu-

bert Cannon. Mrs. Carmine Gallo Sr. is a patient in the Milford Memorial Hospital.

**Hickman**

Mrs. Isaac Noble

Mr. and Mrs. David Messick of rural Greenwood, entertained at dinner last Thursday, the following guest, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Meloney, Fred Johnson, of Seaford; Mrs. Minnie Gross, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Jesse Fearins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowdle, of Seaford, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowdle, of Harrington, were recent guests of their mother, Mrs. Carrie Bowdle.

Miss Karen Dennin and Holly Dennin, of Seaford, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter and Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nagel and Dale were last Friday evening guests of her mother, Mrs. Isaac Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Fearins and grandson, Keith Cook, of Denton, were Monday evening guests of his mother, Mrs. Jesse Fearins, and Wednesday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fearins, of Ellendale.

Union Church W.S.C.S. members are having their Christmas covered dish luncheon, Saturday evening, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The combined church choir cantata will be Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at Union Methodist Church.

**Asbury United Methodist Church News**

Classes for all ages. Norman Toadvine, Superintendent.

11 a.m. Morning worship. The pastor, John Edward Jones, will use as his sermon topic, "Dust Off the Star". Anthems by the Cherub, Crusader and Cathedral Choirs. The Young Ideas will sing the "Carol of the Drums" and "Do You Hear What I Hear".

6 p.m. Junior High M.Y.F. in the Collins Building.

6 p.m. Senior High M.Y.F. in the Chapel.

7 p.m. Evening worship. The annual candlelight service presented by the Cherub, Crusader and Cathedral choirs.

Altar flowers this week will be presented for the glory of God by Mrs. John Abbott, Sr.

in memory of son, Hughes Abbott.

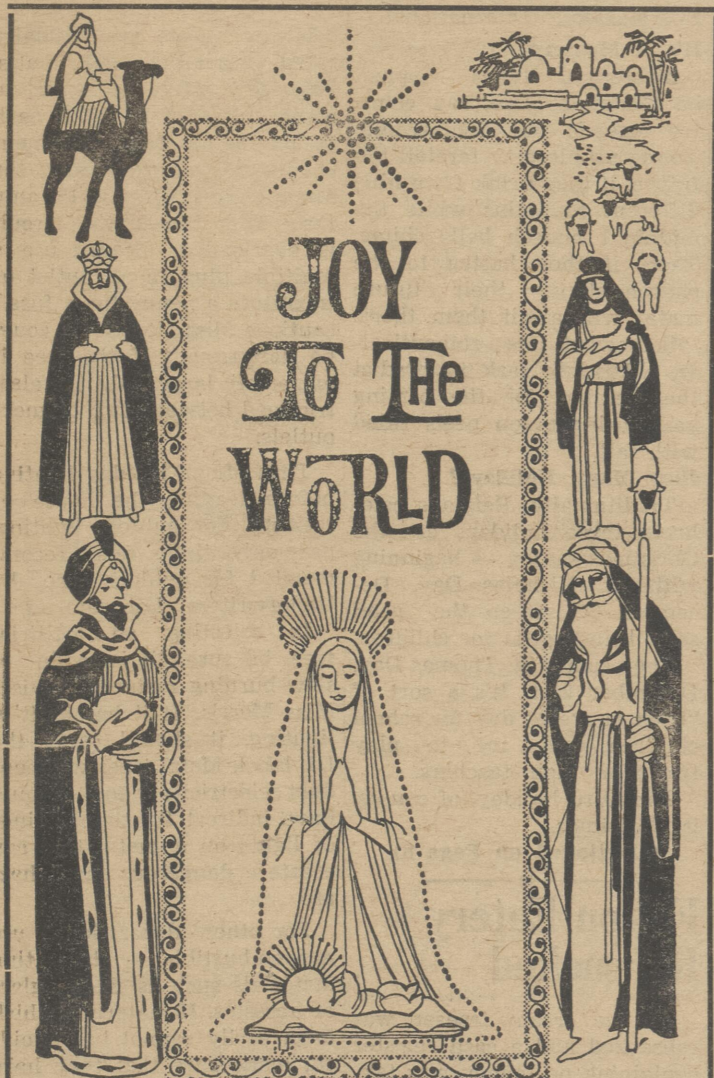
Friendly greeters this week will be Mrs. William G. Stokes and Mrs. John Abbott, Sr.

The Junior and Senior M.Y.F.'s will go Christmas caroling Monday evening leaving the church at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday — Crusader and Chancel Choirs rehearse at 6:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. — Cherub Choir rehearsal.

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### Share Christmas Within Family

Christmas is a time for hurried shopping, extra baking, plus decorating the house. But make it a time for family togetherness, too, suggests Mrs. Mary Keller, extension home economics agent for New Castle County.

Have your whole family help plan for Christmas and enjoy the extra fun — and work — together. Let your children help decorate the house, plan the menu for Christmas dinner and wrap the presents they are giving. And, if they're old enough, let them do their own shopping for those gifts.

Also this Christmas, plan for your family to spend more time together. As children grow up, both you and they have many activities throughout the year which don't involve the entire family. But Christmas is a time when you can all be together to enjoy meaningful family traditions. Certainly church services should be a family occasion and the many Christmas concerts are well worth attending, Mrs. Keller points out.

Every family should have traditions that are just their own for Christmas sharing. Decorating the house — trimming the tree — baking special cookies — they're all more enjoyable done together. Even very young children can get a thrill from deciding where one particular ornament should go or from frosting cookies or even just sprinkling colored sugar on top.

Giving presents gets close to the heart of Christmas. Of course, small children tend to emphasize what they get rather than what they give. But this season gives you, as parents, a good chance to teach the joys of giving.

Christmas is also a wonderful time for family reunions; grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins can recapture together some of the joy of the past. For many families, the big Christmas dinner, with its traditional menu, is one of the happiest events of the year. Eating together is one of the oldest and best expressions of family unity.

Family traditions such as these, and others, have great value, Mrs. Keller believes. They help give families a sense of continuity; they help families hold on to values from the past; and they help you teach your children what you really believe is important.

#### FOR FEASTING

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "dulces de almendra". The ingredients are sugar, flour, egg white and almonds.

#### Shop and Swap

### ASCS Workers Hold 3-State Conference

Farm organizations need to work together so American agriculture can speak with one voice, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official told 170 farm program workers at Atlantic City, N. J., Wed., Dec. 1.

The official, Harry A. Peters, Northeast area director for USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service was the opening speaker at a two-day conference for farm program workers from Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey.

Peters said he does not know what is in store for farm programs next spring, but he said they will be up for discussion. The new administration has nearly two years to come up with a new one. He said when Congress debates farm programs, they will be debating whether or not it is better for food production to be controlled "by a great number of people rather than by a few."

Agriculture production was controlled by the majority up about World War I when there were more people on farms than off farms. The technological revolution in agriculture since 1917 has made it possible for millions to move off the farm and into industry, and today, one farmer produces enough food to feed 41 people.

While this technology has moved people off farms, Peters said, USDA policy has been aimed at keeping people on the farm. Farm programs, among other things, have slowed the migration of farmers to the cities. He said in the past six or eight years, the number of family farms has actually increased.

National farm policy is influenced and implemented through the politics of group action brought to bear on the Congress, the President, and the Executive Branch, Peters said, and if a group develops a workable program, the Federal government is willing to listen.

George B. Reeves, a member of the Maryland ASC State committee, told delegates that if there has been error in carrying out the aims of our farm programs, let's be thankful that the error has been made on the side of abundance rather than scarcity.

In discussing the responsibilities of ASC committees, Reeves said the democratic principles which make our nation great, have been used to establish the committee system administered and operated by the people at a level nearest the problem.

Reeves said city folks are becoming more aware of the

cost-price squeeze the farmer is caught in because the urban press is doing a better job of informing its readers. Newspapers are telling the story of fewer farmers using more machinery, more fertilizers, and improved varieties on "ever acres" to produce more food. This increased production, he said, now means that an hour's work in the factory buys more food than ever before.

At the Thursday session of the conference, Truman J. Cunningham, director of ASCS's Commodity Operations Division in Washington, stressed the importance of producing high quality grain, especially for the export markets. Cunningham had just returned from a grain trade mission in Europe and he said we have tough competition in Europe because their grain "looks better than ours. However, he added, the 1968 grain crop, now beginning to reach Europe, is good quality.

Another complicating factor is that the six European Economic Community countries are maintaining grain price supports at such high levels that it is extremely difficult for the U.S. to enter this market. Consequently,

Cunningham said, it's extremely important that American farmers produce the highest quality grain possible.

New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Phillip Alampi, addressing a luncheon meeting of the conference, raised the question, "Why shouldn't farmers, who are doing a bigger, better, more expensive job every season, get bigger and better returns for their labor, their investments and their managerial abilities? Consumers have no inherent right to subsidies — subsidies especially from the producers on whom they depend for life itself."

The "cheap food" complex, he said, "has become a serious obstacle to every effort to increase the net income of the American farmer." I think you will agree, he continued, "that the American consumers are not seriously concerned about the level of prices for non-food items."

The final speaker at the conference was Charles M. Cox, assistant deputy administrator for ASCS, who said, "Prosperity of the farm means prosperity on Main Street." Cox pointed to the dark dismal days of the 1930's when per capita farm income was

only \$48 a year, and corn was selling for 32 cents a bushel.

Farm programs were born as an anti-poverty weapon in the 1930's, and they are still playing a major role in the fight against poverty and against rural decline. Cox listed the basic goals of USDA farm policy as better income for farmers and a balanced abundance for consumers.

As our farmers have progressed, consumers have benefited. Cox emphasized that food is one of our greatest bargains today, since less than 18 per cent of our disposable income goes for food despite a farm population of less than six per cent. Thirty years ago, we spent roughly 25 per cent of our take-home pay for food, he added.

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**Mrs. Charles Day**  
Mrs. Mary Jane Day, 73, of Harrington, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Milford Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Day was the widow of Charles Day who died several years ago.

She was a lifelong resident of the Harrington area and a member of Church of Nazarene at Harrington.

She is survived by two sons, Leonard Donovan of Harrington and Willis Donovan, in the armed forces stationed in Brazil; five daughters, Mrs. Beatrice Grier of Felton; Mrs. Dorothy Silbereisen of Houston, and Mrs. Rhoda Wright, Mrs. Ruth Dean and Mrs. Evelyn Smith, all of Harrington; a brother, Norman Morgan, of Georgetown; a sister, Mrs. Edna Pindall, of Farmington; 32 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday

afternoon at Church of Nazarene. Interment was in St. Johnstown Cemetery, near Greenwood.

