

Felton

Mrs. Walter Moore
Sunday, Dec. 14th was the third Sunday Advent. The Advent Wreath reminds us that we are keeping this season of the year for Christ.

The Church school Christmas program for Felton Church will be held Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. - a family worship for the entire charge at Felton.

The Christmas worship and offering - in all churches this Sunday, Dec. 21, a special offering will be received for the Board of Child Care. An offering envelope will be included with your Christmas bulletin.

The Senior choir will have its Christmas party and rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Reed Hughes on Wednesday Dec. 17th.

A service of Holy Communion will be held Sunday, Dec. 23. At this time our students will be home for the holidays and we will partake of the Lord's Supper together as we look forward to a New Year.

Keep in mind the Christmas Community party when Santa will be at the Felton Fire Hall with a treat for children this Saturday evening, Dec. 20.

The Sarah Rebekah Lodge No. 16 observed their usual Christmas party for their members this past Sunday. About 30 members attended and the members exchanged gifts. Three new members will soon be added to the Sarah Rebekah Lodge list.

William (Bill) Haldeman Sr. is a patient in the Peninsula General Hospital, Salisbury, Md., as the result of a hand injury.

A pre-Christmas dinner was given Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood. Those present were Cal Berge of Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCracken of Dover, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey McMullen and children of Felton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Sherwood Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fletcher and son, Kevin and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherwood and son, Ty.

Mrs. Lillie Blades is a patient in the Betty Fletcher Nursing Home. Mrs. J. W. Alcorn of Cedar Crest, Wilmington, spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Blades and sister, Mrs. Lynn Torbert. Albert Gerardi of the U.S. Navy is part of a support unit at the Antarctic from November until early March. His mother, Mrs. Thelma Gerardi received a telephone call this past Thursday night from him at Byrd Station.

Pat Carlisle, a student at the University of Delaware, Newark, spent the week-end with her mother and brother, Mrs. Vergie Carlisle and Gene Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Furlong of Owasso, Okla., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Kates. They will leave on Sunday to visit his parents, near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Lillie Kirkendall spent the week-end with Mrs. Lydia Cooper in Camden. Mrs. Kirkendall, Mrs. Cooper with Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Smith of Dover were Sunday visitors in Washington, D.C., of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Burns. Janet Marie Heller of Felton and Timothy Alan Brown of Dover Air Force Base were married at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Felton United Methodist Church. A reception was held at the Dover Air Force Base, N.C.O. Club.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at Kent General Hospital, Dover. The Duns have a son, Rusty. Mrs. Dunn is the former Miss Lois Dill.

Calvin Berge of Carson City, Nev., spent a few days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Springer and other relatives.

Of Local Interest

Mrs. William F. Smith of Commerce Street, is a patient in Milford Memorial Hospital under observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith were in Wilmington Sunday, to attend the dedication of their granddaughter, Amy Sullivan, in Bethany Baptist Church.

Eighteen six-year-olds gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Poore last Saturday to help Douglas Poore celebrate his birthday. An afternoon of games were played.

Mrs. Naomi Truitt and Mrs. LaVon Smith attended a Ladies Christmas dinner party in Wilmington Tuesday. Miss Glenda Miller of Millersburg, Pa., spent the week-end as the guest of Nicky Morris and his family. Friday evening they attended the winter formal at Delaware Technical and Community College and Saturday was spent at Rehoboth. The two became friends through the Young Peoples activities sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Christina Clymer, who is a patient at Milford Memorial Hospital, is progressing nicely. She is in room 214 B. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morgan of Lincoln visited Mrs. Ida Hearn Tuesday evening. Mrs. Blanche Mitchell entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter and Mrs. Mary Brown and grandson, Gorman Swift of New Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Melvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown and family and Gunner Dale, Miss Gale Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pepper of Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carpenter.

John F. Abbott was in Washington, D.C. on a business trip over night Monday.

Mrs. William G. Stokes attended the Nellie Hughes Stokes faculty party and

dinner at the Way Side Inn, Smyrna, Friday evening followed by open house at the home of the principal, Conolly Hart.

Wilm. Medical Center Has Added 150 Beds

During the past two years, the Wilmington Medical Center has in effect added 150 beds - the equivalent of a medium-sized hospital - to its bed capacity, the Center's board of directors were told yesterday.

