

SOCIETY

CHARITY CIRCLE OF UNION CHAPEL MEETS

The Charity circle of the Union Chapel met at the home of Mrs. Homer Miller with Mrs. Wilma Hirsch as leader. The hymn, "Love Divine," was sung by the group. Readings on how retarded and delinquent children can be helped were given by Pat Gaunt, Janet Roush, Phyllis Egly and Mary Frank. A discussion by the group followed. The hymn, "Take my Life, and Let it Be," was sung. Ruth Walters, Mildred Smith and Veda Williamson gave readings on alcoholism and unwed mothers, showing how each problem affects the home and community.

The meeting closed with prayer by the leader. The business meeting was conducted by Mildred Smith. Betty Walters read a letter from her prayer partner. Refreshments were served to the ten members and two guests present.

EVEREADY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS MEETING

Thursday evening the Eveready Sunday school class of the Methodist church had a meeting in the church lounge. Sixteen members answered roll call. Mrs. Nila Nell was a guest of the class.

The meeting opened with the singing of hymns by the group with Mrs. Paul Edwards at the organ. Devotions were presented by Mrs. Delton Passwater on "Taking Life for Granted." Program chairman, Mrs. Frank Crist, read articles, "Be Yourself," and "Ma's Tools."

The meeting closed with the hymn, "Draw Me Nearer," and a prayer by Mrs. Gail Baughman. The hostesses, Mrs. Bertha Lanning, Mrs. Forest Elzey and Mrs. F. Wells, served delicious refreshments.

MRS. TROUTNER HOSTESS TO HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope circle of the Union Chapel WSCS met at the home of Mrs. Wayne Troutner Thursday evening. Miss Janet Brown was the program leader, using as her topic, "You are Needed - The Church has a Mission."

The prelude, "Love Divine," was played by Mrs. William Welker, after which, the song was sung by the group.

The following readers took part in the program, Mrs. Sherman Koos, Mrs. Wilbur Foor, Mrs. Eunice Parker, Mrs. Welker, Mrs. Earl Chase, Mrs. Robert Workman and Mrs. Troutner. The leader, Miss Brown, presented background talks after each reading. The stanzas from the song, "Take My Life," were sung at different times during the program. After silent prayer, the leader closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Wilbur Foor, the chairman, had charge of a short business meeting. The secretaries gave short reports. Delicious refreshments were served by the group by the hostess, assisted by her husband. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Welker, with Mrs. Sherman Koos the program leader.

FLO-KAN GIRLS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Flo-Kan Sunshine Girls' annual Christmas dinner and party was held Saturday, December 29, in the home of their royal advisor, Mrs. William Barber. The party is always held between

Club Schedule

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

SATURDAY

Peony Promenaders dance, Junior Fair building, Van Wert, O. Psi Iota Trading post: 1 to 4, Doris Schlotterback, Annabelle Heller.

MONDAY

Decatur Firemen's Women's auxiliary, Mrs. Naomi Baker, 7 p.m. Dramatics section, Mrs. C. S. Martindill, 7:30 p.m. V. F. W. auxiliary, post home, 8 p.m.

Junior Women, Mrs. Robert Sittler, 7:45 p.m. Mt. Zion WMA, Mrs. Edna Hardin, 7:30 p.m. Adams county home demonstration chorus, Farm Bureau building, Monroe, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion junior auxiliary, Legion home, 4 p.m. Civic section, Woman's club, Mrs. Adolph Koiter, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Welcome Wagon, Mrs. Glenn Maulder, 427 Stratton Way, 8 p.m. Olive Rebekah Lodge, Red Men's hall, 7:30 p.m.

New-U club, Pat Hoopingartner, 7:30 p.m. Eagles auxiliary, Eagles hall, 8 p.m. Tri Kappa sorority, Mrs. Kenneth Gaunt, 503 Limerlost Trail, 7:45 p.m.

Rose Garden club, I & M building, 2 p.m. Eta Tau Sigma, Mrs. Ray Heller, 6:30 p.m.

Kirkland WCTU, Mrs. Frank Arnold, 1:30 p.m. St. Anne's study club, Mrs. Ralph J. Voop, 1:30 p.m.

Sarah circle, Decatur EUB church, Mrs. Charles Kent, 1 p.m. Sacred Heart study club, Mrs. John Braun, 8 p.m.