#### Establishing Crib

Though legend says that St. Francis of Assisi first introduced the Christmas crib in the 13th century, history records that the first manger scene was created by Pope Liberius in 354 A.D.

**Cards Were General**  
Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar subjects.

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### Where to See Christmas

Christmas tends to be a hectic season, in Delaware as elsewhere. But Delawareans like to pause and remember that the true meaning of Christmas lies in the words, "Peace on earth, good will to men . . ."

There are several places made particularly beautiful at Christmas-time where Delawareans like to go:

Each Christmas, Caesar Rodney Square, in downtown Wilmington, is made beautiful by a manger scene, and surrounded with lighted trees. During the afternoons and evenings preceding Christmas, various school choirs, glee clubs, and bands provide music to remind workers and shoppers alike of the true glory of Christmas. The lights go on each afternoon at sundown, and remain on until 11 p.m. On Christmas Eve, and on New Year's Eve, the trees and creche will be lighted all night long. And because for the Eastern Rite churches Christmas is on January 6, the decorations will remain, and be lighted, throughout the week after New Year's Day.

People flock to old New Castle to see the decoration of the historic homes and public buildings. The lovely old place is made to look just as it must have in colonial times. Wreaths and decorations of natural materials, such as our ancestors used, hang on the doors of homes and shops around the Green and on Delaware Street. Shop windows display the wares that were offered at Christmas in those bygone days. At dusk, when the Town Tree on the Green is lighted, the cupolas of the Court House, Town Hall, and Arsenal-on-the-Green, as well as the spire of Immanuel Church, are all beautifully illuminated. Homes and public buildings glow from within with the warmth of the Christmas spirit. New Castle at dusk at Christmastime is a not-to-be-missed gem of nostalgia for the past.

People like to visit Dover at dusk, too. On Christmas Eve, and through most of the Yuletide, historic Dover Green is lighted at twilight by candles in the windows of the Old State House, the Kent County Court House, and the other government buildings and private offices and homes that surround the Green. The candle glow, even though today the candles are actually electric, recalls the long ago Christmases when our State was just beginning.

Rehoboth Beach has its own special Christmas charm. A "Mariners' Tree" made entirely of lights shines out to sea to bring Christmas to the ships passing Rehoboth enroute to and from Delaware Bay. The tree is 30 feet high atop the beach flagpole at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue. The islands of the Avenue are decorated for Christmas by the local service clubs, and the Kiwanis provide a life-size creche. Rehoboth's "Mariners' Tree" will send its warming glow to sea, and into the hearts of residents and visitors, all through the holiday season.

These are the four places where Delawareans like to go at Christmas, and Yuletide travelers will find them well worth a short detour.

### Senior Center News

These have been busy days for the members of the Senior Center. They have been actively working on ceramic pieces which they wish to give to their relatives and friends for Christmas. Ducks, geese, quail, owls, kittens, vases, pitchers, glazed angels are all in the process of being finished.

The big event of the past week was the Christmas tea held in Dover at the home of the director, Mrs. Angela Johnston. Seventeen of the members and one volunteer aide, Mrs. Mark Willey, attended. In behalf of the members of the Center, Mrs. Pearl Derrickson presented Mrs. Johnston with a beautiful scented Christmas candle. The afternoon was pleasantly spent enjoying Mrs. Johnston's review of some of the experiences which she had had in the various countries in which she has lived. Mrs. Ethel Bull read a few Christmas poems. Delicious refreshments were served and each person present was given a Christmas corsage by the hostess.

The members are also giving thought to those less fortunate. They are collecting toys and gifts for the children of the Hospital for the

Mentally Retarded at Georgetown.

Last week the Senior Center lost one of its oldest and most faithful members, Mr. Frank Haas. The membership wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to his family.

The Board of Directors of the Center are seriously considering renting or buying a suitable building in which to locate in the future. Hopefully, this would enable the work of the Center to be greatly expanded with room to house more projects of interest our male senior citizens. A room of their own, maybe! Also after January 1 of the New Year it is hoped that a small library may be established at the Center. Mr. Snowman, of the Delaware Library Commission visited the Center to determine what interest the members had in such a project. All members would be eligible, without charge, to use the books. A definite effort will be made to select those books that are interesting, suitable, and useful to the Senior Citizen. Every three months these volumes would be exchanged for new or different ones.

We, at the Center, wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### Houston

**Mrs. Margaret Thistlewood**  
Last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minner received word from the department of the Army that their son, Robert Jr., had been wounded in the left wrist and was in a Vietnam hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simpson and son, David, of Harrington; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Prettyman and children, of Seaford, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Prettyman, were dinner guests Sunday of Miss Ann Clifton and Miss Dorothy Wootten. It was a special dinner for Mrs. Edwin Prettyman whose birthday was Dec. 18th.

Mrs. Mabel Shockley, of Dover, was a recent guest of Mrs. Pearl Messick and Rosanna.

Mrs. Stella Sapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Wechtenhiser, of Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Simpson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hart, in Magnolia.

Our former pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Nicklas, of Milford, were badly bruised and both have broken ribs and their car was demolished in an accident early Friday evening.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Rob-

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ert Morgan and daughter, Cherie, Miss Barbara Moore, of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCreary and daughter, Karen, Mrs. George Thistlewood and sons, Georgie and Fred, attended a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neiger and children, in New Castle. Twenty-six members of the immediate family of Mrs. Anna Sharp, attended from Baltimore, New Jersey and Wilmington.

The second Christmas Eve Watch Night Service will be held on Dec. 24 from 11-12 p.m. The special candle lighting service proved to be popular last year, why not plan to join us this year in the Houston Methodist Church.

### Around Home

with Jean H. Cranston

Turkey no longer is a twice a year feast showing up only for Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner, however, with its increasing popularity seems to only heighten the anticipation of the great gobblers formal arrival on the holiday table.

Here are a few tips on turkey handling from the U.S.D.A. bulletin, "Poultry in Family Meals". This holiday bird probably more than any other entire, arrives in the home earlier and stays longer, thereby needing attention both before and after the big dinner.

Most turkeys these days are frozen so you must not wait too long before you select yours or it won't have enough time to thaw.

If you are thawing your turkey at room-temperature keep the turkey in its plastic wrap and place in a paper bag, this will enable the inside the bag to be only slightly warmer than the atmosphere in your refrigerator. If this method is used, be sure to refrigerate within 1 to 3 hours after it thaws.

Cooked turkey should be

cooled quickly, wrapped loosely and stored in the coldest part of the refrigerator, with stuffing removed and stored separately in a covered container.

Cooked turkey, stuffing, broth, or gravy should be used within 1 or 2 days, because flavor deteriorates if held under poor storage conditions or for too long. Broth or gravy should be reheated to boiling before serving.

A copy of "Poultry in Family Meals" may be obtained from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

### W.O.T.M. News

At the monthly enrollment for the W.O.T.M. of the Harrington Moose Lodge on Thurs., Dec. 12, were six new members, Louise Collins, Ruth Evans, Doris Brittingham, Pauline Maloney, Nellie D. Daisey and Kathryn Joseph. Mrs. Hilda Hanson, Junior Senior Regent, presented the Award of Achievement which was awarded the Chapter for 1967-1968.

Mrs. Ruth Lawton, Senior Regent, presented the red ribbon and check, which the Lodge and Chapter won as second prize in the Christmas parade in Harrington on Dec. 7.

The Members Dance, held on Fri., Nov. 29, was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time.

The Christmas Party for the children of Moose members will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m.

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SAVE 12¢... IDEAL CANNED **Pumpkin** . . . . . 2 1-lb. **39¢** cans  
IDEAL BRAND **Sweet Potatoes** . . . . 2 1-lb. **69¢** cans  
SAVE 18¢... FARMDALE **Sweet Peas** . . . . . 7 1-lb. **\$1.00** cans  
FARMDALE QUEEN **Stuffed Olives** . . . . . 1-pb. **99¢** cans  
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### Delaware Food Market Report

By Anne Holberton

The days before Christmas seem to find many of us more concerned with activities centered around the kitchen than any other time of the year. It's no wonder, since this is the most celebrated holiday of the year and it is one time when, hopefully, every member of the family and others are at home. Do make this a pleasant time for "the cook" by planning well ahead and buying what you need to execute those plans. Don't be caught short because you forgot to make a list and did not buy the spices needed for the egg-nog or the bacon for breakfast.

Turkey, the chosen meat for Christmas dinner for many people, is plentiful and prices are normal for this time of year. Remember to consider the number of servings you want before you buy and allow approximately 1/2 pound of ready-to-cook turkey for each serving.

Pork still remains an economical choice, especially shoulder cuts. Hams, however, have increased a bit in price, but many stores will be featuring this meat during the days ahead. This is another traditional meat for Christmas, and there is a size and kind of meat for every need. Here again, know the number of servings you want before you buy. To buy the proper size ham, allow 1/2 pound of meat per serving when buying a ham with the bone in, 1/3 of a pound is needed when the ham has been boned. If you are interested in a boned cooked ham, then 1/8 to 1/4 of a pound is required per serving.

As it looks now, beef prices are on the way up. Chuck cuts continue to offer good values and will be featured again this week. However, if standing rib roast is the meat you want to serve for Christmas dinner, there are plenty available at fairly reasonable prices. Since you will want it to be exceptionally tender and succulent, be sure to select the first ribs. This section of the rib comes from the short loin end and the "rib eye" of solid tender meat predominates. As you get closer to the chuck end of the ribs, you will find the roast is likely to be less tender. Buy at least a two-rib roast, allowing 1/3 to 1/2 pound bone-in roast per serving. For easier carving, ask the meat man to cut along the backbone so it can be removed easily after roasting.

The winter type vegetables are in good supply, but do check carefully as you buy. With recent cold and freezing weather, some damage may be evident as a result of being shipped at this time.

Citrus fruits of all kinds are plentiful and are being "specialized" in many stores just in time for Christmas. Other fruits to check are strawberries, pineapples, avocados, bananas, and cranberries.

### It's Too Common

In most of the United States, the poinsettia is a prized Christmas flower. In Hawaii, however, it grows so profusely that it is considered too common for such an important holiday. Potted orchids, anthurium or the orange-and-blue flower called "bird of paradise" are Hawaiian holiday favorites.

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**Lambs** — medium \$19 to \$25, mostly \$25.

**Cows - Slaughter** — medium to good \$16 to \$20, mostly \$17.50; common \$12.25 to \$15.75, mostly \$14; canners and cutter \$10 to \$12, mostly \$12.

**Steers** — common to medium \$20 to \$26.25, mostly \$23.50; light steers \$18 to \$23.50, mostly \$24.

**Feeder Heifers** — dairy type \$14 to \$19, mostly \$18; beef type \$18 to \$24, mostly \$20.50.

**Slaughter Heifers** — good to choice \$18 to \$22, mostly \$19.

**Bulls** — over 1,00 lbs. — choice \$19 to \$23.50, mostly \$23; 500 to 1,000 lbs. — choice \$16 to \$23.50, mostly \$22.

