

SOCIETY

MRS. JACOB PFEIFER IS SURPRISED WITH PARTY

Approximately 40 nieces and nephews of Mrs. Jacob Pfeifer gathered at the home of her son, Roger Pfeifer of Bluffton, Sunday afternoon to surprise her on the observance of her birthday anniversary.

The style of open house was observed and after the guests had greeted the guest of honor, they were served refreshments of cake, nuts, and coffee.

Decatur residents who attended the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Owens, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Reppert, Mrs. Luther Brokaw, Mrs. Herman Keller and Mrs. Paul Uhrick.

MISS JOYCE TOPE TO WED HERMAN WITTE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reple of Van Wert, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Joyce Sue Tope, to Herman Witte, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Witte of route 8, Decatur.

Miss Tope is a graduate of Van Wert high school and her fiancé is a graduate of Monmouth high school and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. No definite wedding date has been set.

SIXTEEN MEMBERS ATTEND PARTY

The C. L. of C. hall was the scene of the recent Christmas party celebrated by 16 members and

three guests of the Town and Country Home Demonstration club. The members were served a dinner Thursday at one o'clock from tables decorated with seasonal appointments and favors.

A short business meeting was held with Mrs. William Myers conducting. Members repeated the club prayer and creed and roll call answered with "how I keep the Christmas spirit." The group then sang the song for the month.

Games were played following the meeting and after a gift exchange, refreshments were served by Mrs. Herman Heiman, Mrs. Irene Gase, Mrs. Lewis Rumschlag, and Mrs. Peter C. Miller.

WESLEY CLASS MEETS IN CHURCH PARSONAGE

Members of the Wesley Sunday school class of the First Methodist church met recently at the church parsonage for their Christmas dinner and gift exchange, with the Rev. and Mrs. Hazen Sparks as hosts. The committee prepared and served the dinner to 51 members around appropriate Christmas decorations.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Kathryn Helm opened the meeting by giving the devotions taken from the chapters of Isaiah and the second chapter of Luke. The members then sang "Joy To The World," closing with a prayer.

During the business meeting, an election of officers was held with Mrs. Orval Baughman vice president, and secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Harold Gay. Mrs. Tim Sprague will be the class secretary. Members decided to send \$10 to the LeMasters, missionaries abroad as a Christmas gift.

At the close of the business meeting, a social time was held with games and contests played. Prizes were awarded to the various winners. A gift exchange completed

the evening's entertainment.

Committee members included Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Abt, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Helm, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bumgardner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krick, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butler, and Mrs. Kathryn Nelson.

MONROE W.S.C.S. MEETS IN CHURCH ANNEX

The Women's Society of Christian Service members of the Monroe Methodist church held their December meeting Thursday evening in the church annex. The prelude, "Christmas Medley," was played by Mrs. Russell Mitchell.

Mrs. Clifford Essex opened the meeting by leading the group in singing "Joy to the World," followed by the evening devotions given by Mrs. Paul Lobsiger.

A ladies trio, consisting of Mrs. Myron Haggard, Mrs. Herbert Fruchte, and Mrs. James Nussbaum sang "O Little Boy Jesus." "Christmas Everywhere" was the theme for the month's lesson given by Mrs. Elmer Ehrsam and assisted by students of the Pleasant Mills high school music group. Mrs. Ehrsam told of each country's Christmas custom and then the group sang a favorite Christmas song from that country. Members of the group who sang included the Misses Betty Meyers, Carolyn Luginbill, Sharon Rebout, Judy Funk, and Beverly Meyers, and Gary Millington, Jerry Williams, Larry Jackson, Sherman Archer, and Sheldon Light.

The meeting was then turned over to the president, Mrs. Glen Stucky, who had charge of a short business meeting. Mrs. Rene Brandt presented the treasurer's report and Mrs. Elmo Stucky gave the secretary's report and called roll. Mrs. William Garwood joined the society as a new member.

Mrs. Arlen Mitchell was in charge of the white gift service, assisted by Mrs. Phil Barger and Mrs. Russell Mitchell. In the candlelight ceremony, each member passed by a table placed along side of a large decorated Christmas tree and placed her offering on the table.

Following the dismissal by a prayer offered by Mrs. Paul Nussbaum, refreshments were served by Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, Mrs. Gaylord Weaver, Mrs. Lillian Rich, Mrs. James McCullough, Mrs. Claude Laisure, Mrs. Gene Hike, Mrs. DeLota Engle, Mrs. Paul Brahm, Mrs. Arthur Zurcher, and Mrs. Charles Connelly. A gift exchange was held, with Mrs. Robert Isch in charge.

The K. of C. auxiliary sponsored card party will be held Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the K. of C. hall.

Mrs. Ben McCullough will be hostess to members of the Pleasant Mills Baptist Women's Missionary society Wednesday at 6 o'clock. There will be a pot luck supper and a gift exchange.

A meeting of members of the Order of Eastern Star will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic hall. There will be a Christmas program and a 50-cent gift exchange.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday, Mrs. Elmo Smith will serve as hostess to members of the Ava Maria study club.

