

COMMUNITY LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Speak, Kevin and Dawn, were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Speak and family near Lewistown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speak and Steven and Mrs. Ethel Speak, Ladiesburg, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Speak and family.

Mrs. Louisa Martell left Saturday for an extended visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sullins and daughter, Elkridge, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cluts of near Keysville were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garret and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Garret of Manchester.

Albert H. Barouh, representative of the Social Security will be in Taneytown at the First National Bank on Thursday of next week instead of Tuesday, December 25.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Kiser were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Auodoun, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Claude DeBerry, Emmitsburg, and Mrs. Russell Bohm, Keymar.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor of Baltimore were visitors at the EUB Parsonage on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Taylor is the sister of Mrs. Paul E. Rhinehart, the pastor's wife.

Pfc. William Charles Nevins III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Nevins, Jr., near Taneytown, flew home from Oklahoma Saturday morning via jet plane. He is on a 15-day leave.

Ralph David Hoffman, son of Mrs. Marion R. Hoffman, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. His address is: 684-37-29-(540), Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill.

A Christmas choir cantata entitled "Night of the Star" will be presented at the Uniontown Church of God on Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Rhinehart and son, Craig, of Baltimore were visitors at the EUB Parsonage on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Rhinehart is the Maintenance Engineer for the Back River R.R. of Sparrows Point, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frock were moved from their home in Taneytown, on Friday, to Western Maryland State Hospital, Hagerstown. Mrs. Frock is comfortably established in Room 1, 2nd Floor and Mr. Frock is on the same floor, Room C.

The Graceful Workers Sunday School Class of Grace United Church of Christ will hold their annual Christmas party this evening (Thursday) at Taney Inn with a dinner and program. Mrs. William Wiley and Mrs. Edward Howarth are in charge of the program.

Sgt. Donald E. Baker, who is serving with the U.S. Army in France, flew home Dec. 13 to spend a 30-day furlough with his family. He will return to France Jan. 11 where he is assigned to the 69th Signal Battalion located near Paris, France, until October, 1964.

Mrs. Carroll A. Stull, Lacona, Iowa, and her son, Mrs. Keith Stull of Dallas, Iowa, attended the funeral on Sunday of their sister-in-law and aunt, Miss Beulah M. Stull. They spent the week-end with their brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stull, Baltimore; and sister-in-law, Mrs. Naomi Stull Dodrer, Taneytown.

Cynda Andreas, a former resident of town and a former member of the Taneytown High School Class of '64, will appear on WGAL TV, Channel 8, this Saturday evening at 6 o'clock with the Spring Grove High School Chorus as it presents its annual Christmas concert. The program will be presented during the regularly scheduled hour of the Call of the Outdoors sponsored by the P. H. Glatfelter Paper Co.

The tray favors for the Carroll County General Hospital, Westminster, made by the Taneytown Girls' 4-H Club with Miss Betty Stonesifer, Keymar, president, for Dec. 19 were simply beautiful. Sixty in number, at least 10 different designs. Mrs. Roy B. Kiser, Taneytown Dist. Auxiliary Chairman, presented them to Mrs. Fox, Assistant Hospital Administrator, on Sunday. This 4-H group will also make favors for New Year's Day. Wonderful work, girls!

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Kiser attended the First Annual Christmas Tea in the Carroll County General Hospital Cafeteria Sunday at 3 P. M. They were accompanied by Miss Mabel R. Albert, Westminster, who received recognition for over 1,000 volunteer hours work; and Mrs. Myrtle Gorsuch and Mrs. Leanna Brown, who both received recognition for 100 volunteer hours work at the Hospital. Mrs. Gladys Wimer was presented a piece of luggage for her 4 years as Auxiliary President. Over 100 guests were present.

The Ki-Wives gave a Christmas program for the children of the Club at Taney Inn Wednesday evening. Following the dinner of roast turkey, etc., a program was presented. Santa was also present and distributed gifts to the children; also all of the grown-ups were given large oranges. A film was shown during the evening's program. Mrs. Linda Hopkins, president of the Ki-Wives Club presided.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

HONOR ROLL

7A — Mary Jane Bletner, Shiela Green, Doris Hawk, Juanita Smith, Joan Stonesifer.

