

## COMMUNITY LOCALS

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Mrs. J. D. Overholtzer is visiting her brother, Earl Crabbs and Mrs. Crabbs, in Baltimore.

Miss Margaret Lambert, Washington, D. C., is spending two weeks at the home of her father, Mr. Oliver Lambert.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Benner, Pine Grove, Pa., visited at the home of his father, Dr. C. M. Benner, on Tuesday.

Miss Sharon Wheatley Bowers, of Sykesville, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Stonesifer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Neidermyer, of West Chester, Pa., will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Reindollar.

Miss Myrtle Morris and Miss Nell Hess, Baltimore, expect to spend this week-end with Misses Hazel and Edith Hess.

Miss Treva Reinaman, left December 28th for a tour of Florida. Miss Reinaman will spend New Year's Eve, in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mohney spent a few days with the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce B. Wilson of Eldorado, Md.

Miss Elsa Westine, Boston, Mass., visited her father, Mr. Felix Westine and her brother, Mr. Gus Westine and family, over Christmas.

Basil Crapster attended a meeting of the American Historical Association at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., from the 28th to the 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the home of Mr. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer King, Odenton, Md.

Miss Catherine Carbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leach of Baltimore spent part of the Christmas Holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Campney, of Baltimore, spent Christmas week end at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William P. Bradley, Jr. and Dr. Bradley and sons.

Capt. Robert Lambert, Fort Knox, Kentucky, has a 11 day leave and is spending it with his wife and family at Libertytown and with his father, Mr. Oliver Lambert.

Miss Carolyn Vaughn, of Los Angeles, California, is spending the Yuletide season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Vaughn, of near town.

With the beginning of January, Grace A. & B. Church, Keysville, will assume its winter schedule of having morning worship and Sunday church school only on alternate Sundays.

On Saturday evening Misses Maxine and Betty Fream and Messrs Herbert Bowers and George Naylor motored to Bethlehem, Pa., to observe the Christmas decorations of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mowbray-Clarke and daughter, Hester, of Bethesda, Md., and Mrs. Clarke, Sr., of New York City, N. Y., were guests of the Misses Annan over the Christmas week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hockensmith entertained to dinner Christmas day the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Waybright, Newville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stonesifer, York, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Hess and Myra Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Diller, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Vaughn. They also visited with Mr. Diller's parents and friends around town.

G. H. Enfield reports that he received a Christmas letter from the wife of a physician in Yonkers, N. York, telling how she is enjoying his writings. The column is also being printed in the Carroll Record, under the caption, Let's Think.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lookingbill and family entertained to dinner on Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hostetter, Lexington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hostetter, Miss Frances Hostetter and Mr. James Bright, all of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews and children Martha, Rebecca and John William of Pensacola, Fla., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of East Baltimore Street. They are also visiting other relatives in Carroll County.

Roland E. Garvin, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Garvin, left on Tuesday morning with Bernard Fogie, Frederick, to attend a Youth Conference of the colleges of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The conference is held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week on the campus of the Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. The young men will return on Friday to their respective homes.

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## WEEK OF PRAYER

To Begin on Sunday, January 1, 1950

The annual observance of the Universal Week of Prayer in Taneytown will begin next Sunday night at 7:30 with the union service to be held in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Morgan Andreas, pastor of the Grace Ev. and Reformed Church, will introduce the observance with a message on the general theme: "A Living Witness for a Lost World." On Monday night, Jan. 2, the service will likewise be held in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Glenn L. Stahl will bring the message. On Tuesday and Wednesday the services will be held in the Ev. United Brethren Church. Rev. Charles S. Owen and Rev. Morgan Andreas will bring the message on these respective nights. On Thursday and Friday the services will continue in the Grace Reformed Church. The preachers in order will be the Rev. Glenn L. Stahl and the Rev. A. W. Garvin. On Saturday and Sunday nights the services will be concluded in the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Charles S. Owen preaching on Saturday night and the Rev. A. W. Garvin on Sunday night.

This observance began 104 years ago. Its purposes was to mark the beginning of each New Year with a prayer for Divine Guidance and blessing for the unseen days ahead. This year the observance will be made a part of the United Evangelistic Advance designed to win America for Christ. This year each church in which the service is held, will have charge of the musical program.

## LOCAL FEED MILL HONORED

A certificate of Mixing Accuracy has been issued to Taneytown Grain & Supply Co., feed dealers, by the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, following analysis of samples taken from a regular mix prepared for customers of their mill.

