

# Trucksville

by Nelson Woolbert

Cub Pack, 155, will meet in the Trucksville United Methodist Church Saturday at 1 p.m. A Christmas party, with the trimming of a tree for Nesbitt Hospital for the children's ward, will be held.

WCS of Trucksville United Methodist Church met in the educational building Tuesday evening for the group's Christmas party. Carols were sung, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served. Mrs. David Mathers served as chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nixon III, Cincinnati, Ohio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nixon Jr. of Elm Terrace the past weekend.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald Prutzman, currently stationed in England, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Prutzman, 242 Maple St. An open house will be held at the home in their honor New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Laing Coolbaugh, Huntsville Road, entertained at dinner. Guests were Mrs. Clarence Myers and her uncle, George Bulford.

William Shutter, Limewood Road, attended the convention of the National League of Cities which was held recently in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Wilford H. Parsons, S. Memorial Highway, will celebrate his birthday Sunday. He will be guest of honor at a family party at his home.

Beatrice Mattiola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mattiola, Carverton Road, has returned to her home after being a medical patient in Nesbitt Hospital several weeks. Beatrice suffered burns to her body in a home accident.

Linda Houghwout, Terrace Avenue, will be guest of honor at a party at her home Sunday. Linda will celebrate her thirtieth birthday on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abrenth, Bogoda, N.J., spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Jacob Hoover, Carverton Road.

The Chansonettes, a singing group directed by Ruth DeWitt, entertained at the annual Christmas program and party of the Junior Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre held Sunday afternoon in St. John's Lutheran Church in the city. Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. DeWitt of S. Pioneer Avenue.

Robert Summers, Cliffside Avenue, has returned from Philadelphia where he was house guest of relatives several days.

John Ryzewski, Mencia, visited his mother, Johanna Ryzewski, Staub Road. While here John was successful in getting a buck deer near Noxen.

Back Mountain 4H Club will meet in the Municipal building Friday evening at 7:30. The group will hold their Christmas party following the meeting. Members still have holly plants to sell. Place orders with any member of the group.

Annual Christmas party for children of the community will be held at the fire hall Saturday. The event is sponsored by the Trucksville Fire Company.



Photo by J. Kozemchak Sr.

Dorothy Major Baker, in the workshop of her Lehman residence, pours candlewax into a sand mold for one of her original candles, known as "Sand-Wicks."

# Dorothy M. Baker Displays Sand-Wick at Open House

The aroma of hot coffee mingled with the smell of candlewax, and the sound of chatter filled the Lehman residence of Dorothy Major Baker as she held open house Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Baker's annual affair is for friends and customers who are interested in her originally-designed "Sand-Wicks," wax candles cast in sand molds. Her candle creations range from small ones to extra large ones, with colors as varied as the rainbow.

As friends called during afternoon hours they were invited to browse among the candle display, and the antiques which Mrs. Baker collects and sells to antique buffs.

A folk singer, Judy Wilson, strolled among guests, entertaining them with her songs as she accompanied herself on the guitar.

Holiday goodies were served with hot coffee or spiced punch.

About four years ago, Mrs. Baker became interested in candlemaking and has evolved her own formula of wax, stearic acid and sand for her "Sand-Wicks."

"Wherever we go, I usually bring home pails of sand—some fine and white; others coarse and brown," explains Mrs. Baker. Pointing to the candles on display, she said some were made with Cape Cod sand, some with sand from an old home of theirs at Fairmont Springs, some from Ohio sand, and other places.

Candles are made by the Lehman resident all during the year, but only fully exhibited during the holiday season. Mrs.

Baker revealed that she has used some 840 pounds of wax in her candlemaking, to date.

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## Nelson Visits Greek Island

Navy Chief Petty Officer David E. Nelson, son of Harold B. Nelson of RD 2, Dallas, has visited the Greek island of Rhodes aboard the fast combat support ship USS Detroit, homeported at Newport, R.I., and now operating as part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

During the two-day stay, Nelson and his shipmates had the opportunity to visit the many historical Grecian landmarks on Rhodes, including the island's own ancient acropolis, similar to the one in Athens.

## Public Occurrences

Dec. 20  
Harveys Lake Rod & Gun Club Inc. will hold its annual Christmas party at the clubhouse. Members and their wives are invited to attend. The buffet luncheon will start at 7:30 p.m., and each person is requested to bring a dollar gift marked "buck" or "doe" as the case may be.

Dec. 26  
A Christmas program entitled "Christmas in Living Pictures" will be presented at 6 p.m. at Trucksville United Methodist Church. Light refreshments will follow the presentation. Sunday School members with parts in the program will have their first rehearsal Dec. 12 following Sunday School. Plans for the pre-Christmas presentation were formulated during a recent meeting of the family coordinators.

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