

COMMUNITY LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Rutger B. Colt, of Baltimore, were luncheon guests on Saturday of their cousins, the Misses Brining.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gideon E. Galambos and daughter, of Cincinnati, Ohio, came Christmas night for a few days visit in town.

A/1c Samuel West arrived Christmas morning from Korea to spend a 30 day leave with his wife and sons, and with his parents in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welk and family had with them Christmas Day: Mrs. Welk's mother and brother, Mrs. John Lemmon and Fred Lemmon, of Hanover, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, near Taneytown, spent Christmas Day in Baltimore, with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Miller and son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Marriott, of Stamford, Conn., are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Michea.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reindollar, Miss Mary Reindollar and Wallace Reindollar spent Christmas Day at West Chester, Pa., with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Neidermyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Arnold spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wm. Nicol, Jr., and children, at Washington Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fair and family had as guests Christmas Eve and Christmas her parents, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Messler and Mrs. Adelaide Englar, York, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mowbray-Clarke and daughter, Hester, of Bethesda, spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their aunts, the Misses Annan. Hester remained for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Keilholtz entertained at dinner on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Grier Keilholtz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dinterman and daughters, Diana, Joan, also exchanged Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Ruth Hitchcock left Friday by plane from Friendship Air Port, Baltimore, for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend a month with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Eiker and family, at San Bernadino, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Hess and daughter, Miss Myra Ann Hess had as guests Christmas Day, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wight, Denver, Pa.; Mrs. William Hookensmith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reindollar and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robertson, of Ditchley, Va., spent from Saturday until Wednesday with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Geib, Uniontown and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Robertson, near Taneytown.

Mr. Newton Hahn and family had as guests Christmas Day, George Hahn, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Mulhorn and Mr. Fern Heiges, Hancock, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Houck and Sandra Houck and Mrs. Maggie Eyer.

Mrs. Mary Collins, of Moorestown, N. J., is visiting at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Q. Lippincott and family. Their son, Henry, Jr., student at the University of Maryland, College Park, is home for the holidays.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bower gave them a reception in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 26th, at their home in New Windsor. Many of their friends from Taneytown were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander and family, and Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mrs. Fulton Single, Lisbon, who is visiting them, had as guests Christmas Day his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Alexander and his sisters, Misses Mary Louise and Dorothy Alexander and Mr. Harmon Bickley, Jr.

Pvt. and Mrs. Andrew Alexander, of Ft. Smith, Ark., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Alexander. Miss Mary Louise Alexander, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Dorothy Alexander, Baltimore, and Mr. Harmon Bickley, Jr., Ann Arbor, Mich., are also home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stott entertained at dinner on Christmas Day at the Country Club, Hagerstown. Miss Anna Galt, Taneytown; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice C. Waltersdorf, Washington, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Waltersdorf and family, Hagerstown; Miss Hannah Hunt Harding, Baltimore; Mrs. Herbert Stoner and children, Patty and Greg, Hagerstown.

The following guests were entertained Christmas Day to a turkey and oyster dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geary Bowers were: Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Staley and son, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowers and daughters, Shirley, Rita and Thresa, and children; Mr. Robert, Richard, Darlene; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bowers and daughters, Bonnie Lee and Patty Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eyer and daughter, Tarry Ann; Mr. and Mrs. James Fair and children, Diana, Dennis and Beverly; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Staley and daughter, Susan, of Westminster; Mr. Frank Currens and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Currens, of Littlestown; Mr. Robert Kelley, near Gettysburg.

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AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

A/1c Overholtzer Nominated for this Honor

A/1c John R. Overholtzer, AF 13277031, is nominated by the 3345th Field Maintenance Squadron, Chantute Air Force Base, Illinois, as Airman of the Month, in accordance with Base Regulation 11-15.

Airman Overholtzer has completed seven years and nine months service in the Air Force. Prior to Airman Overholtzer's assignment to this Squadron, his assignments have taken him to Japan, Korea, Okinawa, and McGuire Air Force Base. He has served as a Radar Operator in an AC&W Squadron and as an Instrument Mechanic.