Associate Tri Kappas, Mrs. Roy Kalver, 7:30 p.m. Delta Theta Tau, Mrs. John Baumann, 8 p.m.

Profit and Pleasure club, Mrs. Delta Engle, 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine study club, Mrs. James Kortenber, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Shakespeare club, Mrs. Frank Braun, 2 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes study club, Mrs. Arthur E. Myers, 8 p.m.

O. N. O. home demonstration club, Mrs. Bill Lister, 7:30 p.m. Mt. Pleasant WSCS, Mrs. William Fifer, 7 p.m.

St. Dominic study club, Mrs. Herman Gillig, 7:30 p.m. Women's Guild of the Zion United Church of Christ, in the church, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Beta Sigma Phi council, Mrs. Irene Gattshall, 8 p.m. Women of the Moose, Moose home, executive 7:30 p.m., regular, 8 p.m.

Christmas and New Year's Day, so that girls in college may attend.

Two long tables were very colorful with a large "Santa's mailbox" in the center and on each side, silver candle holders held tall, red tapers; while the two card tables' centerpiece was a large snowman holding a yellow taper. Each place was marked with a miniature snowman, perched atop a small bottle of cleansing cream. The gifts for the gift exchange were placed under a large Christmas tree.

Many games were played after the dinner. The entertainment committee were Helen Walters, Faye Ahr, Sandy Wenger, Connie Call and Carol Shady.

Each individual family request is given immediate detailed consideration by our lady attendant and experienced staff.

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Santa Claus Train Featured By Erie

A half-dozen Decatur area children and mothers, as well as Santa Claus, are featured on the front page of the November-December Erie-Lackawanna magazine, Well-Don Burgerdner, local Erie agent, said today. The cover will be exhibited in the Decatur Daily Democrat window this weekend.

The picture was taken on the annual Santa Claus train, sponsored by Decatur Chamber of Commerce members, this past December.

Iron Horse Santa

The caption under the large picture, eight by nine inches, reads, "The Thrill of Meeting Santa Is Even Greater When He Trades His Reindeer for the 'Iron Horse.'"

The slick-sheet, 16-page magazine includes a number of stories, special features, and a message from the president of the railroad.

Inside, the story of the cover picture reads:

"For several years now, the children of Decatur, Indiana, and surrounding communities have been greeting Santa Claus at the beginning of the Christmas season, and there has never been the slightest doubt that the venerable gentleman would arrive right on schedule. For on that happy day, Santa gives Donner and Blitzen and Rudolph and the rest of his reindeer a rest, and arrives via Erie-Lackawanna railroad."

Sponsored by Chamber "The Santa Claus Special" was sponsored by the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, and a fact of which they are quite proud (E.L. too) is that of all the many thousands of children and adults who have participated over the years, there has never been so much as one scraped shin or a stubbed toe. (The local Red Cross and several nurses are on hand if anything does happen.)

"This year more than 3,000 children of all ages - including our conductor, Earl Fisher, Marion division, who had as much fun as any of the other kids - rode the special. There were three round trips during the day, from Decatur to Ohio City, O., and while Santa was the star attraction, the youngsters were also entertained by Bozo the Clown and a band, and were given sweets to make the day a total success."

The royal advisor received many beautiful gifts from her counselors and the girls. Mrs. Barber was assisted in serving the dinner by her counselors, Faye Ahr, Harriett Pollock, Evelyn Plasterer, Edith Walters, and Minnie Corey, as well as by her daughter, Jane Arnold. Sheila (Ahr) Owens from Miami, Fla., was a guest. She and Jane Arnold were both charter members of the Sunshine Girls.

Those present, in addition to the ones mentioned above, were Helen and Thelma Walters, Donna Corey, Janet Grey, Beth Ann and Debbie Snyder, Diana Durbin, Alice McDonald, Carol Shady, Cathy Cornett, Jean Ray, Arlene Stedler, Jane Ann Smith, Linda Merriman, Reamilda Harrell, Connie Call, Carol Whitaker, Vicki Elchorn, Sandy Wenger, Elaine Wenger, Elaine Bowman, Donna Wolfe and Joy Dyer.

