

## Society News

The Heim Family Christmas party was held Wednesday evening of last week with dinner at the Country Inn, South Bend. Those present from Walkerton were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed and Mrs. Vylet Baker; from North Liberty was Mrs. Ruth Bare, Mrs. Clarence Heim and Mrs. Bob Feiser; from South Bend, Mrs. Ethel Hillegas, Mrs. Florence Weise, Mr. F. C. Fagley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fagley; and from Stevensville, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hillegas.

Word has been received here of the passing of Dr. William Bilyeu, husband of Mary Ann Eiler Bilyeu, former Walkerton teacher, in November. She is left with four children and resided in Birmingham, Michigan.

The Farmers State Bank of Wyatt held their annual Christmas Party at the Plymouth Holiday Inn on Tuesday, December 15, with 64 employees and guests in attendance. Entertainment for the evening was provided by a duo named Inwood and Zimmerman, from South Bend, who sang and told jokes. Mr. Louis Gerber, former chairman of the board, retired from the bank in December and made a speech to the group. Mr. Thomas T. Boyd, LaPorte, is the new chairman.

The Koontz Lake Conservation Club will not meet on the next two Saturday evenings due to the holidays.

Mrs. Dorothy Meyers is a patient in the LaPorte Hospital.

Mrs. Mamie Hahn entertained with a Christmas dinner on Sunday for her family. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farrer and grandson, Shawn; Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Roy Hahn and Catherine; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hahn; Mr. Cary Hahn; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Williams; Mr. Gregg Williams and son; Mr. and Mrs. James Stepro, of Niles, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Malstaff and Terry and friend; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malstaff, of LaPorte; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malstaff and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Malstaff. The party was held at the Walkerton Youth Building and a gift exchange was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hiatt and two children, Laura and Annette, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, are here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Branson Hiatt, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Pletcher and sons entertained for Sunday dinner the Pletcher family with the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pletcher and two daughters, Mr. Ron Shortt, Mr. James Dreesen, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Pletcher and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Rodgers and family, all of Walkerton; Mr. and Mrs. Dana Pletcher and family, from Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Pletcher and daughter, of LaPaz.

Mr. and Mrs. John (Nancy) Turner and daughter, Diana, of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, are visiting with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherland and Angela. They all will be guests for Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Branson Hiatt and the Bill Hiatts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer, of Clinton, Mississippi, are spending the holidays in Walkerton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Savoie, and other relatives and friends. Mr. Lanny Savoie is here from Reseda, California, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Savoie are expecting their entire family for Christmas Day and this is a real Christmas because the entire family cannot be together very often.

The eighty-eighth birthday of Fritz Skinner was celebrated with a dinner in the Looking Glass Restaurant, in the new Marriott Hotel, in South Bend, last Friday evening with the following guests, Helen

Smith, of South Bend; Mrs. Fritz Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Herold Hostetter, Mrs. Viola Barden and Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Roy Hahn Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stull and family, Miss Shelly Bajer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stull, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Whitaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Corbett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Holsinger and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holsinger in Terre Haute for their family Christmas. In addition to the Christmas get-together, they all got to see the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Holsinger, Joshua.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig DeMyer and daughter, and Mrs. Margaret DeMyer were in Martinsville and Indianapolis over Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. Craig DeMyer's parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Pletcher had a birthday party for their son, Joey, on Monday evening with ice cream and birthday cake. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Campion and Danny and Mrs. William Albert.

Our Happy Ads — Only \$1.00!



### Christmas Plants

The most prized Christmas decoration, until the middle of the 19th century, was the rosemary plant. Symbolizing remembrance, the rosemary was used to decorate and flavor the boar's head of old English custom. Ivy, laurel, yew and bay were also popular greens in years gone by. They have long been replaced by such modern fa-

vorites as holly, fir trees and poinsettias.

### Let's Put Christ Into Christmas!



### Suitability

At Christmas I no more desire a rose  
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth;  
But like of each thing that in season grows.

William Shakespeare (1594)

# There are simpler ways to keep heating costs down.



## That's good to know!

Now that winter is upon us, NIPSCO urges you to consider some of the simpler and inexpensive ways to conserve your heating dollars.

For example, always keep your thermostat set at the lowest possible temperature setting. One that's two to four degrees less than what you're used to.

Make sure your furnace filters are clean and replaced when necessary. When your fireplace is not in use, make certain the damper is tightly shut.

Check for air leaks and cracks around your windows and doors. Add weatherstripping or caulking where needed. Keep the opening of outside doors to a minimum. Keep the doors and vents of unused rooms closed. Don't block your heating vents or cold air returns with carpet or furniture.

And finally, open your draperies on sunny days; take advantage of the sun's warmth.

No matter how insignificant these little energy-saving practices may seem, collectively they can all work to lower your heating costs.