**Straight Hogs** (good quality) — 120 to 170 lbs. \$15 to \$17.50, mostly \$16; 170 to 240 lbs. \$18 to \$19.25, mostly \$18.50; 240 lbs. \$15 to \$19.25, mostly \$18.

**Sows** (good quality) — 200 to 300 lbs. \$12 to \$16, mostly \$14.50; 300 to 400 lbs. \$12 to \$16.50, mostly \$13.50; over 400 lbs. \$11 to \$14, mostly \$13.50.

**Boars** (good quality) — under 350 lbs. \$9 to \$20, mostly \$9.50; over 350 lbs. \$9 to \$12, mostly \$9.50.

**Shoats** — medium to good \$10 to \$19.50, mostly \$12.50.

**Feeder Pigs** (6 to 12 wks. old) — choice \$8 to \$10, mostly \$9; medium to good \$4 to \$7, mostly \$6; common \$1 to \$3.50, mostly \$2.50.

**Horses and Mules** — work type \$45 to \$97.50, mostly \$60 per head; butcher type \$14 to \$40, mostly \$30 per head.

**Live Poultry—Heavy Breeds** — Powl \$.65 to \$1.90, mostly \$1.10; roosters \$.50 to \$1, mostly \$.65; light breeds — bantam chickens \$.10 to \$.35, mostly \$.25; guineas mostly \$1.90.

**Ducks** — muscovy ducks \$.75 to \$1.20; muscovy drakes \$1.50 to \$2.20, mostly \$1.90.

**Rabbits** — large breeds \$1.50 to \$1.80, mostly \$1.50; small breeds \$.90 to \$1.40, mostly \$1.20; young rabbits \$.40 to \$.80, mostly \$.60.

**Eggs** — ungraded, mixed \$3.38-\$7.6 per dozen.

**Miscellaneous Produce** — Lard \$3.10 per 50 lb. can; Wreaths \$.25-\$3.00 each.

### John R. Powell Sr.

John R. Powell Sr., 56, of near Harrington, was pronounced dead on arrival Tuesday at Kent General Hospital, Dover.

The state medical examiner's office said he suffered a heart attack.

A native of Greenwood, he had lived in Harrington all his life. He was a member of the Church of God, Milford.

Mr. Powell, known as "Big John," was the owner and operator of the Big John Co. of Dover.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Phyllis Powell; two sons, John R. Jr. of New Brunswick, N. J., and Samuel E., of Harrington; two daughters, Mrs. Anna Louise Bowden of Bridgeville and Mrs. Beatrice Browning of Harrington; four sisters, Mrs. Laura Gump, of Wilmington; Mrs. Bertha Mercandanta of Lewes, Mrs. Mary Waller of New Brunswick, N. J., and Mrs. Nora King of Milton; two brothers, Charles A. and Earl, both of Wilmington, and nine grandchildren.

Services will be Friday afternoon at 1 at the J. Millard Cooper Funeral Home, 110 E. Center St., Harrington. Interment will be in St. Johnstown Cemetery, Greenwood.

### Applications For Many Christmas Plants Poisonous

Applications for Kent Marriage Licenses

Raymond Tedford Willetts, Buffalo, N. Y., and Barbara Jean Thomson, Brielle, N. J.

Paul LeRoy McDougall, Dover, and Constance Maria Trice, Templeville, Md.

James Anthony Riggi, Dover, and Constance Marker, Wyoming.

Jerry Wayne McLemore, Birmingham, Ala., and Sharon Margaret White, Baltimore, Md.

Darrel Roger Bird, Dover, and Linda Rose Meadows, Wyoming.

Zone Eugene Ingersoll, Dover, and Joan Bernice Foster, Dover.

Alden Farrell Robinson, Smyrna and Anna Louise Ragsdale, Smyrna.

King Lee Crain, Smyrna, and Bessie Pearl Diane Stroud of Dover.

James Elliott Knowles, Magnolia, and Joanna Mae Pringle, Houston.

John Alexander Lapitsky, Dover, and Henrietta C. Crawford, Dover.

James Colonious Combs, Wilmington, and Gail Edna Brodley, Felton.

Many popular Christmas plants are poisonous if eaten, warns Robert F. Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware.

Parents should caution children, particularly those in the hand-to-mouth stage, against putting any berries, seeds, fruits or leaves in their mouths unless given to them by an adult. Stevens also advises mothers to keep house plants out of the reach of small children.

"Some plants can cause death to children and animals if they eat enough," he says. "Others can cause severe pain."

Among common Christmas plants toxic to children and pets, Stevens cites the poinsettia, holly berries and mistletoe. Other poisonous plants include bitterweet, chrysanthemums, rhododendron, philodendron and ivy.

If a child eats part of any plant or is suspected of eating a plant, call a physician or the nearest poison control center as soon as possible, he suggests. Although the plant may not be poisonous, don't take a chance by waiting for symptoms to develop.

In Delaware, call the Delaware Division of the Wilmington Medical Center, 655, 3389.

### Of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Dub-) Lekites are expected home late Saturday or early Sunday morning. He was stationed at the army base in Mineral Wells, Texas, and has been transferred to Ft. Rucker, Ala. He left for Texas last March and his family followed last June. They will reside on Smith Avenue.

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**Poems from Paradise Pastures**

By W. Cliff Miller

—HERE WE GO AGAIN—

Said Pop to Mom, twelve months ago,  
 "What shall it be next year—  
 A card we buy, or one we make,  
 Which will it be, my dear?"

Said Mom to Pop: "Let's skip it all;  
 It's such a heavy task.  
 Instead let's save our energy,  
 And in our leisure bask."

It seemed so sensible to stop,  
 A custom now grown old,  
 And we are not so young, (you know),  
 At least, we have thus been told.

But when the holidays draw near,  
 There's that familiar urge,  
 To "take our pen in hand" again,  
 On ink and stamps to splurge.

Now as we write familiar names,  
 And sigh at those not there,  
 We know we wouldn't miss this chance,  
 To greet friends everywhere.

So once again we write these lines,  
 And wish with all our might—  
 A coming year of happiness,  
 A Christmas glad and bright.

(from Modern Maturity)

Below is a reprint of an editorial in the monthly publication of the Smyth Worldwide Movers, Inc., of Seattle, Washington. The author of the editorial is Bob Roberts, Seattle, Wash.

**I'VE HAD IT!**

There's something that needs to be said about this country. And since no one seems to have the gumption to say it, I guess it's up to me.

I have had it up to here with persons who are trying deliberately to tear my country apart. And it's way past time to throw at me that tired old wheeze about being a Flag-waver. You're damned right I'm a Flag-waver, and I got that right to be one the hard way.

I have had it with pubescent punks, wallowing in self-pity, who make a display of deploring their birth into a world which—to use their sissy expression—they didn't make.

Well, I didn't make the world I was born in, either. And neither did the men I know who are worthy of respect. They just went about and made something out of it.

The men I grew up with were fetched up in a logging camp. They were the immigrant sons of every cast-off race there is. And they didn't have a lot of knowledge at home to start them off, either.

But I can write you a song about the son of a Po Valley coal miner who became a nationally-renowned physicist; about doctors, lawyers, teachers, forestry specialists, conservation experts, and men of the cloth—in the Seattle-Tacoma area—who came out of that logging camp. And about the sons of a Danish mechanic who is one of the best friends I've got.

So don't give me your whining, whimpering, self-pitying clap-trap about how this country is letting you down.

I have had it with hippies, brainless intellectuals, writers who can't write, painters who can't paint, teachers who can't teach, administrators who can't administrate, entertainers who fancy themselves sociologists, and Negroes who castigate as "Uncle Toms," the very men who have done the most to demonstrate to all of us the most important quality in America... individual enterprise and responsibility... Dr. George Washington Carver, Archie Moore, Bert Williams, Booker T. Washington, Roy Wilkins, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Nat Cole, The Mills Brothers, and their father... and many more.

I've had it with those cerebral giants who think it's smart to invite drug advocates to lecture in their classrooms, and with teaching curiosities like that one in the Mercer Island School District who invited a Black Power spokesman to dispense a lecture on Flag-burning.

I've had it with people who are setting about deliberately to rip up mankind's noblest experiment in decency.

And I'm going to tell you something. If you think you're going to tear down my country's Flag and destroy the institutions my friends and members of my family have fought and died for, you're going

to have to climb over me first.

And, buddy, you'd better get up awful early in the morning.

**JOURNEY OF THE MAGI**  
 By Dorothy Nickel

Ships of the desert, treading slow,  
 Guided by yonder starlight's glow,  
 Journeying over seas of sand  
 Were Magi three, with gifts in hand.

Treasures rich, from the East they brought  
 Love tokens for the King they sought.  
 In what great mansion does He lie,  
 This King who rules o'er earth and sky?

Westward, westward, so led the star,  
 The journey's end not very far...  
 Then lo! The light that led them on  
 Stopped where the heavenly King was born.

It blazed in glory overhead  
 And stood above a manger bed.  
 A mansion, no! but stable bare,  
 And so they found the Baby there.

On bended knees their gifts they spent,  
 And lower still the Magi bent.  
 Here was the promise long foretold  
 By prophets through the ages old.

Ships of the desert, going back,  
 Slow to the East they made their track.  
 Journeying over seas of sand,  
 Were Magi guided by God's hand.

As homeward went the Magi, then  
 They spread the news of Bethlehem.  
 Now through the ages past and gone  
 The story lives forever on.

Submitted by:  
 Mary C. Perrone  
 Harrington, Del.

**MEDITATION**  
 By Marie Hunter Dawson

Let me be quiet a while upon this holy day  
 To walk amidst the scene of Thy nativity,  
 As around me roars the tumult of our complex age,  
 Refresh my soul in your divine simplicity.

The trusting heart of Mary waiting patiently;  
 The tender deep concern that Joseph showed  
 Their gratitude for just a stable's open door  
 Their first born child — God's gift on man bestowed!

Rouse my complacent mind. Steep me in quickening love

With Thee to face the current of uncertainty  
 Let blinding fear give way to courage and to faith,  
 As light from Bethlehem's ageless star we see.

Let me be quiet a while upon this holy day  
 To walk around the scene of Thy nativity.

Submitted by:  
 Mary C. Perrone  
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**Sixteen Years Ago**

Fri., Dec. 19, 1952

Edward Taylor, Bill Parker, Bennie Hughes, all of Harrington, and Alvin Gadow, of Denton, killed four deer near Buffalo, N. Y., recently. Two bucks weighed 200 pounds each; one weighed 175 pounds, and the fourth, 125 pounds.

