

CHURCH NEWS

LAKESIDE E.U.B. CHURCH
O. T. Hubart, Pastor.
Prayer meeting this Thursday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Cris Darr's.
Sunday School, Sunday morning at 9:45.
Worship Service at 10:45.
Youth Meeting at 6:45.
Worship Service at 7:30.

BASKETBALL FRIDAY NIGHT
Atwood at North Webster.
Syracuse at New Paris.
Leesburg at Beaver Dam.
Argos at Montone.
South Whitley at Pierceton.
Etna Green at Milford.
Roann at Silver Lake.
Sidney at Burkett.
Columbia City at Nappanee.
Cromwell in 4-team tourney at Ligonier, Friday and Saturday.
Warsaw at Garrett.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Claude M. Fawns, Minister.
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "The Unveiled Christ."
Special music, the church choir will sing, "I Shall See Him."

Junior church, Youth Fellowship and church school at 11 a.m.

Things to Come:
Christening of babies at the worship service, and Christmas program by the Primary Department at the Sunday school hour on Dec. 18th.

Christmas Cantata by the Senior choir on Sunday night, Dec. 18th.

Christmas party for the Junior choir on Tuesday, Dec. 20th. The Junior choir will furnish the special music on Sunday morning, Dec. 25th.

CHURCH OF GOD

F. A. Handley, Pastor.
Lewis Firestone, Supt.
Bible School—10:00 a.m.

Lesson: "Jeremiah Teaches Personal Religion." Golden Text: "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."

Morning worship—11:00 o'clock.
Sermon: "Life that gives Light to Men."

Youth meeting—6:45 P.M.
Evening service—7:30 P.M.

Sermon: "The Indwelling Saviour."
Prayer service, Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cressel Kison, north of town.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Clayton Mock, Pastor.
Lavon Symons, S. S. Supt.

Alta Darr, Elem. Supt.
Church School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
You are invited to our services.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Carl Sorensen, Pastor.
Third Sunday in Advent.

9:45—Sunday School.
10:45—Divine Worship.

"The Manger Road," Luke 2:16.
Sunday Dec. 18th, the Sunday School will give their Christmas program at the morning service, 11 o'clock. Our many friends are invited to this prepared program.

GRACE BIBLE SCHOOL

West Main Street
Sunday School and morning worship—10:00 and 11:30.

John Rea, Pastor.
Cotton required by Law.

Ancient Hindu laws required that sacrificial thread for Hindu Brahma religious ceremonies be cotton.

School News

Senior News

The Seniors wish a Happy Birthday to:

Donald Underwood—Dec. 8.
Thomas Rouse—Dec. 8.

Genevieve Dennison—Dec. 11.
Shirley Cripe—Dec. 12.

Sharon Miner—Dec. 12.
Visit at Purdue

The debate members left Friday morning at five o'clock for Purdue. Oh how sleepy they looked.

Those who went were: Louis Sheld, Mary Lou Denzel, Charles Reagan, Pat Jones, Karun Klun and Marilyn Gawthrop.

In Mr. Denzel's car and Mr. Milan Philip Nine, Jerry Clark and Audrey Hammon. They arrived at Purdue at 9:30. The road condition gave little trouble, as it got better the further south they went.

They all stopped in Logansport for breakfast. The first General Session took place at 10 o'clock in the Eliza Fowler Hall.

They had a full schedule for both days. Here are some of the things they attended: Debate between Kentucky State Champions and Illinois State Champions of last year; a Banquet in North and South Ball Rooms of Union Building; the play "Lillian" in the Eliza Fowler Hall; an address by Emmett C. Belzer; Indiana Bell Telephone Company, and many other exciting things.

Our group stayed at the Lahr Hotel which they enjoyed very much. They all had a happy trip with lots of fun. We wish to thank Mr. Denzel for the use of his new Ford. We arrived home Saturday evening about 7:30.

Friday the students attended another picture on television which was followed by yell session.

Who's Who

Today we have a "blow by blow" description of a Seniors struggle with school life.

This Senior is our own Donald Lloyd Underwood, Jr. Each class has to have someone with a long name, and Donald holds the record for the class of '50. We Seniors have affectionately shortened it to "Don" or "Undie". He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Smith, of

Lake Wawasee. Don was born Dec. 8th, 1932 at Fort Wayne.

Most people will recognize Donny as the "Big Boy" who drives the little "Smitty" car.

Don is 5 foot, 10½ inches tall, and weighs 155 pounds. He has blonde hair, or should we say fuzzi as he wears a pretty short crew cut, that we call his wheat crop. He has blue eyes.

He has attended a number of schools, Wolf Lake, Kimmell and best of all, Syracuse. Don never went in for sports as he has had too many other things to do. He plays the first clarinet in the band, sings with the chorus and is a member of the orchestra.

Besides Don's high school studies, he is taking a full course in Diesel mechanics. He recently passed a test and a gentleman from Columbus, Ohio, called on him personally and told him that he was the third person out of 14 states ever to pass this test with a perfect score. When he graduates from this course in September, he will be one of 25 licensed Diesel mechanics in the state.

Don says that the Operetta in his Sophomore year is his most outstanding memory in school. His favorite songs are "Deep Purple" and "Night and Day", and his favorite band leader is Guy Lombardo with Kenny Garner singing "Five Foot Two".

His date bait is anybody good-looking—nobody in particular.

Don is our professional movie projector operator in school, and when we see him putting up his set, we know that we are in for an educational picture.

He says that he likes all the teachers, but he feels more at home around Gus. "Women" is his favorite subject (maybe something new has been added).