VALPARAISO GUILD TO SPONSOR DINNER The Decatur Circuit Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild will sponsor a french fried chicken dinner Sunday, January 13, at the St. John's Lutheran school, Bingen, nine miles north of Decatur on Road 27. Don Thomas, well known french fry expert from this area will be in charge of preparing the chicken. The balance of the menu, including many varieties of salads and home made pies, will be prepared by the ladies of the Valpo Guild.

Chairmen of the project are Mrs. Henry Meyer and Mrs. Edgar Krueckeburg, assisted by the Mesdames Adolph Dietrich, Herbert Franke, and Erwin Buick. The Valpo Guild consists of ladies from the ten Lutheran congregations in the area and numbers about 120 members. The proceeds of the dinner will go to the national project fund, to assist in attaining the proposed goal of \$40,000 this year, to be used for a connecting lounge between Dau and Kreinkreider halls on Valpo's campus and also to assist in establishing a higher level for professors' salaries.

The public is invited to attend the dinner. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and tickets may be purchased from any guild member or at the door that day.

The Decatur Firemen's Ladies auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Naomi Baker at 7 p.m. Monday. This is a change from the item appearing before and should be noted by all members.

The Shakespeare club will meet with Mr. Frank Braun Wednesday at 2 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Welcome Wagon group Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Glenn Maulder, 427 Stratton Way.

The Dramatics section of the Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. S. Martindill Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The Olive Rebekah Lodge will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Red Men's hall. Members are urged to start out the new year with a good attendance.

Mrs. Arthur E. Myers will be hostess to Our Lady of Lourdes study club Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Miss Pat Hoopingartner will be hostess to the New-U club Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. No white elephant sale.

V. F. W. Auxiliary meeting will be in the Post home, Monday at 8 p.m.

The Eagles auxiliary meeting will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Eagles hall, there will be initiation.

The O. N. O. home demonstration club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Bill Lister.

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Cliff Robertson and Suzy Parker are two of the featured players in the large cast of fresh, young talent appearing in "The Interns," showing Sunday and Monday at the Adams theater. Based on the best-selling novel which depicts life behind the walls of a large city hospital, the picture also stars Nick Adams, Michael Callan, Haya Harareet, John MacArthur, Anne Helm and Buddy Ebsen.

Locals

Charles S. Friend, father of Royal Friend of Decatur, and former Monmouth resident, suffered a mild heart attack this week, and is hospitalized in room 274, St. Joseph hospital.

A total of 36 Van Wert county, O., teachers have completed a state-sponsored civil defense course in Van Wert.

Altee Gehres has been named president of the Crestview school district board for 1963. Dale Hoover is vice president, John Linn, executive head of the district, said.

Mrs. Elmo Wolfe, of Willshire, O., has been admitted to the Van Wert county hospital.

Ramon Steffen, of route one, Berne, and Mrs. Merl Wing, of route 4, Decatur, have been released from the Clinic hospital in Bluffton.

As of noon Thursday, January 3, no babies had been born in Wells county since the New Year.

The city of Bluffton hopes to duplicate the 1962 \$47,000 city street improvement program this year. Funds come from the street department and parking meter funds.

The Wells county auditor has notified the general public that the tax duplicates of that county are new in the hands of the Wells county treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes for 1963. Bluffton's rate is \$6.35.

Milt Spence and Leo Seltenright have spent two days at Purdue university attending the annual state meeting of the U.S. soil conservation association.

Miss Janalee Smith, who teaches in Dorin, Conn., and Fred Holmes of Westwood, Mass., have returned to the their homes after spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Light spent several days over the holidays visiting Light's mother, Mrs. Nina Light, and other friends and relatives. They have returned to their home in Decor River, Minn., where he is an assistant forest ranger.

Col. J. F. Sammann, well known Decatur auctioneer heading Midwest Auction, who covers some 15 Midwestern states, is back at work in a limited way following a heart attack last November.

Births

Admitted

Wilbert Nussbaum, Berne; Mrs. Ervin Bultemeier, Hoagland; Mrs. Clea Drake, Decatur.

Dismissed

Mrs. Dora Laurent, Decatur; Mrs. Daniel Lengerich and baby boy, Decatur; Mrs. Paul Burgess, Geneva; Miss Arlene Jane Baller, Decatur; Ernest Scott, Monroeville.