Airman Overholtzer is an active participant in the Suggestion Awards Program and is presently awaiting a cash award for a suggestion that has been approved by the Incentive Awards Committee. This suggestion consisted of an improved method of checking servo motors of the F-1 Auto-Pilot as installed in C-119 type aircraft assigned this organization. This suggestion will save considerable man hours as well as eliminating unnecessary replacement of servo motors.

Airman Overholtzer's appearance and military bearing are far above average. Although his work requires the wearing of the fatigue uniform, he is at all times dressed in a neat and clean uniform and is polite and courteous on all occasions.

Although having been assigned to this Squadron for only eight months, maintaining instrument systems on a variety of aircraft that were at first strange to him, he has quickly adapted himself to the task at hand and is now turning out far more and better maintenance than could reasonably be expected of a newly assigned airman.

Airman Overholtzer's standard of conduct is above reproach. He is always at work on time, in good condition, and produces a full day's work each and every day.

An item most worthy of note is his extreme willingness to work overtime when the situation calls for it and still maintain a cheerful manner and attitude. He has on several occasions come to the assistance of other shop personnel when they were on Stand-by Alert duty to help them get the job done efficiently and expeditiously, thereby helping maintain a decent in-commission rate. This he has done of his own free will without prompting by anyone.

Airman Overholtzer is an active member of the VFW and fully intends to make a career of the Air Force. We need more men of his calibre if we are to maintain a formidable Air Force in the sustenance of world peace.

STEPHEN A. LEVANDOSKI, JR.
Major, USAF
Commander

TERRA RUBRA SOCIETY MEETS

The Terra Rubra Society, Children of the American Revolution, met on Saturday at 1 p. m. at the home of Mrs. F. LaMotte Smith, West Green Street with Miss Sidney Eckenrode hostess. Miss Susan Bare, Junior President of the society conducted the meeting which was opened with the invocation by Abbey Nell Bare followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by F. Theodore Parish, the C.A.R. creed and one verse of America.

Mrs. Arthur G. Turner, President of the Maryland State Society C.A.R. was present and plans were discussed for the State Conference which will be held in Westminster in March 1957. A committee will be appointed in the near future to complete plans for the near future. Members of the William Winchester Chapter D.A.R. will be asked to assist with arrangements. Miss Susan Bare presented an article from the National C.A.R. magazine, "What it Means for a Foreigner to Become a Citizen of the United States".

Mrs. James T. Marsh, Jr. and Lynn Marsh were guests. The William Winchester Chapter D.A.R. which sponsors the society, was represented by Mrs. Frank E. Cunningham, Miss Besie Clemson, Mrs. Edward Eckenrode, Mrs. F. LaMotte Smith, Mrs. George D. Osborne, Jr., Mrs. Daniel Bare, Mrs. Robert Gist, Mrs. Robert Neal, Mrs. James T. Marsh, and Mrs. Frank T. Marsh who is senior president of the Terra Rubra Society. Twelve gifts and two cash donations were collected for the Mountain Schools.

Following adjournment refreshments were served by Mrs. Edward Eckenrode, Mrs. LaMotte Smith and Mrs. Robert Gist, who are the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the hostess.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to take this opportunity before being transferred to the Office of Information, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., to thank you for your splendid cooperation during my four years as Officer in Charge of the Fleet Home Town News Center.

It has been an educational pleasure being associated with the nation's media. I'm sure the Center could not have enjoyed the success it has had without the valuable advice, constructive criticism, and the warm cooperation received from working newsmen, all of which I deeply appreciate.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a profitable New Year, I am, with highest personal regards,
Sincerely yours,
EDWARD R. HALLORAN
Officer in Charge

Resolve---

That we make every effort in doing things that are pleasing in the sight of God.