Pork or chicken with mashed potatoes, are his favorite foods. His favorite actor is Dan Duryea when he chews gum. Don was Mr. Puckett in the Junior class play and he really stole the show.

His hobby is playing around with his own racing shell, and his brothers hotrod. His pet peeve is truck drivers that rake gears, and also people that pick fights. Don says that he is a great compromiser.

After graduation Don plans on buying himself a new Ford and seeing some of these United States, then settling down as a Diesel mechanic. Good luck, Don, and we will all be down to the postoffice in September when you receive your diploma. We are mighty proud of you.

TRINITY E.U.B. CHURCH

Sunday School—9:45. Lewis S. Immel, Supt.

Morning worship—10:45. "The Choice Before the Nation."

Junior League—6:30.
Youth Fellowship—6:30.

The topic will be the first in a new series, on "Studies from the Old Testament". Ruth Houser will lead.

Congregational meeting—6:30
The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, for the purpose of reviewing the work of the year, reviewing the actions of the Church Council of Administration, establishing policy and electing officers. The Pastor is the presiding officer.

Wednesday, Dec. 14.—Fisher-man's Club.
Thursday Dec. 15.—Prayer meeting and Bible Study, 7:30 and Choir practice at 8:30.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Babcock and son, of Nashville, Mich., were overnight guests Tuesday, in the home of the former's uncle, A. J. Babcock, here. They were enroute to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Abts were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Fett, in Mishawaka.

Rev. Claud M. Fawns attended a meeting of the Warsaw District Conference at Kendallville, on Tuesday.

Mrs. O. T. Hubart went to Fort Wayne last Saturday, where Saturday evening, she attended the wedding of her step-granddaughter, Anna Jean Harnash.

Mrs. Hubart remained in Fort Wayne until Tuesday evening, with relatives.



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Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Real-ill" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

Finns See Evergreen As Mourning Symbol

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room or dining room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the alters are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 6 A.M.) the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

After the early church services, the gayly decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells a-jingling. Breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play of gift-giving; it is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings. The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day, and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observances, in some parts of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend.

Legend relates that the crown of thorns which was placed on the head of Jesus was made of holly and that before the crucifixion the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood.

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilber, from Sarasota, Fla., says they are enjoying themselves. It is quite cool there at night, but grand in the day time. Dr. and Mrs. Karl Stoelting and children, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Stoelting's mother, Mrs. A. J. Canten, in Marion.



AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapid expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.

On Christmas

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

December 23 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.

Legend of the YULE LOG

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas.

As the family sits around the Yule log and sips their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again. One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him.

Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man shivered until his "onliest two teeth" chattered with cold.

The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe.

The cry came a third time — and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow.

Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not owned since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank. He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin.

Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.

At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with eyes like stars — stars which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen.

The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enveloped the child he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire.

The flames of the Cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man hungry or cold, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christmas Child to give light and warmth.

And that is the story of the Yule log as it is told in Virginia every Christmas eve.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penn, of Lake Wawasee, have received word of the birth of a grandson, on Sunday. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lamont Black, of Galveston, Texas. Mrs. Black is the former Miss Patty Penn. The baby weighed 7½ pounds and was named Penn Lamont Black.

AT MILLERSBURG

Syracuse remained the only undefeated team in the county by defeating Millersburg, 65-46 at Millersburg, Friday night. The game was close throughout the first half with Syracuse leading, 13-11 at the end of the 1st quarter and 29-22 at the half. But as the previous games show, Syracuse came back strong the last half and the end of 3 quarters play it was 47-27. The game then on was fairly ragged and Syracuse scored 18 points to win 65-46.

Leading scorers were: Syracuse—Darr 16; Barnhart 13; Miller, 12; Kroh, 11; Meek, 10. Millersburg—H. Shawalter 15; and Mosee, 11.

Officials were Richards and Bushong. Syracuse's second team won a thriller, 30-27. Leading scorers for that game were: Syracuse—Meek, 11; Rogers 6. Millersburg—Shuffer, 11; and Chidester, 5.

SYRACUSE (65)	FG	FT	PF
Meek, f	4	2	4
Darr, f	7	2	3
Kroh, c	5	1	3
Barnhart, f	6	1	1
Miller, g	5	2	2
Stokey, f	0	1	1
Koble	1	0	0
Fry	0	0	1

Totals	28	9	15
MILLERSBURG (46)	FG	FT	PF
Moser, f	4	3	3
G. Showalter, f	3	1	2
H. Showalter, c	5	5	3
Lantzer, g	4	0	2
Miller, g	2	0	5
Fisher	0	0	0
Burtfield	0	0	0
Chidester	0	0	0
Shaffer	0	1	0

Score by Quarters
SYRACUSE 13 29 47 65
MILLERSBURG 11 22 27 46

GIRL SCOUTS MEET

The Girl Scouts met Wednesday, Dec. 7. A short business meeting was held and it was decided to go Christmas Caroling, Friday Dec. 23. The rest of the meeting was spent in making tiny Christmas trees from tin foil. The meeting was closed with the singing of Christmas Carols and the handshake. All Girl Scouts please be present at the next meeting as we will practice on Christmas Carols.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lund and baby, moved last Saturday to New Paris.



CUPID'S CON MAN . . . Sigmund Engel was found guilty by Chicago court of swindling a widow. He has been accused by several women of making love and making off with their life's savings. Engel's lawyer has entered a motion for a new trial.

LAKELAND

North Webster, Ind.

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