Harry G. Farrow has been promoted to announcer on a new streamlined deluxe train, from New York to Washington.

Quick thinking on the part of a bakery truck driver probably saved a woman's home from destruction by fire early Monday afternoon at Burrsville, Md. Robert Baynard, of Harrington, a route man for Bond Bakery, was delivering bread to Mrs. Bessie Walker when the oil stove in the living-room exploded, throwing a sheet of flame across the room. Baynard quickly pulled the tank off the stove and ran down the road to the nearest telephone and called Goodwill Fire Company in Centerville, four miles distant. He went

into the house and proceeded to douse the flaming stove with water until firemen arrived and found the fire under control.

Those beautiful chimes, pealing at noon and eventide these crisp winter days, emit from the belfry of Trinity Methodist Church. The O.U.R. Bible Class, thru churchwide donations, has installed an amplifying system in an automatic record player.

Pfc. John Raughley, U. S. Army, stationed at Big Delta, Alaska, is home on a 30-day furlough.

Many women of Harrington of the Moose Lodge, Chapter 534, are giving baskets and toys to needy families. They will be distributed on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Smith have received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival of their son, Ralph, in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Willey entertained at a turkey dinner Sunday the following: Mrs. Willey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urie Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jarrell and daughter, Barbara; Mrs. Penelope Jarrell, of Viola, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Owens and sons,

of Colonial Heights. Seaman Howard Klapp spent the weekend with his family upon arrival from Venezuela.

**Stuart Ober, a Student at Wesleyan U.**

Stuart Ober, a student at Wesleyan University, is among the nation's collegiate poets whose works appears in the second issue of *Alkahest: American College Poetry*, published this month by Wesleyan University Press. Selected were: *Battlefield In Morning*.

Inaugurated in the spring of 1968, *Alkahest* is a semi-annual publication of undergraduate poetry, designed to be a vehicle for the best poetry being written in American colleges and universities. It favors no region, no clique, no "school" or style of poetry, holding excellence as its single standard of acceptance.

The selection of poems for each issue is made by an editorial committee of undergraduates—each distinguished in his own institution as a

poet or perceptive critic. Thus the evaluation and selection as well as the contents of *Alkahest* are undergraduate performances.

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### Trinity United Methodist Church News

Church School at Trinity United Methodist Church, Harrington, will be held this Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m. The Sunday School treat will be given during the Church School hour.

Morning worship will be conducted at 11 o'clock. The sermon, announced by the Reverend William J. Garrett, pastor, is entitled "Christmas Values". Special music has been arranged by the choir, as follows: The preludes will be "Variation on Noel" by Roucaïrol and "Christmas Memory" by Wilson, will be played by Melvin Brobst at the organ and Miss Cheryl LeKites at the piano. The Senior Choir anthems are: "A Babe So Tender", a Flemish Carol and "What Child is This?" by English. Mrs. Warren Draper will sing "Adore and Be Still" by Gounod. Other anthems to be sung by the Senior Choir are: "Sleep, My Saviour Sleep" by Caldwell and "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" by Goss. The Junior Choir will sing "A Christmas Carol" by Faith Chambers Wilson.

Poinsettias are to be presented as follows: In memory of loved ones by Mrs. Earl Sylvester; in memory of fathers by Reverend and Mrs. Garrett; in memory of Mrs. Virginia Harris by daughters, Shelly and Gail Harris.

Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock, the Christmas Candlelight Service will be held, in which the entire congregation

will participate. There will be special choral selections by the Junior Choir and the Senior High youth. A film, entitled, "It Began in Bethlehem" will be shown.

### Mrs. David Yoder

Mrs. Savilla B. Yoder, 79, of Greenwood, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bontrager, of near Milford after a long illness. Her husband, David Yoder, died in 1966.

She was a resident of the Greenwood-Milford area for 50 years and was a member of Greenwood Conservative Mennonite Church 40 years.

She is survived by eight sons, David, of Milford; Daniel, of Dover; Luke, of Bayport, Mich.; Paul, of Nazareth, Ethiopia; Amos, of Jop, Pa.; and John, Mark and Jesse, all of Greenwood; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Bontrager, of Milford; Mrs. Marion Hostetler, of Greenwood, and Miss Naomi Yoder, of Grand Ridge, Fla.; two foster-children; Arley Ravenscroft, of Williamsburg, Va.; and Mrs. Saide Parks, of Snowshoe, Pa.; two brothers, Nevin Bender, of Beirut, Lebanon, and Earl Bender, of Shipshewana, Ind.; five sisters, Mrs. Amelia Swartbentruber, Mrs. Nanna Swartzentruber, Mrs. Savannah Swartzentruber, and Mrs. Pauline Beachy, all of Greenwood and Mrs. Lucy Schrock, of Harrington; 60 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Greenwood Mennonite Church. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church News

Calendar for Dec. 20-26

FRIDAY—8 p.m. Order of St. Luke, Dover

SUNDAY—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9:30 a.m. Church School. 10:45 a.m. Morning prayer, Litany and sermon. 12 noon Coffee hour.

TUESDAY—11 p.m. Festival Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist.

WEDNESDAY—11 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion.

It is still not late to fill in a blank from the rear table in the nave, for the purpose of remembering departed ones at the Altar this Christmas.

St. Stephen's celebration of Christmas will begin this Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 11 p.m. At that time the Church will be decorated for Christmas and will hold its annual Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist. The service is sung in candlelight and is one of the most beautiful of the year. Special music will be featured by the choir. The Rev. Joseph S. Hinks, Vicar Emeritus of St. Stephen's, will assist with the service. As it begins at 11 p.m., worshippers find themselves seeing Christmas morning arrive while they are kneeling for Holy Communion. On Sunday, December 29, the first Sunday after Christmas, at the time of coffee hour, the children of the church school will enjoy their Christmas tree and special refreshments. There will be the traditional

candy boxes for children up to the third grade. Those older are asked to bring a special offering on that day, Dec. 29, for needy children of Biafra. Church school teachers will please promote this offering. Please pick up pledge blanks from the table in the rear of the nave if you have not yet made your yearly pledge.

Those who have not yet received both Church Hour Nursery and Coffee Hour schedules are asked to contact the parish office.

Those desiring to contribute altar flowers during 1969 should contact Mrs. Edythe Hearn at phone 398-3727.

This coming Sunday 12:15 p.m. special choir rehearsal.

### Kent General Hospital News

Dec. 10 to 17 ADMISSIONS

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### "Mele Kalikimaka"

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### Armed Forces News

Army Private Allan C. Jones, 20, son of Mrs. Christina M. Medows, 1004 Lemuel St., Milford, was assigned to the 28th General Hospital Nov. 12 at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., as a carpenter. His wife, Margaret, lives on Route 1, Lincoln.

Private Sherrod C. Williams, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Williams, West Road, Ellendale, completed a Hawk Air Defense Missile Crewman course Nov. 22 at the Army Defense School, Ft. Bliss, Tex. His wife, Katie, lives on West Road, Ellendale.

Seaman Apprentice John D. Mills, USCG, son of James E. Mills, of Route 1, Milford, was graduated from basic training at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N. J.

### Santa's Moving To Take Lead As Gift-Giver

More and more, Santa becomes the favored gift-giver in countries around the world, replacing a host of legendary figures who were said to bring gifts at this same season of the year.

Gift-giving time, too, is now more likely to be Christmas Eve, although the traditional once ranged from St. Nhuu date in European countries once ranged from St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th, to Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

Among the many who set the trend for Santa Claus is the German gift-giver, Kris Kringle. The name is a variation of Christkind—not the Infant Jesus himself, but his messenger who came to earth at Christmastime. Christkind was represented by a child dressed in white

robes, with a crown and wings of gold.

In Japan, the traditional gift-giver is a native god, Hoteisho. Represented as a kindly old man with a pack on his back, he is much like visions of the traditional Santa.

He is said to have eyes in the back of his head, the better to see whether boys and girls have been naughty or nice.

In Yugoslavia, Grandfather Frost — "Dede Mraz" — replaces Santa Claus.

The Yugoslavian trend is to combine Christmas and New Year holidays, and celebrate them together with Grandfather Frost Day.

### Mrs. Clayton M. Layton

Mrs. Mary V. Layton, 62, of near Harrington, died Tuesday at Milford Memorial Hospital after a short illness. A native of Delaware, she

was formerly employed by the Latex Corp. at Dover. She was a member of the Calvary Wesleyan Church, Harrington.

She is survived by her husband, Clayton M. Layton; one stepson, Leland Layton, of Harrington; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Arthur Minner of Felton and Mrs. Edgar Welch of Harrington; one brother, Earl Webb of Frederica; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Welsh and Mrs. Franklin Abbott, both of Milford; six step-grandchildren and two great-step-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday afternoon at 2 at the McKnatt Funeral Home, 50 Commerce St., Harrington, with interment at Barratt's Chapel Cemetery, Frederica.