The commander of the D.A.V. has called an executive's meeting for both the D.A.V. and the auxiliary Thursday at 7:30 o'clock at the D.A.V. hall.

Members of the American Legion auxiliary will have a Christmas party at 8 o'clock Friday at the American Legion hall. Members are to bring a covered dish and their own table service as well as a 50-cent gift for the exchange.

Coming Events

Calendar items for today's publication must be phoned in by 11 a.m. (Saturday 9:30)

Phone 3-2121
Marion Keop
MONDAY

Our Lady of Fatima study club, Miss Jane Kleinhenz, 8 p. m.

Welcome Wagon, Fairway restaurant, 6:30 p. m.

Profit and Pleasure Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Melvin McBurnes, 6:30 p. m.

Pythian Sisters, Moose home, regular time.

Pythian Sunshine Girls, Moose home, 6:30 p. m.

Kirkland Ladies club pot luck supper, postponed until December 30.

Bobo Community Organization carry-in supper, school, 6:30 p. m.

Dramatic department of Woman's club, Mrs. Herman Kruckeberg, 8 p. m.

TUESDAY

St. Catherine's Discussion group, Fairway restaurant, 7:30 p. m.

St. Dominic's study club, Mrs. F. R. Costello, 7:30 p. m., West End Restaurant, 6 p. m.

Eagles Auxiliary, Eagles hall, 8 p. m.

Psi Iota Xi, Community Center, officers, 7:30 p. m., members 8 p. m.

Kirkland W. C. T. U., Mrs. Pearl Yake, 1:30 p. m.

Rose Garden club noon luncheon, Monroe Methodist church, 12:30 p. m.

Olive Rebekah lodge carry-in supper, I.O.O.F. hall, 6:30 p. m.

Trinity E.Y.B.W.S.W.S., church social room, 7:30 p. m.

Eta Sigma Tau, Preble Restaurant, 6:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Zion Lutheran Missionary Society, parish hall, 1 p. m.

K. of C. auxiliary card party, K. of C. hall, 8 p. m.

Pleasant Mills Baptist Women's Missionary Society, 6 p. m.

Ava Maria study club, Mrs. Elmo Smith, 8 p. m.

Ladies Shakespeare club, Mrs. Jesse Rice, 2:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Woman's Association, church, 8 p. m., bring white gift.

Decatur BPW, Miss Mary Catherine Spangler, 6:30 p. m.

Our Lady of Lourdes study club, Mrs. John Leitchberger, 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY

Decatur Emblem club, Elks home, 8 p. m.

Unit 1 of Bethany E.U.B. church, Mrs. Glen Mauller, 2 p. m.

Mt. Pleasant W.S.C.S., Mrs. Roy Singleton, 4:30 p. m.

Monroe Better Homes Demonstration club, Adams Central school, 6:30 p. m.

Little Flower study club, Mrs. Charles Miller, 7:30 p. m.

Order of Eastern Star, Masonic hall, 7:30 p. m.

Executive meeting of D.A.V. and Auxiliary, D.A.V. hall, 7:30 p. m.

Church of God Missionary society, fellowship basement, 7:30 p. m.

Decatur Methodist W.S.C.S., church, 11 a. m.

FRIDAY

American Legion auxiliary, Legion home, 8 p. m.

Calvary E.U.B. W.S.W.S., Mrs. Cary Leitchberger, 7:30 p. m.

The Church of God Missionary society members will meet Thursday at 7:30 o'clock in the fellowship basement. There will be no gift exchange but members are to bring an offering for Christ's birthday.

Friday at 7:30 o'clock, members of the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church W.S.W.S. will meet at the Carl Leitchberger home. Members are to bring a 50-cent gift and some candy.



Mrs. F. Neil Keller

Miss Susan Heller Married Recently To F. Neil Keller

The Rev. W. C. Feller presided at the recent marriage of Miss Susan Marie Heller to Franklin Neil Keller which was performed in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church recently before an altar graced with white flowers, palms, and candelabra.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Heller of 641 North Second street, are parents of the bride, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jessup of 127 North Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Harold Murphy provided organ music preceding and throughout the ceremony. Mrs. William Heller was the vocalist and included in her numbers, "Indian Love Call" and "Traumeri."

A waitz long gown of chantilly lace over taffeta was worn by Miss Heller, who was given in marriage by her father. The portrait veil-line was edged with hand clipped seagulls of lace and long sleeves came to points over her hands. The full skirt was formed of tiers of silk tulle trimmed with lace. A ruffled lace cap held her fingertip veil of silk illusion and she carried a bouquet of blue carnations centered with a white orchid on top of a white Bible.

Miss Rosie Conrad attended her friend as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Mary Heller and Mrs. Barbara Baker, both sisters of the bride. They wore matching gowns of light blue misty net featuring a lace bodice glistened with metallic threads. A wide crushed cummerbund encircled their waists. The attendants wore blue satin head bands with circular veils and carried bouquets of pink carnations.