The additions, made as part of the Center's continuing program of relocation and consolidation of medical and surgical services, would have cost more than \$7.5 million if they had been done as part of new hospital construction. The Medical Center spent approximately \$3 million on these and other improvements in service during the two years.

"These changes would not have been possible without merger," Dr. John A. Perkins, president, said. "Before merger, the three hospitals that now are divisions of the Medical Center were competing in the provision of services and facilities. The merger made the consolidations and improvements possible by providing the opportunity to unify related services in specific areas. This saving of \$4.5 million in the two period is a direct result."

The Medical Center's current bed capacity is about 1,125. Most of the beds are actually reopened beds that were closed in the early stages of merger to permit the necessary consolidations and improvements in areas where new services have since been located.

"These changes have had the effect of giving us more beds through improved utilization and permitted maximum use of all the beds available. Had this not been done there would have developed a crisis that probably would have generated a campaign to have added medical and surgical beds, very possible in all three hospitals," Dr. Perkins declared.

At the beginning of 1968, according to the figures compiled by the Health Planning Council, Inc., the Center's waiting list on an average day was 142. During 1968, when 39 beds were opened in each of the Delaware and Memorial Divisions and 10 beds were opened in the General Division, that waiting list declined to an average of 72.

In 1969, the average has declined to 21. The beds opened in 1969 include 32 in the Urology Unit at Memorial Division, opened November 1; 23 beds at the Delaware Division, and 7 beds at the General Division.

The total bed capacity of

the Wilmington Medical Center ranks it as the eighth largest voluntary, not-for-profit, general teaching hospital in the entire United States.

Other factors have played a role in reducing the Center's waiting list. Foremost among these is the increasing attention paid by the medical staff and administration of the Center to better utilization of the beds. Medical Staff Utilization Committee constantly reviews the length of stay of patients to be sure that no one's stay in the hospital is longer than necessary.

In addition, there is increasing emphasis on outpatient treatment, preventive medicine and the use of other points of the health care delivery system, such as nursing homes and other extended care facilities. Referrals to these facilities and to other agencies enable the Medical Center to help the patient receive proper amount of treatment without the added cost that a prolonged stay in an acute care facility would produce.

Mrs. Russell Perry

Mrs. Martha A. Perry, 52, of Frederica, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Kent General Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Perry was born in Delaware.

She was a member of St. James AME Church in Berrytown and its Ladies' Society and conference branch and area missionary societies.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Russell Perry; two sons, Joseph of Frederica and Russell Jr. of Wilmington; two daughters, Miss Miriam Perry and Mrs. Perle Hendricks, both of Frederica; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Singleton, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Pearl Dickerson, Providence, R.I.; five grandchildren and four foster daughters, all living with her at the time of her death, the Yvonne Dickerson.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Union Baptist Church, Slaughter Street, Dover. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Dover.

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Santa's Helper In Kent County

The "Night Before Christmas" won't be a "Silent Night" for Jane Thompson. On Christmas Eve, she'll be seated at her telephone company switchboard "talking" to Kent County subscribers who will be making holiday calls all over the world. And when she goes home early Christmas morning, she will have talked to over 600 people.

Jane, who lives in Willow Grove, will be one of 50 operators who will be on duty at the telephone company's switchboard at 124 State Street in Dover on Christmas.

"I like to talk—I guess most women do," she added. "On a regular eight hour day, I handle about 300 calls."

Last year the Kent County switchboard in Dover handled a total of 4,814 calls on Christmas. This year it's expected to jump to 5,000 calls.

Even though direct distance dialing permits customers to dial their own long distance calls, operators are still needed to handle "emergency" calls, to help the blind and arthritic, and also assist with "collect" and "person-to-person" calls.

Person-to-person calls to distant cities eat-up most of the time because it's sometimes difficult to locate an individual; but they are also very satisfying, she explained.

It's not unusual for an operator to spend five or ten anxious minutes tracking down an uncle or grandmother in order to have a thoughtful relative wish them "Merry Christmas."

The Christmas season, which extends from mid-November until the end of December, is by far the year's busiest telephone time. So many people are shopping by phone—calling to out-of-town catalogue houses for Christmas cards and gifts. Also, people are making plans with friends and relatives for Christmas and New Year visits. College students call home about their plane or train arrivals.