7B — John Lawrence, Carroll Shaffer, Joyce Zentz, Linda Weant, Linda Schaffer, Margaret Laird, Anne King, Shirley Keilholtz, Sharon Feesser.

8B — Kenneth Strickhouser, Robert Reindollar, Beverly Hahn, Bonnie Harmon, Pat Wargny.

9C — Sharon Ebaugh, Peggy Hahn, Susan Laird, Janet Montgomery, Peggy Jo Smith, Henry Alexander, Donald Bollinger, Richard Reindollar, Warren Utermahlen.

9A — Karen Skiles, Linda Riffle, Mariam Reindollar, Lore Lieb, Susan Jennings, Linda Heffner, Beverly Hawk, Eleanor Haines, Carolyn Formwalt, Pat Feesser, Richard Logue, Karl Nusbaum.

9B — Nina Bell, Howard Mills.

10 — Eileen Haycraft, Tina Fleagle, Irene Haycraft, Donna Airing, Oscar Fogle, Margaret Knouse, Linda Ohler, Nina Trankley, Deborah Wiley, Jeanne Willet, Ellen Rindger, Alan Laird.

11 — John Shorb, Audrey Wilhide, Nancy Wargny, Carol Piezonki, Marian Dunham, Bonnie Wood, Nancy Baumgardner.

12 — Paula Brauning, Bonnie Brown, Betty Stonesifer, Carolyn Surbey, Doris Welty, Judith Kiser, Gloria Copenhagen, William Formwalt, Jean Myers, Ronald Airing, Arthur Eyles.

A professional faculty meeting was held in the Home Economics room on Monday afternoon. Samuel Jenness, Superintendent of Carroll County Schools, spoke to the faculty on teacher certification.

The Christmas band and orchestra concert held on Sunday afternoon was attended by approximately 350 people. During the various selections of the band and orchestra there were scenes on stage depicting the action of these selections. Narrator for the program was Alan Laird. Others participating in the scenes were Linda Ohler, Linda Weant, David Bailey, Steve Feesser, Carole Koons, Howard Mills, Myron Smith, Marian Dunham, Hannah Lippincott, Ronald Baumgardner, Joan Clingman, Travis Dutterer, Terry Bell, Warren Utermahlen, Martin Nusbaum, James Myers, Ronald Airing and Samuel Bower.

The vocal music department under the direction of Mrs. Jean Bowers presented a Christmas program on Wednesday evening. A poetic pantomime "The Drama of Redemption" written by Francis Smith was given. Both Junior and Senior High Chorus sang. Soloists for the program were Steve Feesser, tenor; Ronald Baumgardner, bass; Jean Myers, alto; Marian Dunham and Gale Crabbs, sopranos.

Christmas class parties will be held on Friday afternoon before the closing of school. Schools will close at normal time this Friday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas program was held at the Taneytown Elementary School on December 18.

The following program was very well rendered: "O Come All Ye Faithful," trumpet ensemble, D. Dollinger, J. Alexander, M. McKinney, R. Lookingbill, R. Hess, T. Markle. Scripture, speech choir under the direction of Mrs. Jennings. "Lord's Prayer," Malette, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Handel, Sixth grade chorus directed by Mrs. Crawford. Greetings by the president, Mrs. Robert Clingan, wishing for all very Happy Holidays. Song flutes, fourth grades. "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Duet, Barbara and Dorothy Hitchcock, "The Friendly Beasts," "Away in a Manger." Band selections under the direction of Warren Eshbach: "Westminster Chimes," "Jolly Old St. Nick," "O Come, O Come Immanuel," "We Three Kings," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Hurrah, for the Christmas Tree," action song by Mrs. Alexander's class. "A Visit from St. Nicholas," choral speaking by Miss Pittinger's class. Sixth grade carol singers: "Joy to the World," "The First Noel," "Good King Wenceslas," "I Heard the Bells," "Silent Night," "A Gift for the Christ Child," a play by Sister Marie Michael, S.S.J., directed by Miss Shreeve and Mrs. Lanier.