FUND DRIVE

A SUCCESS

Response to Appeal for Money for Retarded Children Gratifying

PROCEEDS FROM CAMPAIGN FOR RETARDED CHILDREN TOPS LAST YEAR'S BY 5%

Proceeds from the recent campaign for retarded children amounted to \$8095.13, an increase of 5% or approximately \$400 over the amount collected during last year's drive. This indicates a growing concern for these handicapped children. In Carroll County they are no longer "forgotten children."

Following is a statement of the money collected in each district:

Myers	\$ 433.15
Westminster	2054.04
Mt. Airy	339.30
Taneytown	652.95
Wollery	495.90
Freedom	800.25
Manchester	872.10
Hampstead	834.47
Barrett	153.51
Uniontown	343.49
New Windsor	511.00
Union Bridge	393.71
Franklin	211.26
Total	\$8095.13

Mr. Fern L. Smith, president of the Carroll County Association for Retarded Children and 1956 campaign chairman, expressed sincere appreciation to those who helped and to all whose contributions made this drive such a tremendous success. "It is my constant prayer and the prayer of others in the Association that we will have the wisdom to use these funds and other resources to the best advantage in planning a fully comprehensive program for our children," says Mr. Smith.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT GRACE E & R CHURCH

On Sunday morning the following officers were elected by the members of the Sunday Church School of Grace Church to serve for the year of 1957: General Superintendent, Mr. Delmont Koons, Sr.; Young People-Senior-Adult Superintendent, Mr. George Motter; the Young People-Senior-Adult Assistant Superintendent, Mr. George Fream; Primary-Junior Superintendent, Mrs. Ellsworth Lambert; Kindergarten-Beginners Superintendent, Mrs. Hazel Shriner; the Kindergarten-Beginners Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. William Airing; Nursery Superintendent, Mrs. Ned Musser; Nursery Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Charles Anders; Home Department Superintendent, Miss Helen Bankard; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Delmont Koons, Sr.; Cradle Roll Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Edward Howarth; Honorary Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Emma Rodgers; Young People-Senior-Adult Pianist, Mrs. Carol Frock; Young People-Senior-Adult Assistant Pianist, Miss Doris Stoniesfer; Statistical-Recording Secretary, Mrs. Harry Cingan; Assistant Statistical-Recording Secretary, Mr. Allen Baumgardner, and Treasurer, Mrs. George Fream.

The Young People-Senior-Adult Song Leader, the Primary-Junior Pianist and the Kindergarten-Beginners Pianist are appointed by the Superintendents of the respective departments.

Also the following were elected for 2 years as members of the Consistory: Elders, Franklin Baker, Delmont Koons, Sr. and Carol Frock; and Deacons, Elwood Crabbs, William Fouché and Harry Cingan. The Sunday Church School officers and teachers will be installed and consecrated to their year's work on January 13, while the Consistory members will be ordained and installed on January 20th.

INSTALLATION SERVICE AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

On Sunday morning during the 10 o'clock service Benjamin Cutsail, Harry Dougherty, Jr., Glenn Reeve and Albert Wilhide will be installed as members of the Church Council in Trinity Lutheran Church, Taneytown. These men were elected by the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 16, and are elected for three years. Members of the Council whose terms expired are Kenneth Gilds, Walter Harner, John Skiles and Kenneth Smith. Also to be installed on Sunday morning will be the new officers recently elected by the Brotherhood. These officers are president, George W. Naylor, Jr.; vice president, Harry Dougherty; recording secretary, Daniel Naill; financial secretary, Elwood Harner; treasurer, Stanley King; and "Lutheran Men" secretary, Norman Devilbiss.

MEETING OF THE D.A.R. William Winchester Chapter Holds Christmas Party

The William Winchester Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Wesley A. Pickens, president, met on Friday, December 14, at 1 p. m. at the home of Mrs. James M. Shriver, Chiquapin Hill, Union Mills. The members assembled early to enjoy a Christmas dessert of plum pudding and the November meeting and the gala basket of Christmas gifts brought by the members and guests added a festive note to the afternoon. The gifts will be sent to Crossmore Approved School in Crossmore, N. C., for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Pickens called the meeting to order at 2:15 P. M. It was opened with the invocation by the chaplain Miss M. Louise Matthews followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of the November meeting and the treasurer's report were read by the secretary, Mrs. Frank T. Parish. Mrs. Frank B. Hurt presented an article for National Defense entitled, "Where are Our Wise Men?"

