

# SOCIETY

## MRS. JACOB PFEIFFER IS SURPRISED WITH PARTY

Approximately 40 nieces and nephews of Mrs. Jacob Pfeiffer gathered at the home of her son, Roger Pfeiffer 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 and coffee.

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

## MISS JOYCE TOPE TO WED HERMAN WITTE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Repligole 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 3, Decatur.

Miss Tope is a graduate of Van Wert high school and her fiance 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. Ireneus 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 Mrs. J. M. Doan elected as 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 Ahr, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Helm, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Madox, 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. Russel Mitchel.

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, Caroline Luginbill, Sharon Beabout, Judy Funk, and Beverly Meyers, and Gary Millington, Jerry Wians, Larry Sherman, 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. René Brandy 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 Mitchel was in charge of the white gift service, assisted by Mrs. Phil Barger and Mrs. Russel Mitchel. 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 Mitchel, Mrs. Gaylord Weaver, Mrs. Lillian Rich, Mrs. James McCullough, Mrs. Claude Laisure, Mrs. Gene Hike, Mrs. DeLoa Engle, Mrs. Paul Brahm, Mrs. Arthur Zurcher, and Mrs. Charles Connolly. 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.

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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.

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