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Veteran Santas take pride in their work by Bill Clark

u Pont Co. engineer Bob Dudek, 27, leaves his family's Pike Creek Valley home, telling his 2- and 4-year-old sons that Daddy will be at work for a few hours. But rather than heading to Du Pont's Louviers site, Dudek drives to the Christiana Mall and slips into the mall's suite of offices through a back door. The person who emerges 20 minutes later bears no resemblance to Bob Dudek. But children of all ages immediately recognize this distinguished-looking gentleman with a flowing white beard and outlandish red suit.

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Suddenly everything is right with the world. Santa Claus has come to town.

A Buffalo, N.Y., native, Dudek began his Santa career at an urban shopping mall while he was a student at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The extra spending money was nice but he discovered the inner-satisfaction was even nicer. "I really enjoyed the different types of kids that you get. I liked it that year; it sort of gave me a good feeling for the holiday season."

Following graduation, Dudek and his bride moved to Delaware. Fortunately for him, the same firm that managed the Santas in Rochester also served the

Santas in Rochester also served the Christiana Mall. So Dudek simply picked up where he had left off in New York.
That was five years ago. On this particular Saturday morning in late

November, he was to star in a production that kicked off the mall's holiday shopping period. With an hour until showtime, the mustachioed Dudek — wearing jeans



Bob Dudek as Santa Claus.

and a blue windbreaker with a visitor in the court in front of J.C. Penney's.
Santa coordinator Frank Ciuffetelli ap-

Santa coordinator Frank Ciuffetelli approached to inform Dudek that he might have to appear without padding.

This was bad news for Dudek.

"Everybody's looking at Santa Claus," he said after Ciuffetelli left. "Santa's got to be looking his best or else children will begin to wonder, 'How come this Santa doesn't look like the same one I saw yesterday, or last week or last year?' So yesterday, or last week, or last year?' So it's important for me to have a good ap-pearance when that suit is on.

'And you don't really understand that,

"And you don't really understand that, I think, until you're behind that mask and you see parents looking at you, you see the children looking at you — you see the puzzlement in their eyes.

"The quality of the suit makes a big difference for me," continued Dudek, who at 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, has a commanding presence, "not so much the pants and the jacket. The most important part is the hair and the beard — as long as those are full and don't really look like wigs. When I know the wig is not the way I want it to be. I'm not a full Santa."

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Nursery, Girls Club face crisis

Newark groups seek

temporary quarters

by Neil Thomas

If the Newark Day Nursery and the Newark Girls Club can survive the next three years, it is possible they will share a beautiful new home.

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The University of Delaware board of trustees voted Friday to provide the organizations use of a four-acre parcel of land on the south side of Wyoming Road for the token rent of \$1 per year.

A \$2.5 million, 18,000 square foot facility complete with gymnasium and swimming pool is envisioned for the site.

However, both organizations are in a state of crisis trying to find temporary quarters during those interim years.

They have been housed in the West Park Center for the last three years, but the City of Newark is returning the former school to the Christina School District. The district is faced with rapidly expanding enrollment and plans to fully reopen West Park as an elementary school in September 1986.

The Newark Day Nursery and the Newark Girls Club must vacate the building next spring, and neither has been able to find

vacate the building next spring, and neither has been able to find

a temporary home.
"We are in a crisis here," said
Ellen Benner, director of
Newark Day Nursery, which provides day care for more than 90

area youngsters.
"We're having a very rough
time. It's really kind of a roller
coaster — one minute we think we have nothing, the next we think we have some options to

think we have some options to look at.

"If we don't find any tem-porary space, we won't be in operation at all. If the Day Nursery closes in June 1986, that's the end of 25 years of history in Newark."

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Christina School District students will begin their winter holiday at the end of school Friday. Students will not return to school until Thursday, Jan. 2.

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The NewArk Post will alter its production and publication schedule because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The Post will be published Sunday, Dec. 29 and Sunday, Dec. 29. Because of that, the newspaper advertising and editorial deadlines will also be altered. Please try to have all material in to the newspaper offices as early as possible. The offices will be open Saturday, Dec. 21 and Saturday, Dec. 28 to accept material. The NewArk Post is located in the Robscott Building at 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark, telephone 737-0905 or 737-0724.