During the program, Mr. Warren Eshbach brought us good news of Mr. Frank Wargny, principal of the Elementary School, who has successfully completed his examination for his Doctor's Degree. The exam was taken at the University of Maryland.

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful, Happy New Year to everyone.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (FHT NC)—Roger E. Eyles, seaman, USN, son of Roger T. Eyles of 143 East Baltimore St., Taneytown, recently served with the naval forces at the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The naval forces there man security stations as well as perform their normal jobs to smoothly support the vital operation of the strategic 45 square mile base.

Yes, Virginia, there is a reason for doing your Christmas shopping early. It gives you time to find a place to park.—Changing Times.

Now comes the coldest season of the year, when the days are shortest and so are we.—Changing Times.

The Christmas Star

Almost 2,000 years ago, a gentle young peasant woman gave birth to her first baby. The birth was unattended and took place in a dark cave-like stable with the animals standing close by. The baby was put down to sleep in a rough manger filled with hay. And yet, despite these rude surroundings, this Child was God's Only Son—the Messiah—the King of the World. Surely no other king in all of history was ever born under such lowly circumstances.

The Child's birth was symbolized by a large and brilliant star which suddenly appeared in the sky. Its radiant light shone down upon a group of terrified shepherds who were guarding their sheep on that dark and chilly night. These humble men were the first ones to hear the joyous news that Christ the Lord was born. It was made known to them by an angel from heaven who described the Baby and told them where to find Him. Trembling with mixed emotions of fear, joy and excitement, the shepherds left their flocks and raced into the little town of Bethlehem to see "this wonderful thing which the Lord had made known to them." When they entered the stable, they found Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. They knelt before the tiny Baby in reverence and adoration and then returned to their flocks, praising and glorifying God.

Far off in the East, the star had a very unusual effect upon another group of men. In marked contrast to the shepherds, these men were wealthy, cultured and well-educated. Their chief occupation was astronomy and they spent much of their time scanning the heavens and studying its mysteries. In addition, they were very well-read and knew so many things that we refer to them as "Wise Men." From their knowledge of the Jewish scrolls, the Wise Men knew that the Jews were awaiting the arrival of a King and Deliverer. As soon as they saw the star, they knew that this Wonderful Person had been born. At once they made ready their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and mounting their tall camels, set out on the journey to Palestine. The star moved slowly across the sky and led them to the Saviour. They, too, worshipped Him as they presented their gifts.

But for the most part, no one else paid much attention to the star. Perhaps those who did notice it merely assumed that it was a meteor or something similar. The Jews, it must be remembered, were neither looking for a Child or a Star. Hundreds of years before, God had promised them a Messiah who would free them from oppression. At the time of Jesus' birth, Roman soldiers marched in the streets of Palestine and Caesar's golden eagle was displayed everywhere. The Jews hated their Roman conquerors with a fierce hatred. They were sick and tired of Roman persecution, taxation and arrogance. Their one hope now was that this Promised Messiah would come, in the form of a powerful earthly king with large armies, who would drive out the hated Romans. They were so blinded by this delusion that they could not possibly accept Jesus Christ as their King. They spurned all of the love, hope and joy which He brought into a troubled world.

How will the Christmas Star affect us in the year of 1962? Will we too shrug it off as being unimportant? Will we too be so blinded by earthly things that we will not even look for it? Let us rather hope and pray that the Star will shine down upon us all and guide us to our Saviour. Then we, too, like the shepherds and Wise Men of old, may worship and adore Him and lay before Him our gifts of love, service, obedience and, in fact, our very lives. —Zola Cantwell

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WILL BE GIVEN

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented by the Taneytown Junior Chamber of Commerce at a gala banquet to be held Monday, January 7, at Taney Inn.

The award is presented each year to that person who, in the opinion of the judges, has demonstrated the greatest contribution to the general community welfare, the greatest leadership ability and the most evidence of personal and business progress during the past year.

Any young man, Jaycee or not, 21 to 35 years of age, is eligible for nomination.

