

Subject: PEOPLE!

BY
NANCY NEWCOMER

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley G. Epler and son, Jimmy, of Indiantown Gap visited recently in Mount Joy with relatives on their way home from a 15-day trip to Florida. While in the South, they spent two days at Disney World, visited Silver Springs, Busch Gardens, Sarasota, Daytona Beach, and many other places of interest. They enjoyed 80-degree weather, with no rain whatsoever.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leonard, 133 Frank street, have returned from a seven-weeks visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Jenkins and two children in Puerto Rico. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are teachers in the Puerto Rican schools.

Mrs. Mary Sarver, RD2, Mount Joy, has returned to her home after spending several weeks in Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor and Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson and son Billy of Perkasie, Pa., attended gymnastic exhibitions at two Lancaster County high schools last week, presented by Lock Haven College. The O'Connors' daughter, Suzanne, a student at the college, was participating.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Miller, North High Street, were honored on Thursday evening, March 8, at a family get together in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary. The party was held in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yurkovic and children Linda and Johnny. Also attending were Gail Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller and daughter Cindy and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and daughters Stacy and Marty Carol.

For the third year in a row Jim Metzler, junior high English & spelling teacher at Wilbur I. Beahm, took a group of 7th grade students to see a stage play at the Fulton Theatre in Lancaster. This year they enjoyed the comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" performed by the Actors Company with Jean Clemson as the head of the organization. Approximately 69 students traveled by bus on Thursday evening, March 1. Also accompanying the group was a parent, Mrs. Paul Albright, three teachers, Mrs. Sharon Dietz, Mrs. Joyce Zangari and Gene

Trinity Services

The climax of a month-long evangelistic emphasis at Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church at Donegal and New Haven Streets in Mount Joy will include the ministry of Rev. Dick F. Christman from March 18-25.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 18, and continue through the week at 7:30 p.m. each evening and 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 25.

Special features will include music by the choirs and vocal groups from the church, supplemented on Saturday and Sunday by the JOINT-HEIRS, a contemporary singing group affiliated with the Dick F. Christman Evangelistic association. A Decision Day combined service will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday March 25.

Evangelist Christman, a native of Allentown, Pa. has had twelve years pastoral experience before entering full-time evangelistic work.

Emergency Medical Calls

SATURDAY
AFTERNOON
AND
SUNDAY
Dr. Ephraim Awad

The Wonder of BOOKS

The Mount Joy Bulletin this week is inaugurating a new column—a column of reviews of books that we feel may be of interest to Bulletin readers.

The column will be written by Mrs. Martha Rainbolt Epler, formerly of Mount Joy, a graduate of Donegal High School and a former teacher of third grade at Grandview elementary school. She is the wife of the Rev. Wesley G. Epler, also formerly of Mount Joy, now pastor of Trinity and Emanuel United Methodist churches at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Welcome to the staff, Martha!

The first book to be reviewed is "A Hat on the Hall Table" or "A Rollicking Romp through the Rectory," by Jean Reynolds Davis and published by Harper and Row in 1967.

By Martha Epler

We must admit that before we read this book, we were prejudiced (in favor) of the author's handiwork. Jean Reynolds Davis is a favorite author of ours. She, like us, is a minister's wife, and has found great joy in the life of the parish. She shares this joy through her humorous and light-hearted works.

"A Hat on the Hall Table" is our favorite, though! In it she gives an account of her entry into parish life, an unintended one, at that! This entry seemed mighty grim indeed when the new minister and his wife first stepped into their new home together, the parish rectory. It proved to be a nightmare of a house, an old Victorian relic consisting of four stories of grey stone covered with garlands of dying ivy.

However, the minister and his wife soon brought love and life

into the old mansion with their own zest for life and the addition of two small toddlers with precious antics of their own.

The book is filled with charming and humorous anecdotes of parish life, but we will here briefly mention only two, perhaps our own favorites. They describe the two most holy days of the Christian calendar, Christmas and Easter, but are given an entirely new and unique slant through the eyes of Mrs. Davis, a busy, harried, and frustrated (but happy) minister's wife.

Easter morning dawned sunny and lovely at the Davis home, but the spell was broken when a phone call was received bearing the bad news that the organist would not be able to play the morning service. Would the minister's wife please play for the service in her place?

At that late hour, there was no time to debate the issue, even

though the minister's wife was trained only in the technique of the piapo! The situation became worse when, at the last moment, the organ failed to start and the altar boy fainted! But, by some miracle of Easter morning, the service did not turn into a complete shambles. The account of this Easter morning service truly warms the heart of the reader.

A Christmas account is found in the book's final chapter. What Christmas would be complete without a lovely white snowfall? However, in this case, the snowfall proved to be a disaster, stalling and immobilizing all well-planned preparations for the Christmas Eve service! The reader is puzzled about the disappearance of the Baby Jesus doll from the creche scene at the front of the church. One's sentiment is drawn to the different persons coming into the rectory on Christmas Eve, all different in needs, but all so similar in their humanness.

The ending to the chapter and to the book is quietly sentimental and fitting. The reader, however, is sorry to put the book down, and will be drawn to other works by Mrs. Davis.

We would be amiss if we did not mention the illustrations by Artist Susan Perl. They are marvelously comical in themselves and add great appeal to the book.

"A Hat on the Hall Table" would be interesting not only to minister's wives but to all women—and men as well!

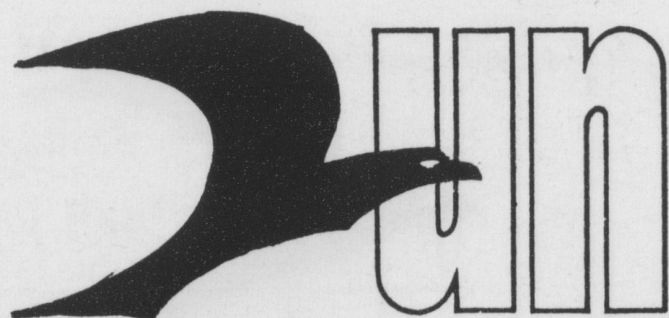
Wales, not England, is the real land of King Arthur and his Round Table and of Camelot.

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