"A sudden snow storm on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day could play havoc with these best-laid plans. A bad storm would require people to make additional calls to rearrange all their holiday plans, which of course, makes for a busy day at the telephone switchboard," she said.

This is exactly what happened on Christmas Eve in 1966. A total of 12 inches of snow fell in this area, and then we experienced one of

Odd Fellows Club News

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Delaware I.O.O.F. Willard Duncan and his staff made a visit to Felton Lodge I.O.O.F. on Dec. 8. Fairfax Lodge I.O.O.F. of Wilmington presented Felton Lodge with the traveling Bible. On Dec. 11, Felton Lodge presented Oriental Lodge I.O.O.F. of Newark with the traveling Bible. Felton Lodge I.O.O.F. has received their Christmas trees and they are on sale now.

The Felton Lodge has given out their baskets of fruit to the widows of their deceased members.

Two of the members of Felton Lodge are in the hospital, they are: William Halderman is in Peninsula Hospital, D. C. Shelman is in Kent General Hospital, Dover.

the busiest days in our history, she added. For this reason, the telephone company keeps one eye on the weather map when it schedules operators to work on Christmas Day.

Christmas is always one of our busiest days. When Christmas falls on a weekend it helps spread the holiday calls over a greater period of time. But this year Christmas comes on Thursday. Experience warns us to expect a lot more calls because people will not have enough time to personally visit friends and relatives. The concentration of calls will probably be from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Customers can help spread the calls by dialing direct when possible. Reduced rates will be in effect from

Pesticide Legislation Concerns Pen-Hort Society

The Peninsula Horticultural Society has expressed concern over the question of state regulations of the use of pesticides on farms and the amount of misinformation that is being spread to affect this legislation.

In a resolution adopted at the group's 83rd annual meeting in Salisbury, Md., December 9 and 10, the society recommended that state legislators carefully consider such regulations in the light of documented proof of harmful effects.

In his report to the Society, president Marion Delano of Snow Hill, Md., pointed out that we are entering a period in which certain pesticides will be banned, regardless of whether a suitable replacement is available. But, "as an informed, organized group we must see that scientific evaluation should not be submerged under waves of public pressure" he adds.

Robert Rider, president of O. A. Newton & Son Co., Bridgeville, discussed Delmarva's present position in produce production and prospects for the future. He pointed out that Peninsula growers have to be ready for change.

Growers should be prepared for changes by maintaining a flexible operation, said Rider. Many Delmarva producers will have to develop other farming programs than the production of corn and soybeans.

Rider also pointed out that successful farmers have the ability to make a decision. Many farmers put off making necessary decisions until it is too late.

Discussing new methods, crops and practices for increasing profits on the Peninsula, Dr. Franklin D. Schales, extension horticulturist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, said farmers should till only the acreage they have sufficient labor to handle. Some farmers put in larger crops than they can handle efficiently and their results in lower yields and smaller profits.

To reduce production costs, Schales said growers should take a closer look at some of their practices. For instance, many farmers have too much capital invested in equipment. He feels producers can keep investment costs to a minimum by using equipment that can be adapted to a number of operations.

Reporting on his experience in marketing vegetables to chain stores, George Maier,

Walker of Woodside, Kent; and Martin Isaacs of Georgetown, Sussex.

Houston

Mrs. Margaret Thistlewood

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Houston Volunteer Firemen have installed their new officers for the coming year; president - Ruth Kenton, vice president - Anna Belle Eoone, secretary - Anna Mae Marvel and treasurer - Virginia Twilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh of Danbury Conn., spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Helen Gilbert.

Miss Ann Clifton and Miss Dorothy Wooters are spending this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Clifton in Wilmington.

Rev. and Mrs. John Gilmore and family of Ambler, Pa., spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shockley Daugherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCreary and children of near Smyrna were dinner guests on Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thistlewood.

Miss Stella Sapp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sapp Jr. of near Milford.

Mrs. Calvin Hollis is spending this week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ingram of Columbus, Ohio. The Ingrams have a new baby son born last Monday, Dec. 8 and has been named Sean David Ingram.

The trash for the Houston residents will not be picked up on Christmas Day, but will be picked up on the next day which is Friday.

Our Christmas Eve at the Houston Methodist Church, a candle light service will be held between 11 and 12 p.m.

Viola

Mrs. Charles Roland

Sunday morning sermon at Viola Methodist Church was on the Dangers of Christmas given by the Rev. Charles M. Moyer. C. H. Atkins led the congregation in prayer.

