

Shavertown

by Charlot Denmon
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Keller Circle of Shavertown United Methodist Church met Friday at 1 p.m. in the social rooms of the church.

Mrs. William Morgan presided at the meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. William Peters, Mrs. George Dodson was in charge of program. Gifts were exchanged by members. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Jonathon Jones, Mrs. Martin Porter, Mrs. Stephen Johnson and Mrs. George Dodson.

Carl Hirer, 36 Perrin Ave., Shavertown, is still convalescing at his home following a long stay as a patient in Veterans Administration Hospital.

Boy Scout Troop 233, Shavertown, is selling Christmas trees at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, to raise money for necessary camping equipment.

Special Christmas programs were held in Shavertown United Methodist Church last Sunday in observance of Christmas. Sunday night groups went Christmas caroling and following the carols, junior high members went to the Heidelberg Home, Ferguson Avenue, for a Yuletide party. Senior high members held their party at the Evans' home on Summit Street.

Nursery class of the Shavertown United Methodist Church held open house for their parents Sunday. Kindergarten through fourth grade viewed the film "The Christmas Donkey" and held a joint Christmas worship service. Fifth and sixth grade had a joint advent worship and presented a Christmas play. The 3M adult class held a discussion on "Good News of Great Joy" in a joint session with other adult classes and the Ruth Shaver Class.

Mrs. Malcolm Borthwick was reelected president of WSCS of Shavertown at a meeting held recently in the church social rooms. Other officers elected who will be installed Jan. 16 are Mrs. Everill Chadwick, vice president; Mrs. Jonathon Jones, secretary; and Mrs. David Shelby, treasurer.

Committee chairmen to be installed are Mrs. Michael Olenick, Christmas social relations; Mrs. Martin Porter, missionary education; Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. Jack Kloeber, spiritual growth; Mrs. Walter Andrews, membership; Mrs. Keith Murray, campus ministry; Mrs. Percy Hart, program materials; Mrs. Gordon Edwards and Mrs. Ted Meixell, ways and means; Mrs. Richard Griffith, Mrs. Michael Olenick and Mrs. Donald Linker, church responsibility; Mrs. Raymond Parson and Mrs. Ross Williams, pianists; Mrs. Patrick McCough, publicity; Mrs. John Rogers, Council of Churches; Mrs. John Ferguson, key woman to homes guild; Mrs. William Morgan and Mrs. Raymond Parsons, circle chairmen, Mrs. Ted Meixell and Mrs. Kloeber, nominating committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazeltine will spend the holidays with Mr. Hazeltine's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stonier, Lawton, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngam, Sutton Road, Shavertown, have as their guests their son, Jock, a student at Hotchkiss School, and their daughter, Ann, a student at Madeira.

Malcolm Conyngam, student at Darrow School, New Lebanon, N.J., and Tami, student at Madeira School, Greenway Va., are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Conyngam, Shavertown.



Photo by Alex Rebar

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, held its annual Christmas dinner and installation of officers at Continental Inn. Shown seated from the left are Mrs. Thomas Sturm, Mrs. Chester Molley, Mrs. Robert Yarashus, Mrs. John T. Luke, Mrs. George Hoffman, and Mrs. Thomas Oehman. Standing are Mrs. Thomas Carr, Mrs. Frank Wallace, the Rev. Joseph Sammons, Mrs. Walter Williams and Mrs. Myron Mickiewicz.

Parents Are Urged To Check Safety of Toys before Christmas

With Christmas so near, now would be a good time for parents of young children to be thinking about the safety of toys they are going to buy. Gifts of toys are tokens of love, and it is important that they be chosen with care. It is tragic when a toy, meant to bring happiness, seriously injures a child.

Protecting children from unsafe toys is one of the responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration's Bureau of Product Safety. The Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969—which became effective in January 1970—empowers the Food and Drug Administration to remove and keep from the market toys and other children's products with electrical, mechanical, and thermal hazards. The law is aimed at reducing the estimated 700,000 injuries from toys that occur in and around the home annually.

Bicycles were involved in the majority of the toy-associated injury cases. Other vehicle-type toys, such as roller skates, sleds, and tricycles were linked with most of the rest of these injuries.

Beth Burke Participates In Lycoming Program

A resident of Dallas is one of 75 students at Lycoming College, Williamsport, contributing valuable time and talent that others might learn.

Beth Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, 59 Gordon Ave., is participating in the Lycoming College tutoring program, through which students on a completely voluntary basis give individual teaching assistance to pupils from Williamsport junior high schools. No compensation is received by the Lycoming volunteers except the satisfaction of helping others to learn.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my readers, friends and neighbors.

Dolls, homemaker items such as toy stoves and irons, stuffed animals, chemistry sets, and molding equipment accounted for less than one percent of the reported cases.

No law can protect a child from all dangers. With approximately 12,000 toy firms in the country resulting in estimated sales of \$3 billion tin toys each year and approximately 83,000 entries of imported toys each year, complete surveillance of the toy market is impossible.

Protecting children from unsafe toys is a parental as well as a governmental responsibility. Consideration should be given to the age and size of the child, his ability, and the area in which he plays with his toys. A toy that is safe for one child may be dangerous in the hands of an unsupervised and less skillful younger brother or sister.