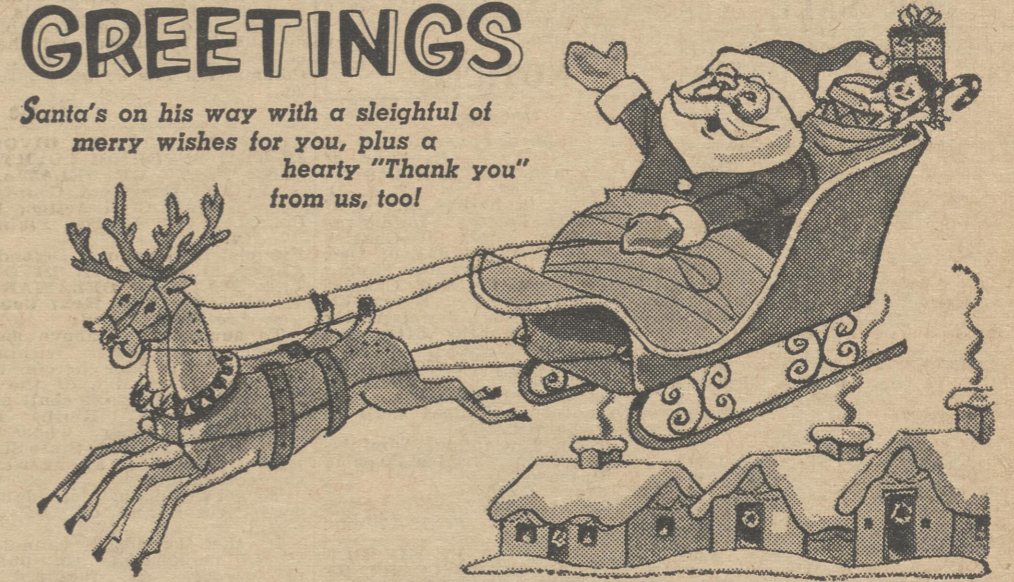
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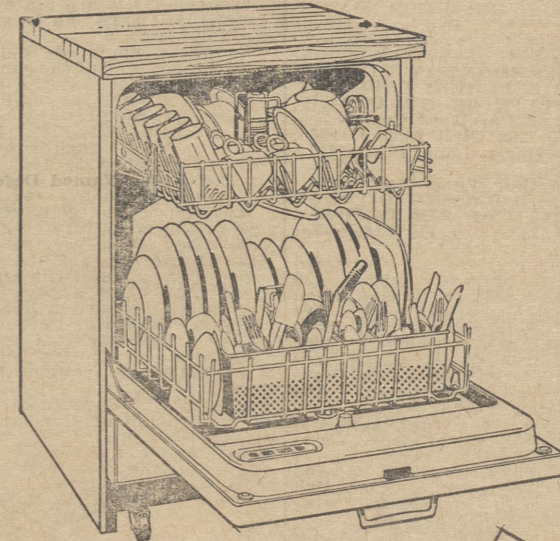
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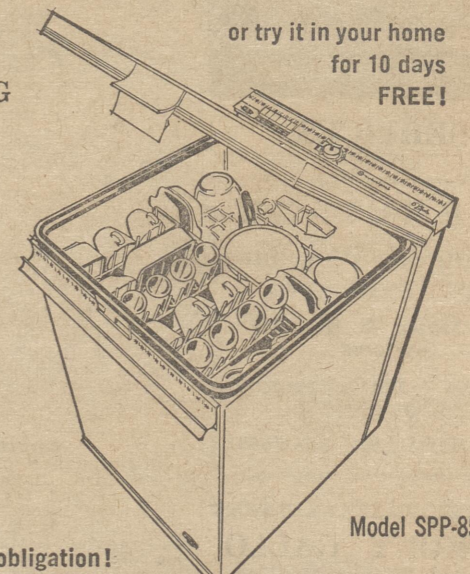
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**Harrington School News**

The following are stories written in English class in Mrs. Brobst's sixth grade: (They are modern Christmas miracle stories.)

Baroo was a shepherd boy who lived in a village near the Sea of Galilee. His family was very poor. He had no bed, toys, or hat to wear. This was the night Jesus, Christ was born and the news spread through the village quickly. The family was so poor they couldn't think of anything to give Him. It happened that the family belonged to a village choir. Baroo thought of the plan that this choir should go to Bethlehem and sing for the Christ Child. They did, and on their way home the angels came and told them that their singing was the greatest gift of all.—Robby Wyatt

A long time ago a little crippled boy named Michael was thinking what he could give the Christ Child. He thought and thought and then remembered that he did have a gift to give—he would give his crutches. So he went to the manger with the shepherds and gave his crutches.—Bruce Benson

Long ago when Jesus was just a little baby, Wise Men and shepherds brought Him gifts. Wise Men brought beautiful jugs and boxes with things in them. The shepherds brought little lambs, but one small boy who helped the shepherds didn't have anything for Jesus. A few days went by and the boy knew that all he could give was a little robe that was his when he was a small boy. When he gave the robe, Mary put it on Jesus and thanked him. So the little boy went back to his sheep very happy.—Linda Newnom

Once there was a boy who had no gift to give to the Christ Child. All he had was a trumpet which he played very well. So he played this trumpet as best as he could for the baby Jesus. He saw Him smile.—David Hrupsa

Once there was a little boy who had nothing for the Christ Child. The only thing he had was a little red wagon. He told his mother that he was going to follow the shepherds to the manger to give the little wagon to the Christ Child. The wagon turned out to be the best gift.—Harry Wilson

There was a poor boy who wanted to see the baby Jesus. He asked his mother if he could go. On the way he was thinking what kind of gift to give, but since his family was so poor, he did not have anything to give. When he got to Bethlehem, he told the Christ Child that he did not have a gift for Him, but that he gave Him his love and respect. The Christ Child smiled and raised His hand to him.—Curtis Wolfenden

I wanted to give a gift to the Christ Child, but I didn't have anything to give. So I started out on the journey to Bethlehem determined to do something well. When I got there to see the Christ Child, I played a song the best that I could on my trumpet. I saw the Baby Jesus smile.—Alan Welch

Near the manger was a small shepherd boy named David. He was very poor. He had a strange instrument handed down to him from his grandfather. He could not play it, but practiced and practiced with little sleep for twelve days. He finally mastered the

strange music. When he went to the manger he trumpeted with all his heart. This made Jesus smile.—Matt Burgess

One day in December there was born a Child. He was born in a manger sleeping on soft hay. The news was spread far and wide. People started saying that those who followed Him would not perish but have eternal life. There was one boy who believed this and he wanted to give the Christ Child something for a gift. But what? All he had was a few clothes and a blanket. He loved this blanket so much that he never let it get dirty. He wondered if he could part with this blanket, but he found that he could. When he got to Bethlehem the cold wind was blowing on the Babe. So he took his blanket and covered Him. His name was Paul.—Glenn Jarrell

One night long ago, Ellen lay on her corn husk mattress thinking about what her friend, Mary had said the day before. Mary had told her that she was going to have a baby boy and call him Jesus. He was to be the Messiah. The night it was to happen Ellen still didn't have a gift. She thought and thought but she didn't know what to give the Christ Child. Then she thought of her most precious belonging—her baby lamb. He was small, woolly, and his name was Buttons. At midnight Ellen gathered Buttons up in her arms and started on her journey to the stable. She was walking briskly when a sudden thought struck her. What if they didn't accept her gift? She stopped short and stared down at Buttons. He was fast asleep in her arms. Something inside her told her that he would be a good gift. When she reached the stable Mary was kneeling beside the manger. Mary looked up and smiled when she saw Ellen standing in the doorway. She was delighted when she saw the

dear little lamb, Buttons. On her journey nome Ellen was happy and pleased that she had given Buttons to the Christ Child.—Lynne Parker

Once a long, long time ago there was a small boy whose name was Peter. Peter was a poor orphan boy who just wandered around searching for food and shelter. He did not know much about God. On the night Jesus was born, he walked along the road wondering if he could sleep in the cattle's stall at a nearby inn. When he got there, there was a man, woman, and a small baby in the manger. He was told that this was the Son of God and that the man was Joseph, and the woman was Mary. Mary told Peter that Jesus was hungry. As poor as he was, Peter took his last crust of bread out of his pocket and gave it to the Baby Jesus.—Nancy Dill

On Christmas Eve the night the Christ Child was born, there was a great glow over the little stable. A star shone brightly in the sky. As I stood staring at the star something seemed to be beckoning me to the tiny stable. As I walked I came closer and closer. Then I saw it. It was tiny and old, but it was beautiful. I saw shepherds lay gifts by the manger as I started at the Child. What could I give Him! Then it struck me that he had no blanket. I took off my cape and gave it to Him. Mary smiled at me. Then out of the sky I saw a figure. It was God. I was

shivering because it was so cold. As He came to earth, He rested His hand on my shoulder, and said, "Of all the gifts to my Son, yours seems most gracious." A tear fell from my eye, and I smiled. His face seemed so kind, and loving. As His figure rose to the sky, and slowly disappeared, He smiled, and then He was gone. Then all I saw was the beautiful star over Bethlehem.—Laura Wetherhold

Once there was a little girl who had nothing to give to the Christ Child. He father was a clock maker. On her second birthday she had received an expensive clock that he had spent a year making for her. She thought and thought then she decided to give the clock to the Christ Child even though it meant so much to her.—Diane Welch

Once upon a time I was in Bethlehem with my mother. We heard people talking about the Christ Child that would be born to Mary. We heard that everybody was giving a gift to Him. I sat on the step thinking and thinking what I could give Him. Then I decided to give my treasure—an old but beautiful box that once belonged to my great-grandmother. It was green on the outside with red velvet on the inside. In the box there were three rings and two sparrow eggs and five beautiful rocks with black spots. That night I took the box to the Christ Child. Mary told me that he would treat

sure the box and save it for a gift forever.—Donna Flenner

Tim was a very poor boy. He had heard that Jesus was born and that everyone was on his way to take a gift. He went in his hut and looked and looked for a gift that he could give the Christ Child. Finally he saw an old guitar standing in the corner. He put it under his arm, and followed the others. As he was going he worried to himself that he did not know how to play the guitar. But when he saw the baby Jesus' shining face, a song came into his heart. The gift that he gave was a beautiful song that he wrote and sang for the Christ Child. When Tim grew up, he was a great song writer. This all happened because of his faith.—Richard Shulties

Everybody was giving something to the Christ Child, but I had nothing to give. Then I decided to give Him my ring that my mother gave to me before she died. I did, and the Christ Child wore it forever and ever.—Noble Wooleyhand

It was at Christmas time. Everyone liked to give some-

thing to the baby, Jesus. One poor little boy hadn't a thing to give. He couldn't see very well, so he decided to give the Christ Child his glasses. When he did this, he could see again.—Vera Jackson

**Mrs. Cecil Watson**

Mrs. R. Virginia Watson, 56, of Mill Street, Houston, died Saturday at the Milford Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of Cecil Watson, who died in 1965. She had lived most of her life in the Milford area, but had resided on High Street, Harrington, in the '20s. Her mother was the late Maggie Harrington, of Harrington. Surviving her are two brothers, Paul Harrington of Cedar Neck and Sam Harrington of Lincoln, and a sister, Mrs. Esther Pride of Houston. Services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Lofland Funeral Home, 219 S. Walnut St., Milford. Interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

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**Of Local Interest**

Herman Minner is in Milford Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack last

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### FENCE TALK

with George K. Vapaa

A happy holiday season is the fervent hope that we all look forward to. At the risk of being labeled a spoilsport, I throw in some words of caution.

For we should have a "safe and sane" holiday too, an expression usually reserved for the fourth of July. Our auto accident rate is appalling, more so on holidays. People do not rest properly, seem to be more carefree and careless, or face the hazards of the celebrant drinker.

Or take the matter of fires. We all know the risks of flammable decorations. A Christmas tree becomes a loaded torch if kept too long in our heated, overly dry, homes.

Falls seem to be the most common cause of accidents at any time of the year. The cures are simple. Pick up and stach things away. Check for the built in hazards we always intend to fix anyway. And take your time. Hurly-burly is exciting — and dangerous.

Oyster farming was a 2 million dollar industry in Delaware during 1954 and 1956. In case you wonder about 1955, the gross then was 1.5 million. But a mysterious disease struck, until this year, the gross is perhaps a mere \$30,000.