Council won't meet

Newark City Council will not meet Monday, Dec. 23 because of the holiday season. The next regular meeting of council will be Monday, Jan. 13.









Santa isn't made overnight. Just ask Rob Dudek of near Newark as he slowly shapes himself into jolly

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SANTA/ from la

Besides looking good, he wants to be alert and follow certain rules. He explained that he'll try

to be alert and follow certain rules. He explained that he'll try to overhear a parent's conversation with the child who's next in line, hoping to catch his or her name. 'So when it's the boy's or girl's turn, I'll say, 'Hi, Lisa,' and the child will say, 'How did Santa know my name?''

Dudek said his "number one rule is to let the kids talk first, You say, 'Hi. How old are you?' Then ask what they came here for.

"Secondly, I'll make something a secret between me and the kids. I'll tone my voice down a little and say, 'Can you do Santa a special favor? Can you leave me a glass of milk and some cookies' 'Or 'Can you leave a carrot for the reindeer?' When they know that Santa's trying to sak them a special favor, they really get high on that."

Thirdly, Dudek is careful not to promise anything, ''A four-year-old girl asked for a trip to Disney World. Her mother was within earshot, so I repeated what the little girl said in order for her to hear it. The lady was really set back,' he said. 'I can't say 'yes' to anything children say because that's not good for the parents. Secondly, if the child is of the demeanor that he came to Santa with real sincerity and asked for this, and along comes Christmas and he lidd't sail 'Santa't. with real sincerity and asked for this, and along comes Christmas and he didn't get it, Santa's let him down.

You can't commit yourself "You can't commit yourself when you're Santa Claus. When a child asks for a Matchbox car, no matter how incidental it might be, you say, 'Santa will see what he can do if you're super-duper good.' I guess that's my favorite

saying."
At peak times, Dudek will see 20 to 40 kids per hour during a four-bour shift. (The higher number comes when he's visited by two or more siblings in one aitting.)
Slower times — such as weekday evenings — allow him to spend more time with a child. Herecalled being visited by a mother and her very shy daughter — but it was no ordinary sitting. "I probably spent 15 minutes walking around with the girl. As the minutes wore on, she became more comfortable and eventually came up to see and eventually came up to see
Santa. Not so much for me, but I
know that the parent really got
satisfaction out of Santa — that I
was able to spend that time with
her child."

her child."

Does it boost Dudek's pride to
be the focus of attention? "No. I
think what it does for me is it
gives me an appreciation of the
season from a child's perspective. It makes me feel good that

You have to be able to respond to most any situation. You have

beard-tuggers ... and very shy children."

during that three-minute period I possibly made that kid's day. I made his season, possibly. He was able to see Santa. Not me, personally — but Santa."

It was 10 p.m. — time for all good boys and girls to be in bed. Having just changed from his Santa suit, Wayne Cooper — an avuncular-looking gentleman with a bald pate — seated himself in a comfortable chair in the bowels of the Christiana Mail

The dean of the mall's six San-

The dean of the mall's six Santas, Cooper, \$2, pulls four shifts a week. During the day he is a code inspector with the New Castle County government.

At the time of the interview, he was in the midst of the first week. "It is a little sluggish getting started every year," said Cooper, who came over from the Concord Mall in 1979. "If feel good about it now, but my first night on the set I felt maybe slightly awkward. But after the first couple of children it seemed to flow."

It doesn't take long for Cooper

awkward. But after the first couple of children it seemed to flow."

It doesn't take long for Cooper to reacquaint himself with the profession's nuances. "You have to be able to respond to most any situation. You have beard-tuggers, then we have very shy children whose parents force them up on my lap. Of course, I have to stay in character, but I really think that some of the parents push it too hard.

"I've heard remarks like, 'I've stood in this line for an hour, and you mean to tell me you're not going to sit on Santa's lap?"