The Sunday School held their Christmas program on Dec. 14. They presented the story of the birth of Christ by having members of the choir read verses of the Bible, then acted out by the younger ones, the choir sang at different intervals. Debbie Urash and Bonnie Chambers both played a solo on the piano, accompanying the choir on piano was Becky Seamans. Santa Claus arrived and presented each child with a gift.

The Home Extension Club held their Christmas party on Dec. 11 at the Viola Community with a covered dish luncheon, after their business meeting they exchanged gifts. Their were 23 members present plus two guests, Mrs. Jean Cranston the club's agent and Mrs. Bessie James. The hostesses were Mrs. Mary Roland and Mrs. Angles Sipple.

The Viola Community Club held their Christmas party on Dec. 13. There was a covered dish supper, followed by exchanging of gifts for the adults. Santa Claus arrived about 7:30. Hostesses for that evening were: Mrs. Margaret Luff, Mrs. Lemuel Spence, Mrs. Mary Roland and Mrs. Jean Roland.

Henry C. Minner the third grandson of Mrs. Lemuel Spence arrived in California from Vietnam last week.

William Biggs of Houston was Sunday guest of Mrs. Nellie Jarrell.

Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Mabel Chambers were Mrs. Mabel Chambers were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Layton Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers and children, Bonnie and Jeff.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Elsie Price were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Price of Felton.

The W.S.C.S. will make baskets to give to the shut-ins on Dec. 23.

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Asbury United Methodist Church

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11:00 a.m. - morning worship, the pastor, John Edward Jones, will use as his sermon topic, Let Us Go To Bethlehem. Anthems by the Cherub, Crusader, and Cathedral choirs.

6:00 p.m. - Senior M.Y.F. in the Chapel.

6:00 p.m. - Junior M.Y.F. in the Collins Building.

7:00 p.m. - evening worship, the Annual Candlelight Service with special music by the Cherub, Crusader, and Chancel choirs.

Altar flowers this week will be presented for the glory of God by Mrs. John Abbott in memory of son, Hughes Abbott.

Friendly greeters this week will be Mrs. William Stokes and Mrs. John Abbott, Sr. Monday at 3:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts.

The Senior High M.Y.F. will have the annual Nativity scene on the Liberty Street side of the church Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The Junior High M.Y.F. will go caroling Tuesday evening leaving the church at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28, will be Student Recognition Day when all of our college students will be our special guests.

On Friday, Jan. 2, at 7:00 p.m., leaving the church at 6:00 p.m., the United Methodist Men will hold a party for the people of the Smyrna Home. Anyone having small gifts for men and women call or drop them off at Sam Short's or Carl Hill's. Contributions of cookies are also needed. These can be left at Virginia Willey's Jan. 1st or 2nd.

Farmington

Mrs. Mildred Gray

The county meeting was held Wednesday evening, 60 some members attending.

A turkey dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone was glad to see Lola Andrew, who has been recovering from a heart attack, attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vincent visited the latter's father in Christiana, Friday evening.

Lester Hatfield is on a week's vacation this week.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Messick has been on the sick list.

The Christmas program will be held Sunday evening at the Methodist Church.

Hickman

Mrs. Isaac Noble

Call to worship Sunday morning at Union United Methodist Church, Dec. 21, at 10:00 a.m., pastor, Rev. Joseph Bostick.

Sunday school for all ages, 11:00 a.m., Russell Stevens.

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Supt. The members of the W.S.C. served dinner to the Burrsville Ruritan Club on Thursday evening.

Covered dish Christmas dinner Saturday evening, Dec. 20, time 6:30, Place - Burrsville Community House, please bring a pie and covered dish.

Miss Grace May, Bessie and Alice Trice and William Trice spent the Thanksgiving Holiday with their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher of Wilmington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan of Wilmington was an overnight guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Torbert last week.

Mrs. Ethel Stuart of rural Greenwood was a last Monday guest of Mrs. Isaac Noble. Union Church Christmas entertainment will be Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ernie McKinsie and Mrs. Clem Caster of Wilmington after attending the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Minnie O'Day on Monday, Dec. 8th, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and their aunt, Mrs. Addie Farrow of Greensboro.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan of Wilmington and Mrs. Jesse Fearins were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fearins of Ellendale.

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