The reasons for the decline are many. But Ted Ritchie, our new agriculture agent with the University of Delaware, foresees a bright future. The marine biologist feels the oyster industry can be renewed.

On Monday Ted and I saw perhaps 350 bushels being unloaded and graded at Port Mahan east of Dover on the Delaware Bay. They were sold for \$11 per bushel! The market was in Boston for this particular shipment. The buyer would offer them to his customers on the half shell.

Fat and tasty they were. Ted said they were not top quality, but that scarcity accounted for the good price. Delaware Bay oysters are more flavorful than those of the Chesapeake, because of the saltier water. They are larger than in the South, where oysters "grow wild" — and are processed for lower prices.

Only the state owns oyster beds, because only the state has title to subaqueous lands. Oyster farmers rent the beds, and tongs are supposed to be licensed. I asked Ted about unlicensed "sport tonging", and he said probably no one would complain if you can find oysters on non-rented waters and if you do not sell any that you might catch.

Where does the farming come into the oyster business? Well first the oysters must be planted in suitable waters.

This may be certain sections of the bay, or in unpolluted waters of some of our streams. This means you strew the bottom with clam or oyster shells about June and then seed the area with small oysters.

Of special interest was Ted's comment on quality. All harvests are subject to rigid standards of the State Board of Health. These are bacterial tests of the waters and of the product. When they show unsafe readings, no shipments are permitted.

Few young people are in the oyster business today. With possible rising profits and greater mechanization we hope that more will venture into it. Ted sees good possibilities along some of our streams going into Delaware Bay. We are looking for people who might like to try this new enterprise.

Ted also sees a good possibility for catfish farming on a commercial scale, somewhat like the broiler enterprise, but with ponds instead of houses of course. It is a big business in the deep South. Here again we are looking for cooperators. Current prices are about 60 cents per pound. Does this attract your interest?

Some people tend to turn their noses up at the thought of ugly catfish. But Ted reminds us, what is uglier than a lobster or a crab? Or so tasty?

### It Seems To Me

By Janet C. Reed

Do you judge fabric by its feel? Much of your fabric knowledge depends on a sense of touch.

The quality of the material, how it will drape, how successful it will be for a particular style and the need for an underlining — all are indicated if you have an educated touch.

In addition, fingers react to the texture or the surface quality of the fabric. You respond to roughness or smoothness, harshness or softness. You know what feels good next to your skin. You also respond visually to texture because the surface of the fabric reflects or absorbs light. The texture appears bright and shiny, or rough with some color variation.

Because we both feel and see texture, it's easy to forget that when fabric is used as

a wearing apparel, other people see this texture on us — an extension of our own bodies.

What does texture do to your figures? Texture cannot be separated from surface design and color, but it is one factor in determining how becoming a garment is. Thick, bulky or fuzzy fabrics add pounds. Stiff, crisp fabrics such as taffeta tend to stand out in stiff folds and can increase size. Conversely, stiff folds tend to emphasize angular features of an extremely thin woman.

Clinging fabrics — such as light-weight knits — outline the body contours and emphasize either good or poor proportions. The shiny fabrics catch and reflect light in rounded folds, and accentuate poorly proportioned areas of the figure.

Smooth, dull-surfaced fabrics such as found in heavy crepes, light-weight wools and tweeds, many cottons and linens, will absorb light and make shadows which tend to conceal the silhouette. These flat, dull textures are being to all figure types.

Some rough-textured fabrics can make a rough skin appear smoother by contrast. Heavy, rough fabrics can be overpowering to the small woman with delicate features and coloring, while the dainty, delicate fabrics may seem out of place on a large framed or heavy woman.

Texture — it's one more thing to worry about in this business of selecting becoming fashions.

### Modeling Yule

An old custom of the Austrian Tyrol is the Christmas yodel. Traditionally, the Yuletide yodel — a song without words — may be improvised, or it may be based on the tune of a familiar carol.

### Holly Lovely Year Round

Delaware's state tree, American holly, is inescapably associated with Christmas. But this native plant is beautiful year-around as a hedge or specimen plant, according to Robert F. Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware.

Holly can take the shearing necessary for a well-kept hedge, he explains. And if you prune now, you'll have a supply of holly for Christmas decorations.

There are more than 200 named varieties of American holly, he adds. And each differs in leaf color and shape or in berry color. Leaf color may be deep green or variegated with golden or silver-white margins. Small white flowers are most numerous on male plants; red berries are borne only on the female plants.

Although hollies prefer rich, moist, well-drained soils, they will grow in less desirable ground and will tolerate considerable shade.

The named varieties available from nurseries are usually superior to seedlings growing in the woods. For domestic plantings, Stevens recommends Old Heavy Berry, which bears many small berries; Croonenburg, with better foliage; Merry Christmas, with large berries and good with large berries and good foliage; and Miss Helen, a heavy bearer with large berries and excellent foliage.

American holly is only one of the many holly species which grow in varying sizes and shapes, some with red berries, some with black or yellow varieties. Many are hardy outdoors in Delaware. Even the holly leaf varies, says Stevens. Several species have small oblong leaves similar to boxwood. Not all spe-

cies are evergreen either. For instance, inkberry is a common deciduous holly with black berries.

### 4-H Club Talk

with Marion MacDonald

4-H members prepare for county public speaking contest. Some 25 Kent County 4-H'ers will use the holidays to work on their presentation for this contest. Its purpose is to develop the ability to speak before groups. 4-H'ers are judged on their composition which includes organization of the material, knowledge of the subject and diction; presentation to audience including poise, delivery, gestures and use of microphone. Other areas include fluency of delivery, pronunciation and effective use of notes. Speeches must not be read or memorized. The contest is divided into a Junior group for those under 14 years who have 2 to 5 minutes and seniors, over 14, who must talk 5 to 7 minutes. This is another educational phase of 4-H. Today's world requires persons who can speak out with logical ideas. Most careers require some public speaking.

Local clubs serve their communities. Most Kent County

4-H Club are busy during this season providing a variety of community services. Kent County clubs recently completed the Muscular Dystrophy canister drive, placing them in stores throughout the county and picking them up. Several clubs have made cookies to send to Viet Nam. Another club made Health Kits including wash cloth, combs, soap and other items for an orphanage over seas. 4-H'ers develop as useful citizens through such projects. 4-H wishes a safe Holiday Season to all Kent Counties. Urging you to slow down both at home and on the highways. Extra time should be allowed to get here and there safely.

### Country Lane Extension Club News

By Charlotte Collison

A Christmas dinner was held at the Bridle Bit Restaurant in Harrington, Dec. 10. The members that attended were: Mrs. Jane Everline, Mrs. Cathyll Bowdle, Mrs. Jeanette Holloway, Mrs. Catherine Donovan, Mrs. Mable Jean onovan, Mrs. Mary Lou Wright, Mrs. Charlotte Collison, Mrs. Mary Collison and Mrs. Dorothy Laughery. A de-

licious turkey dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Mary Lou Wright, program chairman had interesting games for the group. Mrs. Jane Everline passed out Christmas gifts that were exchanged by secret pals. This was the long awaited day to find out who your secret pal had been for the year. New secret pal names were drawn by all members present.

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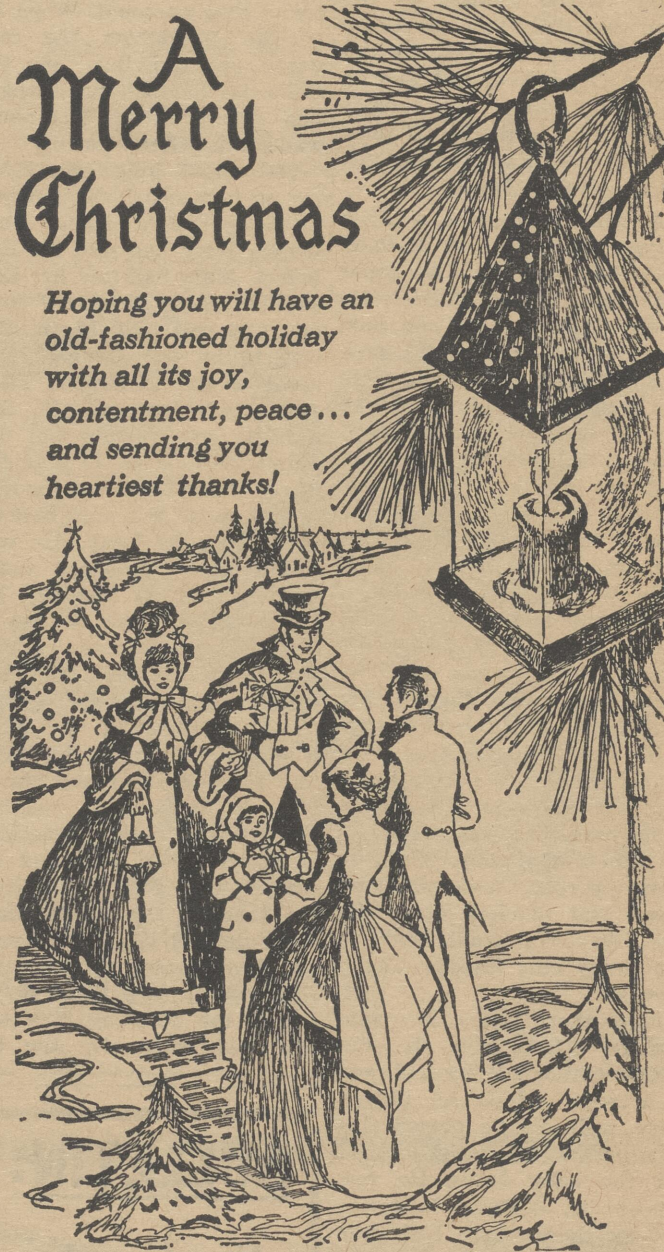
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### Of Local Interest

Francis Winkler returned last week from Kansas City, Mo., where he attended an annual convention of the American Farm Bureau.

William Cain, who is working for Hutt Horse Transportation Co., Norristown, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cain, last week.

Anthony Gallo suffered two broken ribs last week when a drill slipped and rammed him in the side.



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**Felton**

**Mrs. Walter Moore**

The Sunday morning friendly greeters were Mr. and Mrs. John Dill. This was the third Sunday in Advent season. The Junior Choir anthem was "Angels We Have Heard on High". The anthem of the Senior Choir was "Glory to God in the Highest." The Rev. Charles M. Moyers advent message was "The Seeking of Christ in Christmas."

The Felton Church School Christmas program was held Sunday evening. Following the program, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall. Santa was also present to greet and treat the children.

The Manship Church Christmas program will be held Friday night, Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock.

Christmas Sunday morning worship at all churches on the regular hours, Sunday morning, Dec. 22.