Still, some parents — and grandparents — simply cannot resist the urge to relive their childhoods, even if it's only for a few minutes. Cooper recalled being visited by a 90-year-old woman and her daughter, who had arthritis. "The mother was just as spry as somebody who was in their 20s, and she jumped up on my lap and had her picture taken," he said through a smile. Of course, Santa Clauses were young once, too. "It almost puts me like a kid again," Cooper said of his yuletide avocation. "I'm enioving it like the kids are. it's getting away from the reality of the daily hum-drum of life — besides making a few extra dollars for Christmas."

As a child, Cooper always ad-

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mired how beautifully Santa trimmed his family's tree. "The tree was brought into the house but we went to bed without decorating it. When I woke up the next morning — boy, there it was with the lights and the ornaments. That was exciting, "I can remember the first time I snuck out of bed and went down the steps," said the Wilmington native who now lives in Meadowood. "I looked through the railing and it was my father trimming the tree.!"

When Cooper and his wife were raising their four daughters, a visit with Santa was a real family affair. Once — thanks to a patent St. Nick — Dad went as far as recording the occasion with a movie camera. "The fellow said

ly affair. Once — thanks to a patient St. Nick — Dad went as far as recording the occasion with a movie camera. "The fellow said," I'm almost done and I'm really tired. Here I was with the floodlights and the poor guy sat there while I ran my kids through the motions of sitting on his lap," recalled Coopers, chuckling. "So afterwards, I slipped him a couple of dollars and suggested he buy himself a sandwich."

Little did Cooper know then that he would one day join the Santa rank-and-file. "Maybe inwardly — not even realizing it — I felt that I would like to be in acting. I'm not Wayne Cooper anymore when I get into that suit; I'm Santa. It's nice feeling because I'm enjoying something and giving pleasure to people."

But guess again if you think it's all fun and games. "There's a fair amount of work involved in this. You could beat yourself to death if you worked at it because of the amount of people coming through," said Cooper.

"Therefore, I don't get too exuberant; in other words, I don't get up and 'Ho, ho' and make a lot of noise. I think I'm a little bit subdued."

More than an hour had passed

lot of noise. I think I'm a little bit subdued."
More than an hour had passed since Cooper had hung up his suit for another night. He was scheduled to return on the notoriously-frenzied Black Friday. "This weekend will separate the men from the boys. If I make it through, then I'll finish out the rest of the year," said Cooper, letting out a laugh. "If I collapse then I'll say, 'You've done it enough years."
(Editor's note - Cooper survived the long Thanksgiving weekend crunch and was fit to finish the season.)

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Ann K. Bartle

Christina assistant superintendent to retire this month

"You can be anything you want department store.

by Neil Thomas

When Ann K. Bartle retires later this month as assistant superintendent of the Christina School District, it will mark the end of an era personally and the culmination of one socially.

For Bartle personally, it will be the end of more than 30 years spent in classrooms and administrative offices, 30 years during which she rose from an uncertified teacher to one of the highest ranking officials in Delaware's largest and fastest-growing school district.

But her track to the top also reflects a broader change in American society in the vastly expanded possibilities for work-

"I never thought I would be where I am now," Bartle said Thursday in her Main Street office. "I never had high expectations for myself when I was young because then there were not the opportunities for women...

"The freedom women have to-day to be something other than teachers, nurses or secretaries is marvelous."

It's a freedom which enabled Bartle to climb the educational ladder and through which she came to believe that you really can be anything you want to be.

"As I became more aware of my own capabilities as I moved up in the educational hierarchy, I realized you can be anything you want to be. If you work hard enough, take the time to evaluate your skills and are realistic, you can.

"The world is so open today for women, I find it absolutely fascinating. I think it's really great."

The world was not that way in the early 1950s when Bartle began her college career at the University of Maryland. Possibilities were strictly limited and Bartle trained accordingly. studying home economics in hopes of becoming a buyer for a

But, when Bartle found herself separated then divorced with two children to support, she began looking for a new line of work.

"I chose education because I figured that would provide me more time to spend with my children." Bartle said. She accepted a position as home economics teacher in Easton, Md. in 1955.