Nominations for the award are being accepted through Tuesday, January 1. Nomination blanks are available at three locations: Dean Nusbaum, club president, Roberts Mill Road; Wayne Baumgardner, DSA chairman, Fairground Ave., or at Baumgardner's Bakery.

The winner of the community award will compete with other winners chosen in various localities throughout the state. The state winner is entered in the national competition to determine the outstanding 10 young men of the country.

CRAWFORD APPOINTED TO C.P.&Z COMMISSION

The Board of County Commissioners this week appointed Francis J. Crawford to membership on the County's Planning and Zoning Commission to succeed Charles W. Saylor. State legislation requires that one member of the County's Planning Commission include a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Crawford, a native of the Taylorsville-Winfield area, presently is beginning his second term as County Commissioner. He met with the Planning Commission in his new capacity on Tuesday for the first time.

Other members of the Planning Commission are E. Miller Richardson, chairman; Russell L. Royer, C. H. Shaw and Walter L. Harner. George A. Grier serves as the Director of the Commission, while Ralph G. Hoffman is counsel.

REQUESTS TO ZONING BOARD

The Board of Appeals held their first meeting in December on Friday the 14th. Mr. Raymond Buchman, Hampstead, was appointed by the County Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Horace Brauning, who has been elected to the Board of County Commissioners.

The request of Lester Wolf for a used car lot on Rinehart Road was denied, as the Board considered this location to be rural residential area which presently does not have any other commercial uses in it. This decision was withheld from the November 30th meeting in order that the Board might make an inspection tour of the area.

The request of Donald Messick, for a temporary trailer location on Murtle Road was approved for a period of 36 months, in order that Mr. Messick might construct a permanent dwelling as planned.

The request of John Cornell for a trailer location on the Harney-Littles-town Road, just north of Harney was denied as the location was considered to be in a residential area which presently has no other trailer location.

JAYCEE NEWS

On December 13 the Taneytown Jaycees held their monthly meeting at Tropical Treat Restaurant. The program for the evening consisted of Lou De Grief, James Fair, Paul Leatherwood and Ed. Sprinkle, members of the state orientation team. They acquainted our chapter with many ideas on how to improve a chapters internal structure and presented guidelines which members may follow throughout their Jaycee career.

Guests present included Harold Corbin, James McDaniels and Jay Hare, District II Vice President.

Following the program a business meeting was held. It was announced that the Mayor and City Council were presented a check of \$100.00 toward the purchase of more Christmas lights for the streets of the town. The following projects to be held in the near future were discussed: Christmas Tree Sale, Santa's House, Distinguished Service Award, Bosses Night, Jaycee Week (Jan. 20-27), Teenage Dance, Membership Drive and Minstrel Show.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

The employees of the W. H. Davis Company held their annual Christmas party at Frock's Sunnybrook Farm on December 12, 1962, at 7 P. M. Following a ham and turkey dinner a Christmas carol sing was conducted with Mrs. Sterling Little at the piano. The Astra-Notes of Glynod presented a program of Banjo Shop Harmony.

Mr. K. R. Hollinger, president, recognized the following men who served as United Fund chairmen, Glen Gonder, Walter Seipp, Philip Wampler, James Long and Fred Heartley. The combined United Fund contribution was \$256.00.

N. B. Buckingham, Louis Buckley, Ralph Garber, Thomas Barrick, Donald Ripley, Glen Gonder and Maurice Baile received service training certificates for attending technical service conferences in Fairfax, Va., at the General Motors Training Center. Gerald Davis was presented a certificate from Buick Motor Division for being one of the outstanding Service Managers in the Washington Zone in 1962.

Recognition of five years of service was given to Francis Lindsay, Gary Dayhoff and Clayton Hamrick. Ten-year gifts were awarded to John Warehime and Earl W. Myers. Mr. Myers was honored as the top new Buick and used car salesman in the entire Washington Zone during 1961 and has been among the top five for over five years.

John Goyer who came with the company in 1942, was honored on his twentieth year of service. Mr. Goyer served as a Buick mechanic, body shop mechanic and foreman, assistant service manager, and GMC Truck Service Manager. He also attended the Bear Manufacturing Company Front End and Frame Training Program.