Roger A. Spencer Is Class Officer Roger Allen Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spencer of Preble, has been elected vice-president of the freshmen class at Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne.

Graduating from Monmouth High school in 1962, Spencer is now a freshman at Fort Wayne Bible College, studying toward a bachelor of sacred music Degree in preparation for life's work as a minister of music. He is also a member of his dormitory cabinet.

Progress Year For Church Of Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene, a relatively small denomination that stands for holiness in the Wesleyan tradition, had one of the most outstanding years in its 54-year history in 1962.

The denomination's growing world mission program opened work in Chile and Bermuda, and the first Nazarene church in the Republic of Panama was organized. The Nazarenes now have work in 43 countries.

Also abroad the Nazarenes organized a new church district in West Germany with five congregations, and dedicated a \$100,000 sanctuary at Frankfurt and a church in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Also opened was a \$100,000 church at Nazareth, Israel, the first Protestant church to be built in Israel since the nation was re-established in 1948; and a new church at Brasilia, the first Protestant church to be dedicated in the new inland capital of Brazil.

The denomination's Spanish language broadcast of "Showers of Blessing," denominational radio program, increased to 110 stations, while the English program was carried on 425 stations.

Meanwhile, making these accomplishments possible, the church at home set a denominational record in per capita giving of \$147.78. This was an increase of \$3.62 a member over 1961 when the denomination ranked first in the nation in per capita giving among all Protestant churches with 100,000 members or more.

Giving for all purposes in 1962 increased by \$2,383,366 to a record total of \$49,505,444. The total was \$47,122,078 in 1961.

The annual statistical report by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Kansas City, Mo., general church secretary, showed the domestic membership grew to 335,005. This was a net gain of 8,135, or a gain of 2.49 per cent.

Dr. Ludwig said the denomination had a net gain of 28 new churches during the year for a total of 4,803 on Jan. 1, 1963.

Progress In Decatur The year 1962 was also one of progress for the local church of the Nazarene, for it saw the completion and dedication, April 7, of a new sanctuary and educational unit valued at \$100,000. Each department of the church has made gains: the Sunday school, under the leadership of superintendent Jess Edgell; the Missionary society, led by its president, Mrs. Leo Roe; the young people's society, with its president, Mrs. W. R. Watson.

The year just past also brought a change in pastoral leadership. The Rev. C. E. Lykins, who had served here eight years, resigned to enter the field of evangelism. In September the Rev. W. R. Watson moved here from Elkhart to become the new pastor of the church.

John Parrish Marks His 93rd Birthday John R. Parrish, a member of the Washington township advisory board, and a retired Decatur school teacher, celebrated his 93rd birthday Sunday.

Parrish, retired about 12 years ago after 61 years of teaching, 54 of it in the Decatur school system. Before coming to Decatur in 1896, the year that William Jennings Bryan first ran for the presidency following his "Cross of Gold" speech, Parrish taught six years in the Washington township school system, and a year at Monmouth, in the old, two-story building.

Parrish has remained active since his retirement from teaching, and worked downtown until a year or two ago.

Khrushchev To Make East Germany Visit WASHINGTON (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's Jan. 15 visit to East Germany probably is connected more with Communist party disputes than with the Berlin problem, State Department experts surmised today.

All signs indicate Khrushchev will once more promise the East German Communists that West Berlin shall be theirs-but not just yet.

That has been the pattern of all Khrushchev's visits to East Germany since his November, 1958, threat to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany and cancel Western Allied rights in West Berlin.

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Sermon Series To Open Sunday Night

"Faith-Footer" a sermon on belief in God, will open the "Warm Up Your Heart Preaching Mission" series at the Decatur Methodist church Sunday evening.

It will be the first of six sermons presented by Dr. Harold Fribley, pastor of the First Methodist church of Anderson.

Dr. Fribley's series of six sermons will begin Sunday evening at the Decatur Methodist church, and will continue through Friday, with the final message presented that evening.

The sermons will begin at 7:30 o'clock each of the six nights, Rev. A. C. Underwood, pastor of the First Methodist church here, explained.

Darrell Gerig will be the song leader each evening, and Mrs. Edgar Gerber the organist.

Sermons Listed "God With Us in Fact" will be the Monday evening topic, dealing with Christ and scriptures Romans 1-7; Romans 3, 21.