Bartle remained in Easton two years when she learned of Newark and its growing, teacher-starved school district through a

She moved and in September 1957 joined the Newark Special School District as a home economics teacher at Central Junior High School, and also began earning certification at the University of Delaware.

In 1958, she moved over to the newly-opened Ogletown Junior High School (now Kirk Middle School) and continued teaching home economics there until 1967.

It was in 1967 that Bartle switched careers and schools. She went back to college to retrain as a guidance counselor and helped open another new school, this time Wilmer E. Shue Junior High School

Three years later Bartle mov-ed on to Newark High School, as a guidance counselor.

It was as a guidance counselor, Bartle said, that she derived the most fuifillment. "I had more fun and got more personal satisfac-tion out of being a guidance counselor than anything I've ever data." "she said." done," she said.

"Former students stop you and tell you what they're up to, and parents stop you and tell you what they're kids are doing. It gives me goose pimples to hear about people I might have had some influence on who are con-tributing to society today." tributing to society today.

However, Bartle was continually asked by males with whom she worked: "It this really what you're going to do with the rest

of your life?"

They saw in her strong inter-personal skills and the ability to make decisions — both important qualities for any administrator.

So, "having gone back to col-lege to do the guidance bit, I went back to college to do the ad-ministrative bit," Bartle said.

In January 1975, she was nam-ed acting assistant principal at Ogletown. That summer she moved to Glasgow High School as assistant principal.

Although Bartle was formally in administration, she still had no idea of how far she could go. "Heavens no," she said, laughing, "As a matter of fact, if you had told me as an assistant principal that I would become assistant superintendent, I would have flipped out."

However, in January 1978 Dr. George Kirk asked Bartle to serve as his administrative assis-tant when the county-wide school district was formed as a result of desegregation.

She was later named assistant superintendent of New Castle County Area III, and was ap-pointed to the same post when the Christina School District was formed in 1981.

Having been on the firing line in the schools shaped Bartle's philosophy as an administrator.

"I tried to keep an ear to the listening post to make sure teachers had the tools they need-ed to do the best by our students.

"Teachers are where the ac-tion is. We're the support group to help them get the job done."

Never one easily confined to a deak, Bartle could often be found wandering around the Christina School District's Main Street headquarters. "I manage by walking around," she said.

While Bartle is looking forward to retirement, she is a bit nervous. "It's a little scary. After you've spent 30 years going to work every day, you're concerned that you'll be able to fill your days, that you'll be happy with it."

But she expects to travel with husband Rob, who is retired from the military and who, having served with NATO in many foreign capitals, will be able to pave the way for a European tour.

She also plans to read, work around the house and perhaps take up golf.

But "first," she said, "I just want some free time. It's the first day of the rest of my life, and I have to decide what I want to do with it."

And, as Bartle has already learned, the possibilities are endless. You can be anything you want to be.



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U.D. trustees against total S.A. divestment

by Neil Thomas

Although the University of Delaware board of trustees finds the practice of apartheid "totally repugnant," if does not support total divestment of university total divestment of university holdings in corporations with operations in South Africa. The board voted 24-1 Friday to

The board voted 24-1 Friday to dontinue its practice of selective divestment based on corporate performance in adhering to the Sullivan Principles.

Developed by Leon Sullivan, the principles are designed to improve employment and living contitions of blacks in South Africa.

The board detest apartheid, said board chairman J. Bruce Bredin during a press conference following Friday's meeting. "We don't want to have any part of it. "However, we must look at the overall effect it would have if we disposed of all assets of corporations which bave investments in South Africa."

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South Africa."

Bredin said it would be very
disruptive of the South African
economy if all American
businesses pulled out, and said
such disruption would create increased problems for blacks in
that country.

"We must exercise care that we
do not salve our consciences with
a course of action that does not
help South Africans or, worse,
could cause violence or further
economic difficulty for blacks in
South Africa," Werner C. Brown,
chairman of the Committee on
Finance, told the board.

Brown responded on behalf of
the committee to a report by the
Faculty Senate ad hoc committee
on university investments in South
Africa which questioned the
Sullivan Principles and called for
total divestment.

The Faculty Senate voted in
favor of total divestment Oct, 7
after discussing the ad hoc committee's report.