Mr. K. R. Hollinger reported that sales for 1962 are expected to exceed last year's sales by 15 per cent. The Truck Service Center has added a new, larger Tow Truck to handle the increase in heavy duty towing.

The W. H. Davis Company employees presented Mr. Hollinger with a Christmas gift. The party was closed with announcements regarding the turkeys for each employee. The W. H. Davis Company service departments will close at noon on Monday, December 24, 1962, for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL SERVICE

A Christmas Eve Festival Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. The service of worship will be preceded by a Christmas Musicales, a program of Christmas music, featuring organ and a string ensemble. Miss Hazel Hes will be the organist while the string ensemble will be Susan Jennings, Joan Reindollar, Miriam Reindollar and Carroll Crum. The musicale will begin at 7 P. M.

The worship service, "O Come Let Us Adore Him," will immediately follow at 7:30 P. M. The service will feature music and the Word. Both the Youth Choir and the Senior Choir, directed by Mr. James R. Young, will sing anthems prepared especially for this service. The Scripture lessons will be read by Mr. Ronald Dayhoff while the Magnificat will be read by Mrs. E. Wayne Baumgardner.

The public is cordially invited to this Christmas Eve Festival Service. While you may come anytime between 7 and 7:30, many of you will want to be on hand at 7 so that you may enjoy the entire musical program.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT EMMANUEL (BAUST) SUNDAY

A Christmas pageant, "The Great Light," will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 in Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ with Glenn Gonder, narrator. The cast includes the minister, Rev. Robert Johnson; Mary, Dottie Bailey; Joseph, Kenneth Feesser; shepherds, Richard Rodkey, David Rodkey, Calvin Bloom; Wise Men, Edmund Dutterer, Chalmers Warehime, James Myers; angels, Joann Bailey, Pat Rodkey, Cynthia Johnson, Leah Little; child, Gene Gonder; young woman, Shirley Bare; young man, Eugene Hayden; mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Little; teacher, Mrs. Phillip Lawyer; business man, Lewis Baer; youth choir, Gloria Green, Phyllis Dutterer, Gladys Green, Sharon Bloom, Sandra Stonesifer, Peggy Fleagle, Helen Warehime, Betty Green, Sylvia Stonesifer, Gayle Gordette and Karen Holder. The director is Mrs. Allen Morelock; organist, Mrs. Denton Wanzel; costumes, Mrs. Russell Frock. Ushers will be Edwin Koons, Robert Koons, Jr., Byron Baer and Eugene Hayden.

There will be special organ music by Peggy Fleagle and a solo "O Holy Night" by Mrs. Ralph Dutterer preceding the pageant.

The children of the Sunday School will present a program Sunday at 9:30 A. M. in the church sanctuary. Gifts will be given to the children during this service. The regular morning worship will follow at 10:30 A. M. The topic of the sermon will be "No Room for Jesus" with text taken from Luke 2:7. Rev. Robert V. Johnson, pastor; J. Robert Waddell, superintendent.

AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Grace United Church of Christ, on Christmas Eve at 10:45 o'clock, will be the scene of a very unusual service. The Rev. William F. Wiley, pastor, will be assisted by a number of young people in the presentation of the theme, "The Person and Work of Jesus in Symbols."

Traditional carols with accompanying Scripture readings by the youth and narations will express the various symbols pertaining to the Christ. Mr. David Reifsmider will sing "O Holy Night" and Mrs. George Motter will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock" from the "Messiah" by Handel. The carol, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," will be sung by Gale Crabbs, Deborah Wiley and Mrs. Richard E. Baker. The Senior Choir will render the special selection, "Behold, the Lamb of God," by Samuel Wesley. The Chancel and Altar will be beautified with the sharing of poinsettia plants by members and friends of the Church either in honor or in memory of their loved ones. Mrs. E. Romaine Motter will be at the console and Miss Margaret Shreeve will direct the Choir. The public is cordially invited.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES



(U. S. Army Photo)

(AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Gary E. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Cook, Route 5, Westminster, Md., recently completed the 25-week car repair course at the Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga. Cook entered the Army in July, 1962, and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. The 17-year-old soldier is a 1962 graduate of Westminster Senior High School.