The Viola Christmas program is at 6 o'clock p.m. Sun., Dec. 22.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be special evening services by the Youth Fellowship at the Felton Church, Sunday, Dec. 22.

Candlelight service is at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Felton Church. Following the service, you are invited to join with those who wish to go Christmas caroling.

Among the known ill in the community are Mrs. Elmer Poynter in the Kent General Hospital, Dover; Mrs. Frank McGinnis, in the Milford Memorial Hospital, Milford, and Alton Gibbs in the Kent General Hospital, Dover.

Mrs. Pearl Green has returned home from the Kent General Hospital, Dover.

Bennie Brown is now home from the Milford Memorial Hospital, Milford.

Last Thursday Mrs. W. B. Macklin, Mrs. Lanah Milbourn, Mrs. Clara Bradley, and Mrs. Mary Keller attended the Christmas party of the Viola Home Demonstration Club at the Viola Community Hall.

Mrs. Russell Torbert, Mrs. Lynn Torbert, Mrs. Marion McGinnis and Mrs. Elmer Roland spent Tuesday in Wil-

ington. Thursday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rash was Mrs. Rash's mother, Mrs. Helen Russell, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Hughes spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond has returned from a visit to New York City. Mrs. Hammond spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Florida.

Pat Carlisle, a student at the University of Delaware, Newark, was home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shultie, Mrs. Vergie Carlisle, son, Gene and daughter, Pat, spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Torbert were the weekend guests in Wilmington, of Mrs. William E. Haines.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. A. C. Dill were her daughter, Mrs. William H. Parsons and her grandson, Billy East from Seaford.

**Herbert F. Killen Sr.**

Herbert F. Killen Sr., 93, of Felton, died Sunday at the Fletcher Nursing Home, Felton, after a long illness.

Mr. Killen, a native of Delaware was a retired carpenter. His wife, Mrs. Rachel Killen, died many years ago.

He is survived by two sons, Bryan and Herbert F. Jr., both of Felton; two sisters, Mrs. Ina Segelken of Sparrows Points, Md., and Mrs. Ida Walls of Templeville, Md.; a brother, Ealey of Wyoming; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday afternoon at the Berry Funeral Home, Felton. Interment was in Mt. Olive Cemetery near Sandtown.

**Of Local Interest**

Airman William L. Dill is recovering from surgery in the base hospital at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.

William Wix has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army. He is stationed at the Pentagon.

Albert Price, mail carrier for RFD #1, was off work a couple days this week with an abscessed tooth.

**Of Local Interest**

**Mrs. William Hearn**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton, of Washington, D. C., spent the weekend with Mrs. Nora Coulbourne and son, Martin.

Kenneth Cain, of Wilmington, spent the weekend with his father, William Cain.

Herman Minner is a patient in the Milford Memorial Hospital.

Harold Layton visited Mrs. Florence Layton last Sunday.

William Nixon and Miss Cues, of Richmond, Va., were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brobst, last weekend.

Sgt. Randall Knox, III, of the United States Air Force, who has just returned from the Philippines, presented an illustrated lecture last Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Harrington Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Parsons spent part of this week with their sister, Mrs. Harold Hatfield, of Georgetown, due to

the death and funeral of Mr. Hatfield.

Mrs. Fred Wilson entertained the Thursday afternoon Bridge Club last week.

Mrs. Edythe Melvin is confined to Milford Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. H. C. Austin is now residing with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry, on Calvin St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald and son, Capt. James McDonald, spent the weekend with relatives in Phillipsburg, N. J.

Mrs. Frances Rifenburg has returned home after several days in Milford Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. George Graham entertained the Monday evening Card Club this week.

George Sidney Graham, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Graham Jr., of California, celebrated his 8th birthday, Dec. 13.

Harvey Griffith celebrated a birthday, Dec. 8. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith were guests at

dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Satterfield and James Eastman.

Mrs. William G. Stokes attended the dinner and Christmas party for the faculty of the Stokes Elementary School at the Dinner Bell Inn, Dover, Friday evening, followed by open house at the home of the principal, Connie Hart.

**Mrs. Lee Hicks**

Mrs. Bertha V. Hicks, 70, of Felton, died last Friday at her home after a brief illness.

She leaves 140 direct descendants.

She was a member of Bethel SDA Church in Dover, where she served as a deaconess.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Hicks; five daughters, Mrs. Pauline Harris, Mrs. Caroline Thomas and Miss Martha Hicks, all of Felton, Mrs. Edith Pritchett of Lewes and Mrs. Ida Nichols of Star Hill; five sons, Willard, of Woodside and Lee Jr., How-

ard, Eldridge and John, all of Felton; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Singleton of Philadelphia, Mrs. Pearl Dickerson of

Rhode Island and Mrs. Martha Perry of Frederica; 60 grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Bethel Church. Interment was in Willow Grove Cemetery.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas, plus all the joys, glad memories and good tidings that make the Yuletide season the happiest of all. Let us extend a sincere "Thank you" to all our dear friends for their confidence.

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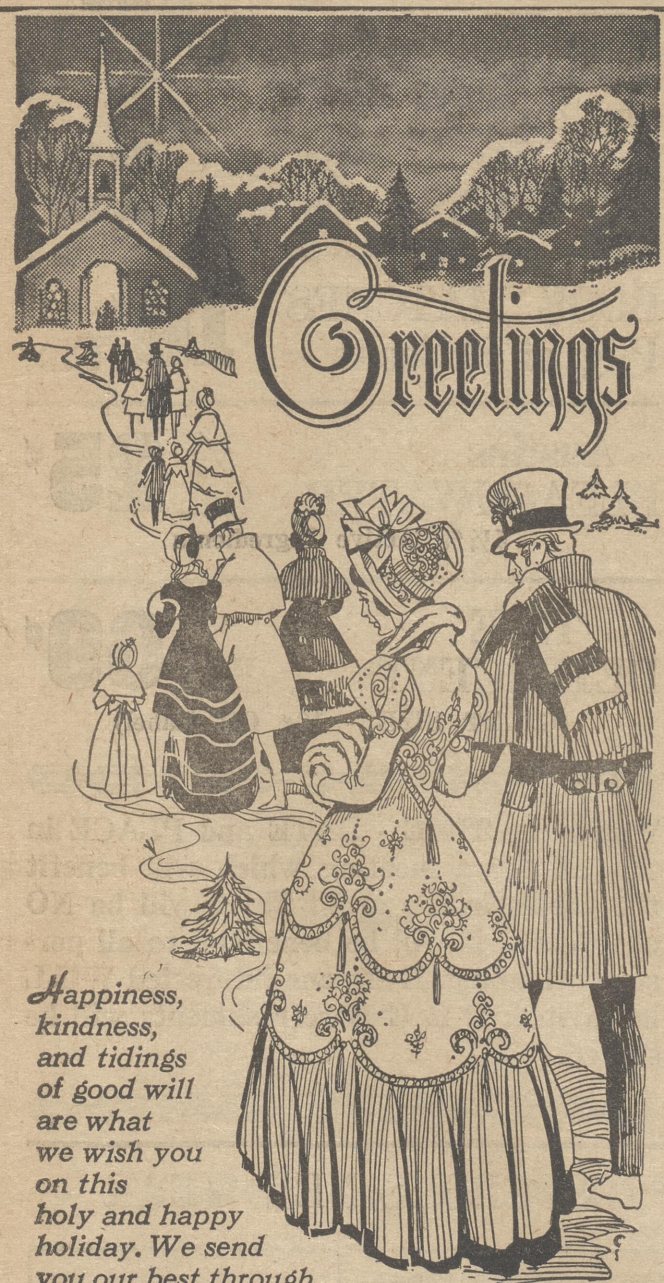
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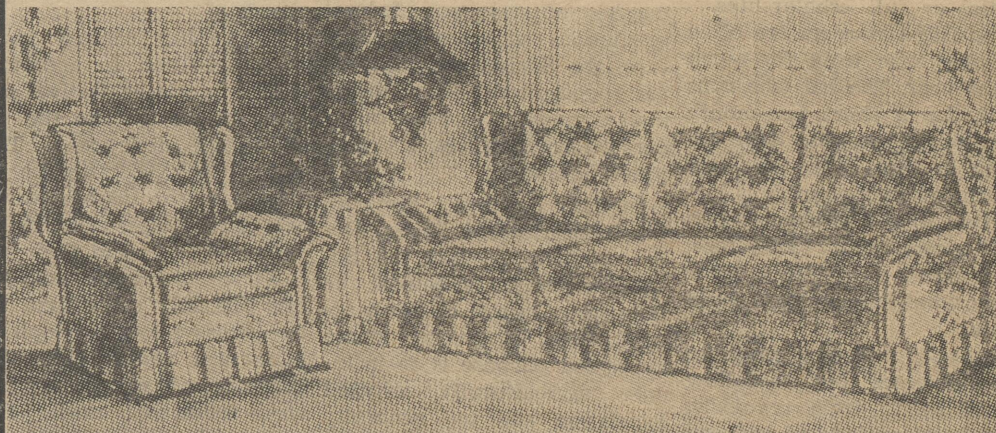
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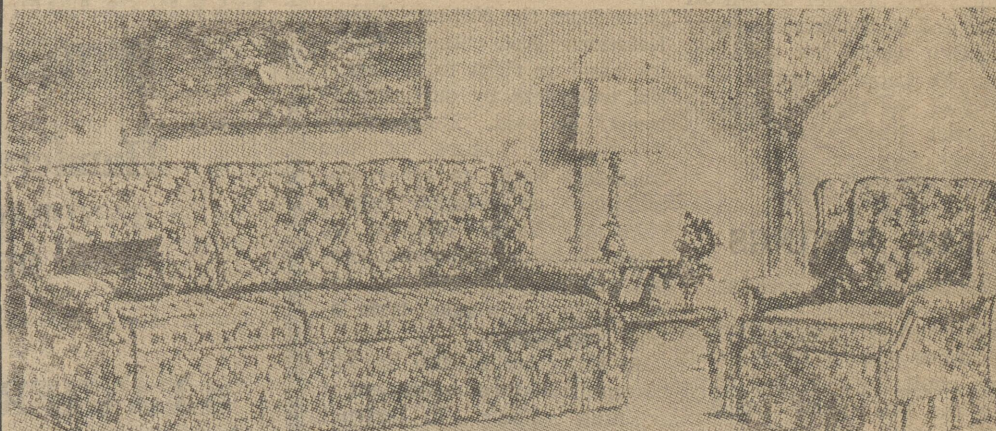
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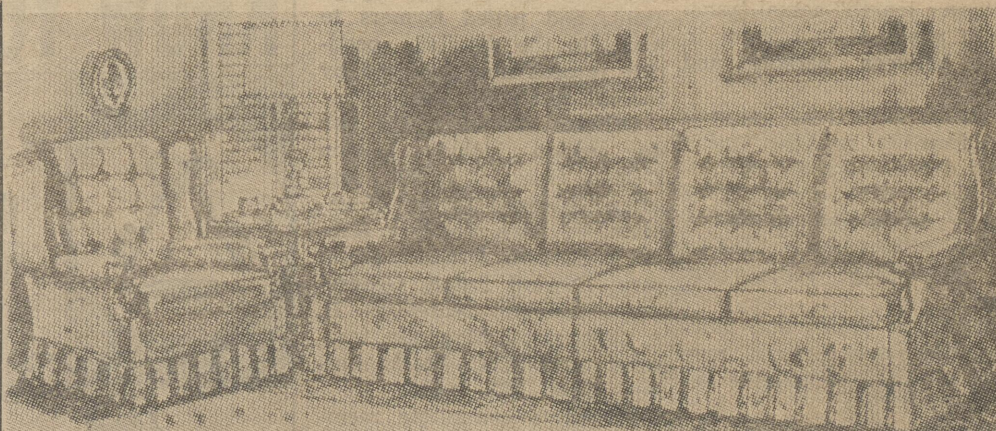
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# SPORTS

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## Winter Track Proposed For This Area

For the last several years, some of the more dedicated track prospects at Harrington High have managed to get in a limited amount of competition during the winter months. Outdoor meets were held on Saturdays, if the temperature did not drop below a designated level. These competitions took place on all-weather composition tracks at Tower Hill, A. I. duPont and Conrad High Schools.