Mr. Seymour Howard of Baltimore has presented to the chapter, four pieces of furniture, a sofa and three chairs. They were originally owned by the late William Winchester, deceased 1923, who was a descendant of William Winchester the founder of Westminster. The members voted to loan these pieces to the Carroll County Historical Society to be placed in the society headquarters on East Main Street if the loan is approved by the society house committee.

Mrs. F. Donald Shriver will serve as chairman of the nominating committee with Mrs. Edgar G. Barnes and Miss Bessie Clemson as members of the committee. Mrs. Robert Gist, Chairman of American Indians, reported that a \$50.00 scholarship and three boxes of clothing had been donated for St. Mary's School for Indian Girls in South Dakota. Mrs. Gist's untiring efforts makes these contributions possible in the chapter's name.

Members were reminded that advertisements are desired for the National D.A.R. Magazine. This magazine has not only nationwide distribution but goes to chapters, organizations and individual members scattered around the globe. Anyone desiring direct information may contact Miss M. Louise Matthews, Magazine Chairman.

Mrs. Wilbur Shreeve, approved schools chairman, reported that two boxes of clothing totaling ninety six pounds had been sent to Kate Duncan Smith School in Alabama and to Tamassée in South Carolina. A letter of appreciation from the school stated that articles of clothing were suitable for the school children were distributed to them; the remainder goes to the country store conducted by the school. Community people purchase this clothing and the proceeds is used for improvements, or to buy necessary clothes and supplies for the students.

Mrs. David H. Taylor presented the program, Christmas in the round, in an interesting manner. A brief history of the Story of Christmas music was followed by stories of the use of the Chreche at Christmas time. Its original use and manner of presentation or display differed somewhat in the various foreign countries. The singing of carols, the symbolic use of the chreche, greens, candles, the Yule log, even our traditional plum pudding, all played a part in the background of our Christmas of today.

During the narration Mrs. Donald Key, wife of the Associate Professor of Instrumental Music at W.M.C., gave a delightful musical program accompanied by Mrs. Taylor at the piano. Her program included carols appropriate to the different subjects discussed in Christmas in the Round.

They were, Susanni and Away in a Manager, both German; Carol of the Birds, French; the Friendly Beasts, English; Oh Ye Joyful People, German and a poem, Christmas, Night.

Guests present were, Mrs. Edward Wallace, Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Mrs. Rogers Hall, Mrs. Donald Key, Mrs. Basil Clark, Mrs. Bernard Rauch, Mrs. John P. Donofrio, Mrs. James M. Shriver, Jr., Mrs. James T. Marsh, Jr., and Lynn Marsh, Mrs. F. Donald Shriver, Mrs. David H. Taylor and Mrs. James M. Shriver, Jr., served the dessert. Miss Anna Shriver and Mrs. F. Donald Shriver will be hostesses for the January 11th meeting at the home of Mrs. Shriver, 179 Wilis Street.

RED CROSS GRAY LADIES TAKE CHEER TO SPRINGFIELD

Christmas was celebrated on Tuesday when the Carroll County Red Cross Gray Ladies held their annual party for 1,000 patients at Springfield State Hospital. Upon entering each ward bells were sounded announcing the party had begun, and the patients joined in the singing of Jingle Bells and other Christmas carols.

The refreshments for the party consisted of bright colored candies, apples and cookies made by the Gray Ladies and Girl Scout Troops under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Hook, Mrs. Stover Rohrer, Mrs. John McCormick and Mrs. Edward Mann. Each patient was given a little gift donated by the Gray Ladies and interested people in the county. Mrs. Robert Baumgardner, chairman, expressed her gratitude for the assistance and cooperation to all that helped make the party a success.