"SPICE 'N' EVERYTHING NICE"

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!

Merry -- Merry Christmas across the miles! Hope it will be a white one. Eh?

As the chicken is frying in the pan, Bobby -- that precious Cairn Terrier of mine is walking around sniffing the air with his nose pointing to the ceiling! You and you could not help but love him.

As to Christmas cards, folks be sure you sign them --- a personal touch means more!

As to many letters asking if -- and here it goes again; if I am engaged to the gentleman from Philly with whom I had dinner in Westminster. Then the letters continued, "Won't you tell us about him? And that romance for we know there is one!" Well, folks -- all women just eat up a romance and the following will perhaps stop rumors for good. I knew this gentleman when I was eighteen years of age and being a dutiful daughter we did not marry. He did and I did and now he is a Widower and I a Widow! We have been corresponding. He is a Mason and I belong to the Eastern Star. He has a beautiful voice -- even deeper than Nelson Eddy's. He is a very good man -- does not smoke or drink and still thinks of the Olden, Golden while just what I mean. Now, again I will state and that is, believe me that no one shall know but this Column first if there would be any engagement with anyone at any time! Satisfied? However, thank you for your lovely letters which I appreciated and "you asked for it!" And there it is! Yes, that poem in a previous Column was by the gentleman and the initials were L. N. entitled, "BEGIN," Remember?

So many have asked me if I would start writing in January as to the Zodiac again. So the very first Column in that month of 1963 will be of Capricorn -- those born from the 20th of December to the 20th of January. Watch for it.

The lovely Poinsettia plant for the Season adds much color and life to the rooms as other Christmas!

The beautiful letter from the lady (Minister's Widow) from Carroll County arrived which I appreciated. Thank you!

Now, this is a sad situation. The other day, I was talking over the phone to a friend in Baltimore and suddenly she started to cry and I asked her what was wrong to which she replied, "George just came in from school telling me his coat, rubbers and book covers were stolen." That out of his locker breaking open the lock and George is fifteen years of age and the coat was just purchased at Hamburger's last week in Baltimore! The day that that terrific snowy one! The school was City College and George is in his first year. Awful! The school now is for Black as well as white!

Betcha, that New York Governor will be deciding soon as to one girl of two that he has on his mind! One is Joan Crawford!

Why not plan a wonderful "Sight Seeing" day in Philly during the holidays for the Teenagers? You will love every minute of it and many of the buildings of Historical interest are within walking distance, for instance, Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell, Conventual Hall, The Quaker Meeting House, The Betsy Ross House, City Hall, Horticultural Hall, grave of Benjamin Franklin, Friend's Meeting House, The Edgar Allan Poe House and much else. Then, too it would be most educational for those girls and boys and returning to school after the Holidays they could write a composition on it all.

Well, folks have the best Christmas -- ever! Don't eat too much turkey and do not let the children eat a lot of candy to spoil the Holidays.

Will be seeing you in Philly of which I will write in my next Column. Until then D. V.

I am, Faithfully, YOUR OBSERVER.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS AGENCY CELEBRATION

James Henry Fair, 302 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown, district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood, attended the Christmas celebration of the Hagerstown area general agency of the fraternal life insurance society Dec. 15.

Carl F. Granrud, president and board chairman of Lutheran Brotherhood, was special guest at the event and Donald C. Haynes, general agent, was host.

Lutheran Brotherhood, with home offices in Minneapolis, has over 1 1/2 billion dollars of insurance in force and assets of 226 million dollars.

WITH THE ARMED FORCES

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (PHTNC) — Paul T. Stitely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland R. Stitely of Route 1, Taneytown, Md., is undergoing nine weeks of basic recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The indoctrination to Navy life consists of physical fitness drills, military drills, seamanship, basic military law, customs and etiquette of the naval service, swimming and survival and first aid.

During the training, recruits receive tests and interviews which determine future training and assignments in the Navy.