In January, February and March four or five indoor meets took place on the University of Delaware's eight-lap tartan track, one of the world's largest.

Because all of these locations are in the Wilmington area, trackmen from New Castle County enjoyed a big edge, when outdoor competition started in April. These boys were near mid-season form in the first spring meet, because of all that winter activity.

Several downstate schools are hoping to start a winter track program since many male students are not out for wrestling or basketball. These two sports can only use about 45 boys, anyway. Some of these will see very little action.

Represented at the first meeting were Seaford, Bridgeville, Georgetown and Harrington. Other track powers, Milford, Dover and Caesar Rodney, may show up later.

Often, an outstanding track prospect may lack the interest or talent to play any other sport. With college costs rising yearly, it makes sense for such boys to stay in competition for longer periods. This sharpens the skills and helps many tracksters qualify for partial or full scholarships.

Top-flight runners are often the ones who train for much of the year. The lad who runs track for a short two-month high school season, then returns in the fall for two months of cross-country is just starting to get in shape when each season ends. Therefore, these latter competitors never know what heights they could attain.

Probably the best program for a talented boy to follow would be to train regularly, with brief periods of reduced activity when boredom or mental tiredness set in. Perhaps, a month off between spring track and fall cross-country and another month off at the end of the cross-country campaign would get good results. We know a runner, who is one of the top prospects in Delaware history and has a training regimen similar to the one outlined above.

## TAX SAVINGS

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clude crops, livestock, timber and other capital items with large capital gains; but compare the tax with possible price declines that might occur in holding off selling until 1969, says McAllister:

Pay children reasonable wages for farm work actually done by them. This should be an "arms length" actual transfer of payment in cash or in kind between parents and children.

Finally, McAllister suggests that farmers consider using rapid depreciation on machinery acquired this year. If he wishes, the farmer can switch to the straight line method on the remaining value next year.

McAllister points out, however, that some farmers may wish to increase taxable income for 1968.

In this case, postpone paying operating accounts and unpaid bills until after the first of the year. Sell cash items including crops, livestock, timber and capital items before January 1.

Remember, however, that any action to either decrease or increase taxable income must be taken before the end of 1968.

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## Greenwood Five Stopped in Cage Opener

Greenwood High opened its basketball season at home Wednesday evening, bowing to Colonel Richardson, Md., 74-34. Robin Breeding led the out-manned Rams with 12 points.

| Col. Richardson | G  | F     | T  |
|-----------------|----|-------|----|
| Duncan          | 3  | 4-7   | 10 |
| Dickerson       | 2  | 0-0   | 4  |
| Fluharty        | 4  | 0-0   | 8  |
| Hooper          | 5  | 4-5   | 14 |
| Cook            | 5  | 3-8   | 13 |
| M. Cook         | 1  | 0-0   | 2  |
| Caine           | 3  | 1-1   | 7  |
| Nichols         | 0  | 2-4   | 2  |
| Patson          | 3  | 0-5   | 6  |
| Ceamble         | 2  | 0-0   | 4  |
| Pacter          | 2  | 0-0   | 4  |
| Totals          | 29 | 14-30 | 74 |

| Greenwood   | G  | F     | T  |
|-------------|----|-------|----|
| Finkbinder  | 0  | 0-1   | 0  |
| R. Breeding | 5  | 2-8   | 12 |
| Zerolles    | 3  | 3-7   | 9  |
| Bell        | 2  | 2-7   | 6  |
| Perdue      | 4  | 0-0   | 0  |
| Lloyd       | 1  | 2-2   | 4  |
| Wyatt       | 0  | 1-2   | 1  |
| M. Breeding | 0  | 2-2   | 2  |
| Totals      | 11 | 12-29 | 34 |

## Peninsula Horticultural Society Meets

Members of the Peninsula Horticultural Society have expressed concern over the future of auction market prices because of increased pick-your-own harvesting.

Meeting in Dover last week, the group warned that Delmarva farmers must support the area's marketing structure or face drastic price difficulties in the coming years.

Because of the increasing number of state and federal regulations affecting agriculture, the Society recommended appointment of a three-man committee to keep members informed of new and proposed legislation.

In his opening remarks, President Howard Papen, Dover, pointed out that the Society has already joined the Delaware Council of Farm organizations, a group whose expressed purpose is to influence agriculturally oriented legislation and to generally promote the interests of agriculture.

Papen also attacked attempts by some legislators to eliminate agricultural exemptions from the National Labor Relations Act. "Individually, we have no right to preferential treatment by our government," he said. "Collectively, by the very nature of our business, with its utter dependence on weather conditions and the time element, we must continue to demand considerations that are not included in any blanket-type labor regulations."

In other action, the Society recommended establishment of training schools to instruct temporary inspectors for the Federal-State Inspection Service; encouraged vocational schools to conduct courses in the operation of specialized farm and processing equipment; and urged farmers to maintain the detailed pesticide records now required by federal and state law.

Officers elected at the two day session include Marion Delano, Snow Hill, Md., president; Richard Justice, Horn-town, Va., vice president; Robert F. Stevens, Newark, secretary; Edward Ralph, Georgetown, assistant secretary; H. A. Richardson, Magnolia, treasurer; and F. C. Stark, College Park, Md., editor.

Executive committee members are Elvin Custis, Craddockville, Va.; Albert Ardis, Snow Hill, Md.; Joseph Jackewicz, Magnolia; and Howard Papen, Dover.

He Protected Robbers

Legends about St. Nicholas are many, but they all relate in some way to his reputation for generosity. Pawnbrokers took him for their patron, and robbers looked to him as their protector. In the Middle Ages, robbers were sometimes called Knights or Clerks of St. Nicholas, says the New Book of Knowledge.

## Harrington Bowling League

Due to the lack of space and a postponement of a contest until late Wednesday evening, there will be no bowling news this week. This week's news will be published in next week's issue. There will be no bowling the next two weeks due to the holidays.

## Pageant Has History In Medieval Dramas

As young actors and actresses of this community rehearse their roles for their special Christmas play or pageant, they take part in a custom treasured through the ages.

Since the Christmas story first was told, mankind has sought and found countless ways to create it again and anew, in song and story, in art and drama. The modern Christmas pageant, a feature of church observances in communities near and far, may well trace its history to early religious dramas — the mystery, miracle and morality plays of the Middle Ages.

Where did church drama actually begin? One possible source is the tradition of the Christmas crib or manger scene, but scholarly research indicates that medieval religious drama probably had other, separate origins, according to the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Representations of the manger scene began with the use of doll figures, and history offers no evidence that people were ever substituted for the dolls. Living "actors" did, however, play a part in some early elaborations of church rituals.

In the 10th century, special chants written to accompany church music on festival occasions began to take the form of simple dialogues. These were little more than dramatic inserts in the church services, but here, researchers believe, religious plays had their start.

Easter dialogues and plays probably came first, with Christmas plays developing as a natural result. Other religious dramas or mystery plays soon followed, until there were series or cycles of plays devoted to telling the entire story of the Scriptures.

covered Many Subjects

Mystery cycles of the 16th century included as many as 40 dramas, which might be presented over a period of several days. The cycles developed in virtually every European country.

Typical plays dealt with such subjects as "The Creation of the World and the Fall of the Angels," "Noah and the Flood," "The Annunciation," "The Passion of Christ," "The Death of Pilate," "The Resurrection and Ascension," "The Harrowing of Hell and the Coming of Antichrist."

Along with the mystery cycles were miracle and morality plays. Miracle plays recounted the miracles of the saints, while the moralities presented allegorical messages of moral instruction, with characters personifying, for instance, Vice, the Devil or specific vices such as Gluttony, Pride, Anger, Hatred.

## YESTERYEAR'S

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**Wrapping Gifts**  
When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

**Picturing Nativity**  
The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are master-pieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.

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If the weather on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, is misty, a Dutch legend can explain it. St. Nicholas is baking his cakes.

Traditional cakes — Zelten or Klosse — are adorned with different figures. These, children are told, are the marks made by St. Nicholas' donkey as he steps over the cakes on his way through the mist.

**Driving Yule Out**  
St. Knut's Day, January 13th, is the traditional time for taking down Christmas greens in Sweden. According to custom, as the tree is dismantled, young folk dance while their elders sing, "Twentieth day Knut driveth Yule out."

This custom is believed to be derived from the laws of King Canute, written in the early 11th century.

**Bringing the Tree**  
Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.

## Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the World."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The fore-runner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the World.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His parishioners condemned the tree as pagan, but relented after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree into the White House, a forester convinced the President that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common to-

day is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples, lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.

## Mrs. Alyce O. Hopkins

Mrs. Alyce Outten Hopkins, 61, formerly of Felton, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at her home in LaMesa, Calif., apparently after a heart attack.

She was born in Felton and had lived in California about 30 years.

She is survived by a son, John, of LaMesa; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah O. Jackson, of Hunter, N. Y., and Mrs. Gertrude O. Wilson of Wilmington, and two brothers, Clifford Outten, of Delmar, and Reuben Outten, of Felton. She was divorced.

Services were held Monday afternoon at Berry Funeral Home, Felton. Interment was at Barratt's Chapel Cemetery.

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