Presented Tuesday evening will be "God: Present Tense," concerning the Holy Spirit. Scriptures will be Romans 8, 9-17.

"Men With Masks," on sin and salvation and justification. Faith and Grace, Romans 3, 21-26 will be presented Wednesday, and "Living From the Heart Out," concerning sanctification, Romans 12, 1-2; 12, 9-21, will be the main topic Thursday evening.

Finishes Friday Dr. Fribley will wind up the six sermon series Friday night, speaking on "God's Rule Where We Stand." The sermon deals with the kingdom here and coming and the true freedom and the new Creature in Christ.

Dr. Fribley has had many conference duties and honors, including missionary secretary for the North Indiana conference, 1940-42; district director of youth work, 1946-47; conference youth director, 1947-49; dean of Epworth Forest Institute, 1950-52; director of the Wesley Foundation at Purdue U., 1950-52.

He also was a member of the board of directors, DePauw alumni association, 1950-53; president of the association for four years; a member of the board of trustees and visitors, DePauw, 1953-56; and served the commission on world service and finance of the conference since 1952.

Retired Commander A retired Navy commander, Dr. Fribley is a graduate of Logansport high school. He was a member of the unbeaten DePauw conference football champions in 1933, and named an all-star back in 1934.

He owned the Little State's 440-yard record in track from 1934 through 1950, and also gained other laurels in track.

Traffic Tied Up By Erie Train Trouble A 180-car Erie freight train became crippled in Decatur Wednesday, tying up traffic for 2 1/2 hours, it was reported today.

The train was switching from the west-bound to the east-bound track when one of the cars in the center of the train broke a knuckle, which connects two cars together.

Another knuckle was put in, and as they pulled away, a draw-bar was broken. The train then had to switch each half of the train over to the east-bound track separately.

The city police directed traffic, but it is difficult to direct traffic around Mercer-Winchester crossings, because out-of-town drivers do not know how to find their way back to Mercer avenue-highway 33-to get out of town.

If you have something to sell or trade - use the Democrat Want ads - they get BIG results.

'Old' Pictures In Congress Directory

By DICK WEST
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) - Among the signs and portents that herald the advent of a new legislative season is the publication of a revised edition of the pocket congressional directory.

It is called a pocket directory because of its small size. I doubt that anyone, except me, actually carries one around in his pocket.

I like to keep a copy handy in case any of my colleagues, some of whom are rather uncouth, start to speak in a manner that is not in keeping with the dignity of our noble profession.

"Watch your language," I tell them. "I've got Mrs. Bolton's picture in my pocket."

The pocket directory, you see, carries a photograph of all the members of Congress, including Rep. Frances P. Bolton, R-Ohio, whose image inspires decorum in even the most raffish circles.

Distinguished By Pictures The pictorial aspect of the pocket directory is what distinguishes it from the regular, or non-pocket, congressional directory, which contains the biographies of the lawmakers.

Considered together, the two directories offer a rather interesting illusion.

In the regular directory, where their birth dates are listed, the congressmen are growing older. But in the pocket directory, where their pictures are printed, they appear to have made time stand still.

Some of them who change their photographs regularly actually seem to be getting younger.

I'm not suggesting, mind you, that trick photography is involved. The illusion of eternal youth can be achieved simply by using the same picture year after year.

Each Selects Picture The lawmakers themselves select the likenesses that are published and a number of them still have a fondness for the ones apparently taken for their college yearbooks.

I do believe that a couple of portraits in the directory are original tinctures and at least one of them is strongly suggestive of the work of Matthew Brady, the celebrated Civil War photographer.

I must say, however, that a few of the lawmakers have come to terms with reality and are growing old gracefully, pocket congressional directory-wise.

For instance, Rep. Howard W. Smith, D-Va., who was born in 1883, no longer pictures himself as a rather rakish looking young man in a wing collar. In his present picture, he looks at least 50.

You can't, of course, blame a congressman for presenting himself in the best light possible, but the purpose of the directory supposedly is for identification.

Several of the House and Senate members, I fear, have flattered themselves to the point of anonymity.

Damp Shoes Pack the toes of damp shoes with plastic scouring pads. The shoes will dry out quickly and smoothly.

STORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.