



Duboistown United Methodist Church pastor John Shellenberger and his wife, Merri, portray Joseph and Mary in a re-enactment of the Nativity.

Duboistown Church Members Re-enact The Nativity

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WILLIAMSPORT — Adding new dimensions to the traditional nativity grouping was a live nativity scene performed outdoors by members of the United Methodist Church in Duboistown Saturday night. During a half-hour of narration and carols, even the elements cooperated to lend a note of realism to the re-enactment of the birth of Christ.

Casting its beams over the scene, the full moon was a handsome stand-in for the star of Bethlehem as the audience braved the single-digit temperatures to watch.

After Mary and Joseph entered the stable at Bethlehem, Mary chose a corner of the stable in which to lie down. Joseph scurried to make her comfortable on the straw. Soon, from under the blankets, Joseph drew a baby. He

Extension Conducts Survey

WILKES-BARRE — Pennsylvania State University's Luzerne County Cooperative Extension Service is conducting a needs survey prior to scheduling a seminar on small business at home or away.

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cradled the baby in his arms as he wrapped him in warm clothing.

Then, the young couple behaved as parents of any newborn, proudly showing off their offspring to visitors — in this case, shepherds and wise men.

"It's one thing to say she brought forth the Christ child, but another to live through the labor," observed John Shellenberger, pastor.

According to Shellenberger, retired minister, Reverend Leland Keemer and his wife, Ginger, area residents, developed the play and created the props. The nativity involved a cast of 19 church

members, but will ultimately involve almost every member of the hundred-member church.

The re-enactment will be performed again on the evenings of Dec. 20 and 21 with an entirely new cast each night. Other church members contributed by sewing costumes, directing, and taking care of refreshments.

Shellenberger said his purpose was to involve people in the Christmas story so they could focus away from the glitter and glamour and on the Christ child. Shellenberger and his wife, Merri, acted the parts of Joseph and Mary.

Adams County 4-H Achievement Night

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Wood Science area— Tad Kuntz, York Springs; Donna Lemmon, New Oxford; Mark Hinkle, East Berlin. Agriculture Careers area— Tim Dunchack, Littlestown.

Fashion Revue area— Pam Becker, East Berlin; Shelly Bitler, East Berlin; Kathy Grim, East Berlin; Carol Hill, Gettysburg; Alysia Koufos, York Springs; Jacki King, York Springs; Noel King, York Springs; Janet Ludwig, York Springs; Gayle Weant, Littlestown.

Personal Development area— Karl Tyson, New Oxford. Outstanding 4-H Member area— Tad Kuntz, York Springs; Karl Tyson, New Oxford.

Five of these National Award winners were designated state winners. Tad Kuntz, York Springs, Leadership; Karl Tyson, New Oxford, Achievement; Janet Ludwig, York Springs, Gardening; Amy Rodgers, Abbottstown, Citizenship; and Tom Dunchack, Littlestown, Agriculture Careers Scholarship area. These five 4-H'ers represented Adams County and Pennsylvania at National 4-H Club Congress, held in Chicago. They joined over 1,500 4-H members from across the nation to receive honor and recognition for their accomplishments in 4-H.

The Achievement Night was hosted by the Adams County 4-H Senate President, Karl Tyson. The 4-H Dairy Club served refreshments after the awards presentations.

Holidays Are Stressful For Some

NEWARK, Del. — While the holidays bring good cheer to most, some people find this time of year to be trying and stressful.

"For many people, the holidays are a difficult time because of personal troubles, strained family relationships and painful memories," says Deborah Amsden, University of Delaware extension home economist.

Amsden mentions five groups of people for whom the holidays are apt to be hard to handle.

- Many working mothers spend 40 hours a week on the job and another 30 hours a week on household chores. And still they feel they must do all of the holiday extras, says Amsden.

- Young families who are living on a tight budget nonetheless want to buy gifts. "The list of gifts and unexpected expenses can cause them to use their charge cards to the maximum limit," she says.

- Older people on fixed incomes still want to "do a little something" for everyone in their ever growing family. "The list increases—but

not their resources," says Amsden.

- Single parents are often stressed because they must share time with their children with the noncustodial parent, stretch their dollars to meet holiday desires and try to maintain conflict-free communication with their ex-mates.

- Single adults who believe that everyone else in the world is surrounded by loved ones during the holidays may feel lonely or even depressed, the home economist says.

"Take a serious look at your traditions," Amsden says. "Traditions are an important source of stability and togetherness, but they can also be stressful."

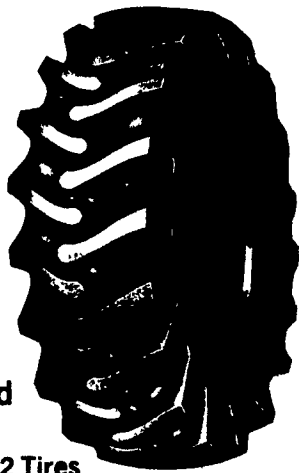
"If the traditional family dinner, party or get-together is the source of your distress, think of a different way of doing things with people who are important to you," she says. "You might develop a new tradition that will better fit your lifestyle and needs."



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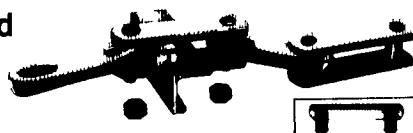
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