Toy buyers in the family should reject those with obvious hazards—sharp points; rough or unfinished surfaces; small, detachable parts that may be swallowed; brittle plastic or glass that breaks easily and

leaves sharp edges that may cut; poorly constructed toys with sharp spikes or pins that are exposed when the toy is pulled apart by a curious child; toys with triggers, gears, or other parts activated by a spring or motor that may pinch fingers or catch hair.

Chemistry sets, rocket kits, and similar toys should be bought only for children, old enough to handle them wisely. Any minimum age recommended by the manufacturers of such toys should be heeded.

Since wires can wear through, electric toys such as trains and "home appliances" for little girls should be checked periodically. Such toys should not be purchased for the very young. If an electrical toy must be bought, the child should be shown how to insert a plug safely into an electrical outlet and how to remove the plug.

Special care must be taken with toys that have trailing loops and cords. A child should be taught never to put these loops or cords around him in such a way that they may trip or choke him. Toy arrows should be tipped with some soft substance that cannot be removed. Care must be taken with suction tips. They can come off and expose dangerously sharp ends.

Care also must be taken with balloons—they can choke a child if accidentally taken into the mouth and block the windpipe. Whistles and toy instruments should not have parts (mouthpieces, for example) that can be easily detached.

Children should be taught to sit or stand still when playing toy musical wind instruments. A push or fall can cause serious mouth or throat injury.

In a study of bicycle injuries, "horseplay" and colliding with obstructions were the two leading factors contributing to accidental injuries.

FDA currently is developing safety standards for toys and working with toy manufacturers to correct hazards.

With these activities, and with consumers exercising sound buying judgment and giving proper instruction to children, toys will be a source of enjoyment without tears.

Harveys Lake

by Mary Van Campen

Trout season sure is in full swing at the lake. I can see them coming as soon as day breaks. Rain, snow, sleet or hail doesn't seem to even faze them. Last Sunday the traffic was almost impassable! Seems funny to be having such unseasonable weather at this time of the year. I just can't seem to get into the Christmas spirit without snow on the ground. But I sure didn't expect the white Thanksgiving we had!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Anderson Sr., who recently observed their 38th wedding anniversary; to Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Parduski,

who observed their 30th anniversary; and to my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Schappert, who recently observed their 30th wedding anniversary. The couple moved recently into their new home at Warden Place on the lake front. Mrs. Schappert operates Rosemary's Sportswear in the Shavertown Shopping Center. Joe has been an employee of the Stegmaier Brewing Co. for 32 years and is presently serving in a supervisory capacity.

The Harveys Lake Lions Club have erected and decorated the Christmas tree at the circle at Sunset. This is an annual project of the club. Ann Morris, Pole 55, Lakeside Drive, donated the tree this year.

Marc Elgaway, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School,

Toni the Barber Plans to Relocate

After 26 years, Toni the Barber is closing the doors of his barber shop in the soon to be razed Gregory Building and is moving to a new location.

The new shop will be located at 27 Main St., Dallas, next to the Dallas Water Company. Proprietor Sargo Toni plans to be open for business in his new shop by Dec. 28, at which time he will have refreshments on hand for his patrons.

Although he will soon be located in a different place, Toni the Barber emphasizes that his professional services will not be different—"we'll continue to cut people's hair the way they want it cut," says Mr. Toni, adding that "everyone who sits in my barber chair becomes my boss." He will also specialize in cutting long hair.

Organ Soc. Sings Christmas Carols

The Back Mountain Organ Society held its annual Christmas party Dec. 11 at the Castle Inn. After dinner, the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones, Shavertown, where they sang Christmas carols.

Dana Dungey sang a special Christmas solo, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Swanson on the organ. Gifts were exchanged. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wasilewski, Mrs. Richard Seeman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dungey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swanson, Mrs. Glenn Willson, Mrs. Douglas Cassar, Sophie Layaou, Mr. Mertz Sokolmicki, Ethel Gelsleichter and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones.

Lake-Lehman School News

Junior Christmas Candy

The Junior Class from Lake-Lehman recently received its candy order. The profits from this campaign will be used in various ways—the trip to New York City in the spring, and the senior Washington trip.

Senior Pictures

Senior students have finally received their photographs from Prestwood Studios, Scranton. Senior pictures are just another sign of their last year coming to an end!

Christmas Assemblies

On Dec. 22, a Christmas assembly was held at Lake-Lehman for all students. The Junior and Senior Chrous lead by Jane Morris lead the entertainment, followed by the Wilkes College Collegians.

Nature Club

Once again the Nature Club, sponsored by Florence H. Worth, provided candy, cookies and other goodies to nursing homes in the area, thus enriching the lives of many of our senior citizens.

Observe Holiday

The auxiliary to the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company of Idetown held its annual Christmas party Dec. 15 at the Castle Inn.

After dinner a social hour was held and gifts were exchanged. Present were: Beth Casterline, Gladys Jennings, Grace Ide, Evelyn Petroski, Betty MacDougall and president, Florence Rogan. The next meeting will be held at the fire hall Jan. 19.

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