Proper mixing of ingredients has been recognized as an increasingly important factor in the efficient feeding of livestock and poultry. Before the appointment of Taneytown Grain & Supply Co., as an approved Purina Custom Mixing Station using Purina formulas and concentrates, laboratory tests were required to determine the accuracy and uniformity of the custom mixing service rendered.

Samples taken from a regular mix passed the Purina requirement that all samples must not vary more than one-half of one per cent in protein content to qualify for the Certificate which is now on display at the mill.

## PARTY HELD FOR THE SELLS

The annual Christmas party was held this year at the beautiful farm home of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Hess on Monday evening, December 26. Refreshments of fruit cocktail, turkey and country ham sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, olives, all kinds of cookies, cakes, candies, Holiday ice cream and coffee were served. Games were played to further supplement a pleasant evening. Guests were present from Emmitsburg, Gettysburg, Westminster, Baltimore, California and Taneytown. At the conclusion of the evening gifts were exchanged by all. All had an enjoyable time. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hess a Happy New Year.

## ANNUAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The annual watch night service will be held this Saturday evening, December 31, at 11 P. M., in Grace Reformed Church. The following program will be presented: Organ prelude, Mrs. Rein Motter; Invocation, Rev. Andreas; Hymn, Congregation; Violin Solo, Fairy Frock; Vocal Number, United Brethren Church Scripture, Arthur Garvin; Prayer, Rev. Owen; Vocal Solo, Henry Reindollar; Hymn, Congregation; Vocal Duet, Mrs. Carel Frock and Mrs. Murray Baumgardner; Address, Rev. Garvin; Benediction, Rev. Andreas; Organ Prelude, Mrs. Rein Motter. You are cordially invited to attend this service.

## SR. 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Sr. 4-H Club held a Christmas party on Monday, December 26, 1949, at the home of Betty Jane Hahn. Those present were: Janice Naylor, Sandra Welker, Joan Baumgardner, Patricia Wantz, Dhoda Rohrbough, Dorothy Rohrbough, Shirley Null, Jo Ann Koons, Lorraine Sauble, Barbara Turner, Mary Jo Robb and Belva Koons.

After playing several games refreshments were served which consisted of sandwiches, salad, candy, cookies and gingerale.

Gifts were then exchanged. It was decided that the regular meeting would be held on January 19, 1950 at the home of Rhoda and Dorothy Rohrbough.

## SPIDER HABITS

The Missouri Press News recently recalled the story about Mark Twain when he was editor of a small newspaper. A reader wrote in, saying that he found a spider in his copy of the newspaper and wanted to know if it was an omen of good or bad luck. Mark Twain replied: "Finding a spider in your newspaper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards."



## HAPPY NEW YEAR AS SEEN BY REV. OWEN

Account of Imaginary Trip Into That Region

As last week, the traveler today will not be on the Southern Mountains. That can wait till next week. Instead, we take a journey into the Land of Happy New Year. This also will be a timely tour. Very soon everyone will be speaking the language of Happy New Year. Therefore let us launch out on the tour and survey the sights and scenes.

## THE BRIDGE OF NO RETURN

The first sight we see is a bridge which we have to cross. It is a peculiar structure with a one-way traffic. It is called the Bridge of No Return. It spans the gulf between the Old Year and the New. At the entrance is a traffic cop. He is an odd looking figure like Old Father Time. He keeps the traffic moving on schedule. There are some who may not want to cross the bridge. They would prefer to remain in the Old Year. But the cop is relentless. Whether or no, everyone must speed across on time. For the bridge must be closed to all traffic by midnight of the Old Year.

On the other end of the bridge also is a traffic cop. He is the most un-cop-like creature ever seen. He looks like an infant dressed in baby clothing, if any clothing at all. He is stationed there lest someone might want to return back across into the Old Year. But that would be impossible. Once across, the bridge is destroyed. Thereupon the Old Year descends into the vaulted Chambers of the past where it will sit on a granite throne together with all the dead years gone by. There it will relate the story of 1949. But we cannot visit that chamber now.

At the end of the Bridge of No Return we saw many highways branching out into the New Year. They ran in almost every direction. Some had very attractive names. Great crowds were observed taking each one of these highways into the New Year. On one of the roads was this sign. It was not very conspicuous. It said: TO HAPPY NEW YEAR. Underneath the sign, in small letters which many did not see, was this inscription: "He who takes this highway will find a Happy New Year."

