

News from the Bethel Community

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The Christmas Eve program entitled, "The Coming of the Child" was presented to an overflow crowd. There were 65 children participating in the program, with the high school students joining in the choir and several helped with the props for play.

The five and six grades of Sunday school, taught by Stan Garber and Mel Gerber, visited some of the people last week and sang for them and brought them baskets of fruit and homemade breads. They visited Neal Baumgartner and Winnie Lutman at Kidwell Home, Ira Gerber and Blanche Callison at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Bun and Elizabeth Groth, Ruth Moser and Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner. The teachers, with Karen Garber, accompanied the following children, Kelvin Miller, Jodi Stephens, Alison Hilty, Barbara Baumgartner, Gena Garber, Mitch Loganbill, Jeremiah Bentch, Lonnie and James Suggs, Robin Miller and Dana Boatman.

Ivan and Jeannie Loganbill had as Christmas Day dinner guests Mark and Sara Loganbill and children, Derek and Amanda, Sara's parents, Harry and Diane Rand, Decatur, Ill. and Matt and Tammy Loganbill and children, Melissa and Josh. Supper guests of the Loganbills included Rick and Joni Loganbill and children. Ashley, Brandon and Erik, Rad and Juanita Loganbill, Brittney, Courtney, and Cody, Stan and Karen Garber and children, Gena, Kyle, Marty, Keely and Jamie, Kent and Debbie Loganbill and sons, Mitch Mikey and Ryan, Dean and Ann Loganbill and Lindsay and Mike and Lesa Moesch and Nikolas.

Homer and Twila Garber had as Christmas Day dinner guests Barry and Steve Garber, Carl Hilty, Stan and Karen Garber and family, Gena, Kyle, Marty, Keely and Jamie and James and Carla Pryor, Brett and Regina.

Last Sunday dinner guests of James and Carla Pryor and children were Nathan and Janet Sheldon, Joel and John and Homer and Twila Garber and Barry.

Last Sunday, Nancy Byars and her father, Henry Bell, had Christmas with her sister Betty Crews and family at Kansas City.

On Dec. 20, Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner entertained the Thursday coffee bunch from Save-A-Lot at their home. Those attending the dinner were Carl Hilty, Roy Gerber, Winnie Lutman, Paul Hilly, and the Rev. Bruno and Julia Penner.

Don and Mary Bentch had as holiday guests their children, Larry Bentch, Debbie Bentch and children Shawna, Kriston, Tristan, LaTrishia and Jana, Dave and Sharon Swarr and girls, Mary and Ariel, Richmond, Va., Ron and Cindy Bentch, Richmond Va., Tim Bentch, Baltimore, Md., and Dale, Kathy, Jeremiah and Meredith Bentch, Gary, Linda and Trevor Bentch, Versailles.

Dave and Dara Gaines and two sons, Gregory and Joseph, St. Louis, spent the weekend following Christmas with her parents, Ivan and Jeannie Loganbill, and other relatives.

Last Sunday dinner guests of Rick and Joni Loganbill were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boles, Florence.

Don and Gloria Lehman and children Cathi, Danny and Jonathan and Kathryn Frank, all of Des Plaines, Ill. came to the community to visit his parents, Warren and Bertha Lehman on Tues. night to celebrate Christmas with his family. On Wed. night the family gathered at Warrens as follows: Don and Gloria Lehman and family, Cathi, Danny and Jonathan, Kathryn Frank, Des Plaines, 111., Kent and JoAnn Rich, Jefferson City, Milt, Rcta, Dustin and Amber Lehman, Gravois Mills; Stuart and Vernola Hunter and Scott, Holts Summit; and Kenny, Sheryl, Caitlin and Jacob Lehman.

Ruth and Pauline Hofstetter accompanied their sister-in-law, Rose Hofstetter, to a Christmas Day dinner at the home of her sister, Bertha Blankenship, in Tipton.

Last Sunday a visitor of Ruth and Pauline Hofstetter was their nephew Don Hofstetter, Tipton.

Christmas holiday visitors of Abe

and Kathy Nikkei were their daughter, Becky Nikkei, Kansas City and their son James, North Newton, Kan. Carl Hilty was a Christmas Day supper guest of the Nikkels.

The children and grandchildren of the Rev. Bruno and Julia Penner gathered in the parental home from Dec. 26 to Dec. 29 to celebrate their family Christmas. Those coming to Missouri were, Kevin and Carolyn Randal 1 and children, Heather, Brett, Bryce and baby Holly, Creve Coeur, Ill., Tim and Carolyn Penner and son Abe, Goshen, Ind., Perry and Sharon Harder, and children, Scott and Sharisse, Bingham Lake, Minn., Steve and Mary Cheslik and baby daughter, Rachel, Kansas City and Dan Penner, Omaha, Neb. Sharon and Perry and family spent the nights in the home of Bob and Karla Wenger and family and Kevin and Carolyn and family stayed the nights with Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner.

Mel and Mary Gerber and family, Adam, Will and Grace, entertained the Hilty families for a Christmas gathering on Dec. 26. Ed and Janet Vest, Kansas City, Roy Gerber and Wally Groth assisted with the serving and preparations. Guests attending the dinner were Roy Gerber, Ed and Janet Vest, Kansas City; Wally Groth, Carl Hilty, Homer, Twila, Steve and Barry Garber; Abe, Kathy and James Nikkei, Winnie Lutman, Paul Hilly Sr., Dan and Loretta Baumgartner and girls, Beverly, Becky, Elizabeth and Barbara; Pete Hilly Jr. and Rachel; Gen and Lavina Rahn and children, Jason and Heidi, Ponca City, Okla., Phil, Brenda, Alison, Travis and Megan Hilty; and Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner. The group enjoyed gathering in the beautiful new home of the Gerber family.

Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner and Debbie entertained Sal. Dec. 22 at their home for the family Christmas. Dave and Marsha Baumgartner and Ed and Diane Bruemmer and girls, Chris, Erin and Kay, Columbia, were guests.

Clayton and Wiesje Guhr entertained the Adult Sunday School class no. 3 in a dinner and party Dec. 21, at their home. A contributed dinner was

enjoyed. After dinner Elizabeth Groth provided piano music and the guests all recalled what they remembered about their childhood Christmases. Guests attending were Jim and Minnetta Elliott, Homer and Twila Garber, Don and Mary Bentch, Dan and Loretta Baumgartner, Dorothy Baumgartner, Elizabeth Groth, Eli Miller, Jen Baumgartner, Jay and Susie Yoder, Bill and Nancy Byars, Chet and Nell Miller, and the Rev. Bruno and Julia Penner.

Guests visiting Ed Baumgartner on Dec. 21 on his birthday were Kathy Nikkei and Jim Elliott.

Tony, Bobbie, Mark and Chad Garber, had as Christmas Day dinner guests the following: John and Peggy Jones, Bill and Joan and Julie Kidwell, David and Paddy Kidwell, Bruce and Cathy Jones, Bud Blacksten, Clif and Lavona Garber and Pam Garber.

Alma Lehman had as a Christmas Day dinner guest Flo Stephen, Tipton.

Jim and Minnetta Elliott had as holiday weekend guests from Saturday until Wednesday their children and Jim's sister and husband. Then guests were Tike and Beth Dennis, St. Louis, Michael and Nancy Forrest and children, Emily and Bailey of Solon, Iowa, Jimmy and Patty Elliott, Pearle City, Ill., Roger Elliott, Kansas City; Richard and Tony Elliott. Tony Elliott, a student at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, also spent from Friday until Monday at his home the following week.

Jim and Minnetta Elliott visited Ed and Dorothy Baumgartner and his aunt, Ruth Moser, on Monday afternoon.

Dan and Erma Kilmer and children, Matthew, Louella and Paul Edward and Menno Kilmer were guests for a Christmas brunch on Tuesday morning of Ed, Dorothy and Debbie Baumgartner.

Beverly Baumgartner and James Nikkei visited Debbie Baumgartner in her home on Christmas night.

Gene and Lavina Rahn and children, Jason and Heidi, were guests from Wednesday until Sunday of her father, Paul Hilly Sr. and other relatives. On Thursday night, the Hilty family gathered at Paul's home when they celebrated their Christmas. Guests were the Rahn family, Dan, Loretta, Beverly,

Becky, Elizabeth and Barbara Baumgartner, Pete, Wanda and Rachel Hilty, Phil, Brenda, Alison, Travis and Megan Hilty; Joe, Jodi and John Lehman, Jefferson City; and Herman Lehman, Versailles.

Dan and Loretta Baumgartner and girls had as Christmas Day dinner guests Wade Baumgartner, Paul Hilty Sr., and Ron, Marguerite and Craig Baumgartner, and Herman Lehman.

Our sympathy is extended to Rodney and Eldora Yoder and family at the death of Rodney's mother, Mrs. Gideon Yoder, before Christmas at her home in Garden City. Mrs. Yoder was buried in Iowa two weeks ago on Sunday. The children of Rodney and Eldora spent the holidays with them. Michael Yoder,

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Springfield, Va., came for the funeral of his grandmother and remained for the holidays. Randall and Chester Yoder and Gideon Yoder all were guests at some time over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paylou and baby son, of Tennessee, came to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Tom and Iris Sandidge and other relatives here. Laurie sang a beautiful solo at the Christmas Eve program at Bethel. Thanks, Laurie.

Dave and Pam Webb and children, Kayla, Zach and Josh, Lebanon, entertained on Christmas Day the Gerlt families. Guests were Raymond Gerlt, Larry and Ruth Gerlt and children, Todd, Scott and Anne, and Darrell and Linda, Ben and Aimee Newell, Kansas City.

The Happy Homemakers Extension Club met for its Christmas program and dinner last Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the home of Gerry Dixon, Versailles. The hostess had baked turkey, dressing, gravy and rolls and the other members brought salads, vegetables and desserts for the dinner. Anita Allee and Dorothy Baumgartner had the program. Dorothy gave the children the story of the "The Friendly Beasts" Anita told of the origin of the Christmas symbols, had a game and read several related articles on Christmas.

Gifts were drawn by matching the symbols of Christmas. Ann Loganbill and Dorcas Wenger sang a duet, "And the Gift Goes On." Secret pals were drawn for the new year. Ann Loganbill led the business session. It was voted to contribute \$100 to the school to buy band uniforms. Those attending were Minnetta Elliott, Ann Loganbill and Lindsay, Sara Loganbill and children, Derek and Amanda, Mabel Lehman, Dorothy Baumgartner and Anita Allee. The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of Jan. at the home of Sara Loganbill.

Mabel Lehman spent last Christmas week with her nephew and niece and boys, Jim and Carol Milburn, and sons, Tim and Kenny, in Kansas City.

Paul and Melva Gerber had as Christmas, Day dinner guests their children and guests as follows: Kay Gerber, Windsor; Paul and Marleen Boatman and children Dana and Brandon; Kenny Gerber and children Shawn and Misty; Dave and Debbie McCollom and Mandy McCollom; and Dora Rush and children, Wendy and Shawn.

Jay and Susie Yoder had as their guests on Christmas Day their children and grandchildren as follows: Mark, Donita, and Brice Lake; Steve and Bonnie Yoder and children, Kyle and Courtney; Rick and Renee Yoder and Matthew and Jason of the home.