The Gray Ladies will resume their activities at Springfield January 8, 1957.

"SPICE 'N' EVERYTHING NICE"

(Your Chatty Column)
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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To all my dear readers and many, many more first in health which means happiness and what more could you wish for?

This past week I was pleasantly surprised with a telegram from the president of the B & O (the way Your Observer always tells you to travel) inviting me to the Baltimore and Ohio's famous "Holly Tree By The Tracks" lighting. Although we are not so far from Jackson, Md., nevertheless I was glad to go with the crowd on the B & O train leaving from Baltimore (that grand Mt. Royal station). I was seated in the train with the president and other executives of the B & O and truly, it was just like a big happy family. The vice-president came to me, presenting me with a sprig of that famous tree which others were wearing. The magnificent tree is 55 feet tall and it is truly loaded with berries. It is one of the largest holly trees in the world. It stands on the main line between Washington and New York on the land owned by the railroad. The tree is beautifully decorated and this was the ninth year for the president of the B & O to pull the switch which lights up the tree.

On the train, there were two little boys who were unusually interested as to the train and the young parents said to me, "This is the first time our boys have ever ridden in a train!" Such enthusiasm! Betcha those kids won't want to go on any vacation in the family car any more from all I witnessed.

Everyone was so full of fun and laughter and most friendly that one would have thought it really was a big "family affair". The crowd they say was larger than other years despite the rain. No one seemed to mind the wet weather at all as all came well prepared with umbrellas, warm extra clothing and galoshes and some blankets over shoulders.

Annually, the members of the Baltimore and Ohio Women's Music Club and Glee Club with thousands of visitors gather at the tree two weeks before Christmas to sing carols, marking the first lighting of the tree for the season. It is truly something to remember especially for the traveling individuals as they gaze upon this tree from the windows of the B & O at which time the train slows down to get a full view.

Returning to the trains, there was a great big apple and the most delicious piece of the best fruit cake I ever tasted in a cellophane bag and to top it off hot coffee and apple juice was served by the porters.

You know, folks, I always write in my columns about going all the way with B & O. At the end of a long journey, you will feel as clean and refreshed as when you first started. That is all due to the grand porters who try and do everything to make you feel really "at home". The trains are immaculate at all times and any passenger can see the porter any time with a clean dust cloth in his hands going around wiping just everything. He heads you off before you leave and quickly wipes the handle bars going down the steps. He is most gallant which makes traveling by B & O a real pleasure. When next you go on a vacation try going just once by B & O no matter if a short or long distance. Betcha you will never go back to taking the family car! Make that one of your New Year resolutions, folks, and I'll bet you will say upon your return home that "it was the nicest vacation we ever had".

If you do make any resolutions be sure you keep them, especially that one of reducing, ladies, and as for the gentlemen, don't lose any more hair but try that treatment with Cuti-cura and the famous soap. The railway express man is surely getting there and the baldness is leaving and is he pleased? Nuff sed!

Be seeing you next week D. V. I am
Faithfully,
YOUR OBSERVER.

WITH OUR ARMED FORCES

BERMUDA (FHTNC)—Marine Sgt Charles P. Garber, son of John W. Garber of Taneytown, Md., was awarded the Good Conduct Medal while serving with the Marine Detachment at the U. S. Naval Station, Bermuda. The Commandant of the Marine Corps issues the Good Conduct Medal to only those Marines who have demonstrated the highest of achievements in conduct and proficiency in rank throughout a continuous three year period.

Before entering the service in Oct. 1953, Garber graduated from New Windsor High School and was employed by the Dairy Farmer, both in New Windsor, Md.

THE NEW YEAR

The new is but the old come true, each sunrise sees a new year born.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

Each year, one vicious habit rooted out in time ought to make the worst man good.—Benjamin Franklin.

"The farmers of Maryland and the Nation must make the choice between an agriculture with a future or an agriculture with a past."—Charles B. Shuman.

The
Christmas Lighting
in
Taneytown
will be judged
this (Thursday) evening