## THE ROAD OF SMILING FACES

This is the road we took. As we entered the Land of Happy New Year, a guide met us to act as escort. He first took us on a highway called the road of Smiling Faces. That was a most impressive sight. Everyone was wearing a smile. There was not a single face distorted with a frown. That would be considered a misfortune, like a bud that cannot blossom but dries up on the stalk. The color of the smiling faces was tinged with the rouge of cheer and joy. We asked the guide to expain the phenomenon. He said that it was easier, and required the use of less muscles; to smile. But that was not because the people were lazy and taking the course of least resistance. All seemed industrious. None appeared to be suffering from idleness. Then the guide said that everyone wore a smile because that really was the law of the Land, and the first requirement for securing a passport thereto.

## THE ROAD OF LIGHTED FACES

After this our conductor took us down another highway in the Land of Happy New Year. This was named the Road of Lighted Faces. That was because each person's face seemed to glow like a window with a light behind it. The peculiar fact about it was this, that no one brought light to his own face. It had to be done for him by another. We asked why this was so. He replied that for each one of us "The lamp of cheer must be lit by another."

We asked how these things could be? He answered by calling upon the Spirit of the Past to come. This Spirit came at the call and drew back the curtain of time. Suddenly we were in the first century and standing by the tomb of Lazarus. By it stood two weeping sisters. Near stood one whose

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## TANEYTOWN OBSERVES ITS MOST ELABORATE CHRISTMAS

Last Saturday night Taneytown concluded the most elaborate Christmas festivities in the history of the village. The community-wide program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was handled by a special committee this year. The festivities began on December 9 when Santa Claus came to town with elaborate ceremony and under proper escort of the Drum Corps of the American Legion. Turning on the lights as he entered the town, he initiated the Festival of Lights which has attracted so much attention.

The newest feature of all, established for the first time this year, was the Festival of Songs. This consisted of a program of Christmas music by the respective Church choirs of the town, broadcast over the loud speaker installed in the Municipal Hall. Each night for 30 minutes, during the week preceding Christmas the community and surrounding country-side, heard beautiful and inspiring music about the coming of Christ. Apparently this undertaking was well received. For numerous people in town and out in the country, have spoken about the joy of hearing the program. The new project was concluded last Saturday night by the Christmas Carolers singing over the loud speaker as well as on the streets.

The annual Christmas party for the adults on Middle Street, and the annual Theater Party and treat for the children, both registered a big success this year.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT PINEY CREEK CHURCH

Despite the inclement weather a goodly congregation gathered at Piney Creek Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday night, Dec. 27, to enjoy the Christmas service by the church school. After the opening service recitations and a group of songs were given by the three lower classes. Then came the service of story and song entitled "The Light of the Ages" presented by the choir with the addition of some of the older pupils. A spotlight was thrown on the Nativity scene while the choir sang "Silent Night." This brought us to part two where the pastor renewing his vows of service called on all to covenant with him to spread Christ's light of love and helpfulness. As the Light Bearers passed down the congregation rose to show their promise to walk in the light that others may see His way. Following the benediction all joined in singing "Joy to the World." The soloists were Mrs. Sterling Flickinger and Miss Betty Stambaugh who was also the pianist. The offering was for Foreign Missions. In order to show tangible appreciation of the pastor he, too, received a gift of money.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY—1950

Happy New Year to you Editor and staff of Carroll Record and to all the splendid correspondents, and to the readers also.

New Year's day is but the beginning of another year—a time when we all make resolutions so soon to be broken.

A good resolution for this year would be to resolve to work as though we were to live forever, and to live as though we expected to die tomorrow. Many of us who breathe the invigorating air of this happy New Year will not be here to enjoy the next new year.

One of the bright features of my life has been the receipt, weekly, of The Carroll Record which has occurred now for nearly fifty years. The founder and former Editor of The Carroll Record, the late P. B. Englar was a life-long friend. Together we travelled north to New Haven, Conn. and South to Florida and enjoyed each other's society. I prize those years now as sacred memories. So Happy New Year to you all.

W. J. H.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY CARROLL COUNTY MINISTERS

On Monday, Dec. 19, the Carroll County E & R ministers and their wives met at the home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Welker, Taneytown, for their annual Christmas party. At this time the 15th anniversary of ordination to the Christian ministry for Rev. Brantley was recognized.

The ministers convened in their monthly meeting at 11 a. m. Following a brief, but important business session, they adjourned to the dining room where their wives had made ready the extended table with goodies they had previously prepared at home and then brought to the Welker home in covered dishes. After the meal had been heartily enjoyed, a combination of Christmas-motif delicacies were enjoyed as dessert.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Morgan Andreas and children, Paul and Cynthia, of Taneytown; Rev. and Mrs. J. Keller Brantley, near Westminster; Rev. J. Edmund Lippy, of Westminster; Rev. and Mrs. Charles Price and children, Robert and Michael, Silver Run; Rev. and Mrs. Miles Reifsnider, Tyrone; and Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Welker.