Roger Pollock served as the best man and seating the guests were Alan Baker and Jerry Williamson.

A silk print dress of royal blue with black and white accessories was worn by Mrs. Heller. The bridegroom's mother selected a green silk dress with black accessories. Both mothers wore corsages of pink mums and white carnations.

Blue and yellow were the colors used at the reception which was held following the ceremony in the church parlors. Servers included the Misses Judy Smith, Carolyn

Drake, Karen Jefferies, Marcia Jessup, and Mrs. Jerry Williamson. A two-piece red plaid dress with red accessories and the white orchid from her wedding bouquet were worn by the new Mrs. Keller for a southern honeymoon.

The bride is a recent graduate of Decatur high school and is employed by J. C. Penney's. A graduate of Decatur high school and the G. E. Apprentice school, the bridegroom is in the welding business. The newlyweds are now residing at 618½ North Second street.

BIRTHS

At the Adams county memorial hospital:

Herman and Myra Elene Black Harkless of route 3, became parents of an eight pound, seven ounce girl at 4:12 p. m. Saturday.

A seven pound, seven ounce girl was born to James and Junita Litwiller Adams of route 2, Berne, Saturday evening at 9:52 o'clock.

At 7:24 p. m. Saturday, Ronald and Janelle Sheets Price of 704 High street, became parents of a seven pound, seven ounce boy.

An eight pound, five and one half ounce boy was born at 12:29 a. m. Sunday to William and Mary Heiman Lichtle of 516 Indiana street.

Richard and Doris Godfrey Myers of 706 North Second street are parents of a five pound, 12 ounce girl born Sunday at 9:21 p. m.

A girl weighing eight pounds and six and one fourth ounces and born at 11:20 a. m. today Glenwood and Norma Cook Arnold of Geneva.

HOSPITAL Notes

Admitted

Mrs. Eli Bixler, Monroe.

Dismissed

Mrs. Jack Rickard and baby girl, Decatur; Mrs. Richard Raber, Monroe; Master Grant Hurst, Decatur; Mrs. John Morton and baby boy, Hoagland; Miss Rosalie Fahnecke, Celina, Ohio; Miss Constance Fahnecke, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. Bernice Fahnecke, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. Roy Brobeck, Willshire, Ohio; Mrs. Louis Stetler and baby girl, Decatur; Mrs. Merlin D. Steiner and baby girl, Berne; Mrs. Arthur E. Franz and baby boy, Decatur; Mrs. William Witte, Decatur; Mrs. Charles McCullough and baby boy, Decatur; Mrs. Arthur Wilder and baby boy, Decatur; Mrs. Stephen Gass and baby girl, Decatur.

Members of the St. Catherine's Discussion group will meet at the Fairway restaurant Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock and following the dinner, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wendell for a Christmas meeting.

The Zion Lutheran Missionary Society will meet Wednesday at 1 o'clock for its annual Christmas luncheon. The meeting will be held in the parish hall.

Trade in a good town — Decatur

Local Topics

Robert F. Braun has moved from route 3 to 121 North Sixth street in Decatur.

Mrs. Bertha Heuer has returned from a stay in Chicago, Ill., where she visited with Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

Mrs. Leo Myers returned yesterday from a week's visit in Lima, Ohio with Mrs. Pete Stein and family and the Lee Davis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seftnright, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caston, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Norquest, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunkle, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moses were among those who attended the Purdue University agriculture alumni ladies night program held in Geneva recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McClintock, of Indianapolis, visited over the weekend with Mrs. Charles Teeple.

Mrs. John H. Heller writes from West Palm Beach, Fla., that she is recovering from her trip to the south, and is enjoying the Florida sun.

Miss Susan Heller married recently to F. Neil Keller.

Brownie troop 573 met Thursday at the Lincoln school. Officers were elected for December with Pamela Harner as the new president, and Joyce Williamson and Brenda Agler as treasurer and scribe, respectively. Names were drawn for the Christmas exchange and the members sang Christmas carols.

Scribe, Brenda Agler

Brownie troop 230 met recently. Peggy Mankey led the Brownie promise and dues were collected by Connie Harmon. Cheryl Teeple read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Heller read stories to the group, who also sang songs. Cheryl Teeple served the treat and the meeting was closed with "Good Night" Brownies." Carolyn Rash will serve the treat next week.

Scribe, Cheryl Teeple

Brownie troop 551 met Wednesday afternoon at the Lincoln school. Julie Zerkel brought the treat. New officers are, president, Mary Jane Knael; treasurer, Elaine Bownman; and scribe, Rose Houk. Christmas presents to the girls' fathers were made and the meeting was closed with the Brownie arch.

Scribe, Rose Houk

Fifty-eight persons injured in the fire remained hospitalized, 11 of them in critical condition.

Coroner Walter McCarron said he would name today his 18-man "blue ribbon" coroner's jury which will open an inquest Wednesday into the tragedy. The jury will hear testimony about the fire and suggestions for preventing similar disasters.

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