



The Donegal Church Choir will perform in colonial costumes. Shown are, from left to right; Front row; Mrs. W. Scott (Dorothy R.) Heisey, Mrs. Richard Cauller, Mrs. Lewis Bixler and Mrs. Terry Millard. 2d row; Mrs. Rollin C. Steinmetz, Mrs. Walter (Sonia) Forry, Mrs. Phares Aument, Mrs. Robert J. (Sylvia) Herr, and Mrs. Robert (Kathryn) Bowers. Back row; Mr. Terry Millard, Mr. Rollin C. Steinmetz, Mr. Robert Bowers, Mr. Lewis Bixler, and the Rev. Robert C. Murphy.

Historic Christmas service at Donegal church

by Hazel Baker

Time will be erased on Sunday, December 21, when members of historic Donegal Presbyterian Church will present their Bi-Centennial Christmas services at 4 and 7:30 p.m.

The musical, "A Christmas Concert", under the direction of Mrs. Terry Millard, has been written by Roger C. Wilson, who, after much research, compiled the cantata which includes music sung in America before 1810. A brief review in evangelism, as well as some exploration of the early American Christmas customs resulted in this production.

Rev. Robert Murphy, resident pastor, will narrate for the Presbyterian Service in Colonial Times; Mrs. Robert Bowers will be soloist and Stanley Dotterer will be organist.

Members will be garbed in Colonial attire and visitors will be guided by luminarias placed along the stone path, past the study house to the church. Inside they will be greeted by the soft glow of candlelight against the ancient white walls.

The program will include the following numbers: Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow, by Lewis Edson - 1748-1820 Massachusetts; Come Thou Long Expected Jesus-Anonymous circa 1798; A Virgin Most Blessed, based on a traditional Old World Carol; The Shepherds and the Angel, 18th century, New Hampshire; There Came Three Kings, David Reed 1757-1836 Connecticut; Sing It Out, a traditional slave melody, 18th century, Georgia.

The traditional Advent wreath, constructed by Mrs. W. Scott Heisey, will contain hand dipped candles by William Heisey. The deep window sills of the Revolutionary War era structure will be arranged with fresh greens, pointsettias and candles by the

flower committee. The huge wreath of fresh greens that hangs above the pulpit has been made by Mrs. Walter Forry.

Mrs. Richard Cauller is president of the choir and Mrs. Phares Aument is treasurer; additional members are: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bixler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowers, Mrs. W. Scott Heisey, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Steinmetz, Mrs. James Bolton, Mrs. Walter Forry, Mrs. Noble Johnson, Terry Millard, Bob Murphy, Polly Wardrop, and Mrs. Robert Herr.

The directress, Mrs. Lynn Millard, is a graduate of Baldwin High School, Baldwin, New York and Elizabethtown College where she majored in music education. She is currently attending West Chester State College where she is taking graduate courses. She taught one year at Pequea Valley High School and is now teaching vocal music at the W.I. Beahm Junior High School.



Mrs. Terry Millard Lights a candle in the traditional Advent wreath at Donegal Presbyterian Church.

She gives private instructions in piano and voice.

The president has summed up the service: "The beautiful pointsettias in the deep windows, the smell of fresh greens. How I'd love to package it all and share it with the world. Christmas is wishing, with all my might, that everyone could share that special glow of Donegal.

The Colonial garb worn by the men of the choir is waist-coat and breeches. The ruffle at the neck was known as a jabot.

Women's hats were called mob-caps while the shawls were called fichu.

Donegal Chrous to present "Born a King"

by Hazel Baker

"Born a King", a cantata by John Peterson, will be presented by members of the Donegal High School chorus at the annual concert on Saturday, December 20, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Under the direction of Mrs. RoAnn Lau, the cantata will feature these soloists: Keith Gephart, Steven Hassinger, Cindy Charles, Michael Kohler, Kathy Jones, Mary Kanoff and a duet by Karen Henry and Holly Baker. Narrator for the production will be Phil Good; Bruce Neyer and Tammy Newcomer will accompany the vocalists.

The freshman chorus will also sing for the event. The secular portion of the concert will include these numbers by the chorus; Jingle Bell Travelogue;

Christmas Time Again; Carol of the Bells; I'll Be Home For Christmas, and Mister Santa, the Christmas version of "Mister Sandman."

Routines and music by the Rhythm Singers will include "Let It Snow", featuring Ted Hershey as soloist; Rock Around the Christmas Tree, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Marshmallow World, Nothin' for Christmas, Mister Christmas, and

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, with choreography by Mrs. Ken Ross. At the conclusion, Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah will be sung by the chorus.

A tape for WLYH-TV was made of the above program this past Monday, December 15.

The group will also present a program at the fountain at Park City on Friday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Helton promoted to corporal

Marine Lance Corporal Michael D. Helton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Helton, Marietta, PA, has been promoted to his present rank while serving 2nd

Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

A former student of Donegal High School, Mount Joy, PA, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1974.

Beahm Xmas program, Fri.

by Samuel S. Harnish

W. I. Beahm Junior High School will present its Christmas program on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Millard will perform a Christmas folk musical, "It's The Lord's Thing" by Lani Smith. This is a different approach to the Christmas message, but it is one which we hope will provide a new and refreshing dimension to the celebration of Christmas everywhere. Scott Bricker, Tim Keller, Sonia Young, Lisa Nell, Gina Mohr, Sharon Long, Kathy Maguire, Bill Hall, Sherry Frey, Lynn Jenkins, Mindy Lambert, Casey Wagner, and Tammy Eberly are featured.

The band, under the direction of Glen Leib, will also perform. The band will play "Home For The Holidays" arranged by Bob Lowden, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" by James MacBeth, "Salute To America" arranged by John Kinyon and "25 or 6 to 4" by Robert Lamm. Other selections will be announced.

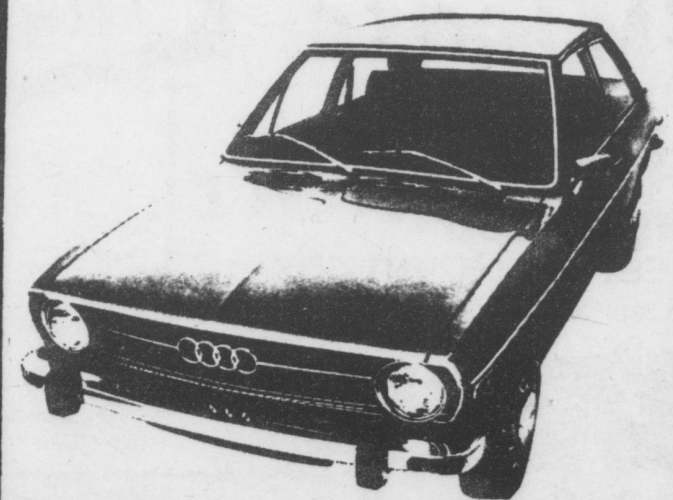
The concert will be concluded with the singing of Christmas carols lead by the chorus and Mrs. Millard. All are invited to attend. It will be held in the Junior High auditorium and is free of charge.

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