De-frosting whenever it is necessary will help a refrigerator operate most effectively. The time to defrost is when the frost is 1/4-inch thick, or about as deep as a lead pencil.

Ask the man out of work about automatic Payroll Savings Plans and U. S. Bonds reserves.

## AROUND THE TOWN

With all my heart, I wish you every morning a smile that shall last until the next day's dawning. I wish you health—life's greatest wealth! I wish you always near so that I may help to cheer. Each future day and in some way—help to bring you happiness!

It's New Years! You say to yourself along with the masses, "I'll make some New Year resolutions and stick to them most religiously."

Thoughts carry you back when you were seventeen years of age and a very wealthy aunt and uncle take you to dine at the Belview Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia at the hour of midnight. They decided to give you an unexpected thrill by first eating in the "Automat" on Market Street. You were thrilled to see any type of food come out of its hiding place simply by inserting the coin, the charge of the amount to be placed in the slot depended upon just what you would order. My dear aunt and uncle were childless and they loved me devotedly. We were in evening dress mingling with the crowds of merry-makers. It was around the hour of ten. From there we taxied to the Belview Stratford in the chippy cold night. As we sat down to the table reserved for us, the orchestra playing a delightful waltz, my uncle arose and bowing low said, "May I have the pleasure of this dance, my dear?" Uncle was a grand dancer and we waltzed until I thought he was tired but his applause convinced me that he wanted to continue. I was as proud of my uncle as he was of me. In that hotel we heard the old year out and the new one in. They suggested that I order my favorite dish which was lobster and that hotel knew just how to cook and serve it.

Then previous years come back when I was a little girl and thoughts are of those New Year's evenings. You were awakened by an older sister, Edna with whom you shared your room. It was difficult to awaken you out of the deep sleep which only children possess. Your sister promised she would awaken you to see the Old Year out and the New one in. She bundles you in the huge warm comfort and tucks it around you as she leads you from the bed quickly to the already opened window. There you both gaze down at the throng, from this third story front room, at the crowds walking down town. You lean on the window ledge and see the brilliantly lit sky over the William Penn statue in the distance in down town Philadelphia which appears so red due to all carrying torches. The shooting of twelve o'clock, the merry-makers screaming and laughing on the street beneath you and with loud toys of all descriptions to swell the noise and the blowing frantically of all the Philadelphia whistles. The night is a bitter cold one. You hear your sister's soft voice saying, "the year is almost gone never to return again and in five minutes more there will be a New Year born. Make a wish of some kind now and keep it for the entire year."

You suddenly feel your sister's strong arm around your shoulders, this sister had been someone very special in your young life never failing to read a chapter of the Bible to you before lights went out. You gaze up at the hundreds of stars above you which appeared as thousands and you say to yourself, "Oh, God, please make me a good little girl not for just tonight but for the New Year and always!"

The clock in the house is striking the midnight hour and the merry-makers seem louder than before. No other member in the house is stirring. The year is gone, the new one is here. Your sister stirs you from your reveries with "Come, now, let us go back to bed," leading you slowly in the still darkened room away from the window. The sandman touches your eyes and you fall into dream-land.

It seems only a little while before that you had been at the window when you are awakened with members of the family calling, "Happy New Year." You suddenly remember your prayer. Again you say, "Yes, God, please help me to be a good girl."

So, make that prayer, folks, your prayer this New Year's Eve even if it only came from the heart of a little girl. So long. Have a grand week end and hope you have the very happiest year you have ever known. Until next week. Will be seeing you, I am, faithfully,

YOUR OBSERVER.

## V. F. W. CONDUCTS CHRISTMAS CRUSADE

The members of the Veterans of Foreign War Post and their Auxiliary units from Union Bridge, Westminster, Owings Mills, Harney, Emmitsburg and Frederick conducted a Christmas Crusade to the Newton D. Baker Hospital at Martinsburg, W. Va., on Christmas Day. Gifts were distributed to patients in the M. P. and T. B. wards plus an unknown number of gifts that were distributed to patients in the surgical wards.

The following persons journeyed to Martinsburg for the Christmas crusade, Wilbur Fritz, Tom Taines, Gene Sixx, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Sheeler, Union Bridge; Walter Rightmear, John C. H. Co. near Ia, Timmerman, Delaware; Timmerman, Mary Hoke, Harold Hoke, Allen Boney, Emmitsburg; John Donofrio and Mrs. Donofrio, Westminster; Harry Fox and Mrs. Simmons, Owings Mills.