Brown said at the press con-ference that total divestment would merely be a symbolic gesture and that the university can do more to combat apartheid by maintaining its holdings as leverage to threaten corporations which fail to adhere to the Sullivan Brinchines.

which fail to adhere to the Sullivan Principles.

"Let's do something that's effective." Brown said. "Let's not do something symbolic that's not going to have an impact."

Brown said the finance committee would have recommended the sale of stock in the Squibb Corp. had the company not improved its standing with the Sullivan Principles this year.

The university holds \$47 million worth of stock in 23 companies with operations in South Africa. That represents 42 percent of the university's portfolio.

While that portfolio represents "the cream of the crop" of American corporations, Brown said the decision against total divestment was made on ethical not financial grounds.

"We were concerned with the ethical issues," he said. "The real decision was based on whether or not the action would help the plight of the South Africans."

Trustee Rachel G. Draper cast the lone dissenting vote. She said she believes in human rights and supports the Faculty Senate vote.

"As a graduate of the university and a member of the board of trustees, I would have been proud to see us take a leadership posi-tion," Draper said.

Her vote was warmly applauded by a group of students on hand to support total divestment.

Gov. Michael N. Castle abstain-

Depending on the state of events in South Africa, the board could reconsider its action, Bredin said. "We certainly are not going to "We certainly are not going to push it under the rug and forget about it," he said of the issue. "It's something of concern to us and we're going to follow it."



The Newark Senior Players last week presented a new Delaware state flag to the Newark Senior Center.

CRISIS/ from la

The loss of Newark Day Nursery "would have a tremen-dously negative impact on the community," Bennect said. It is the only day care center in the area which has a sliding fee scale to make its programs available to everyone regardless of income, she said.

The Newark Girls Club is also in a difficult bind, according to Shirley Tarrant, who founded the club 10 years ago and is a member of the board of Girls Clubs of Delaware Inc.

"We're looking (for a temporary home) right now,' said. "We're desperate."

If a temporary home is not found soon, the Girls Club will bus interested youths to Wilmington for its summer program,

The Girls Club is in somewhat

better shape than the Newark Day Nursery because "we could operate out of a room anyplace" whereas the day care center re-quires a variety of facilities, in-cluding a kitchen, Tarrant said.

The Girls Club currently has about 200 members, a figure which would likely slip if no tem-porary home is found, Tarrant said.

If the organizations can find temporary homes, they will have to begin planning a capital cam-paign to raise the more than \$2

million needed to build the new facility.

Should that money be raised and the building constructed (tentative plans call for it to open in 1987), both organizations will have an impressive, workable

The university board approved the rental of the land with the following conditions:

The organizations must fund construction and upkeep of the building and parking areas.

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Newark Day Nursery must provide services for children of university employees at a special rate of 90 percent of its standard charge. In addition, 40-50 percent of its spaces must be reserved for children of university employees. (Benner said that is currently the case.)

Training opportunities for university students in the College of Human Resources must be

The university will reserve the right to review the program.





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Procession

Vigil for peace

Newark residents joined together for the third annual Com-

together for the third annual Community Procession and Vigil for Peace on Saturday night, Dec. 14 In front of the Old Academy Building on the corner of Academy and Main streets.

The procession began simultaneously at three different places: the New Ark United Church of Christ at 215 E. Delaware Ave., the University of Delaware Perkins Student Center, and United Campus Ministry at 20 Orchard Rd.
Participants, carrying pen

Orchard Rd.

Participants, carrying pen
flashlights or lighted candles in
paper cups to shield them from
the wind, then proceeded to the
Old Academy

the wind, then proceeded to the Old Academy.

There was a brief interfaith ceremony of peace and seasonal songs with a time for prayer, silence, and shared meditation.

Sue Berryhill directed the singing. Among the speakers, drawn from the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish communities.

tant, and Jewish communities, was Father George Brubaker of St. John's Holy Angels Catholic Church; Rev. Peter Wells of the New Ark United Church of Christ;

New Ark United Church of Christ; and Barbara Hebner, a Unitarian ministerial student.

Elise Harvey, singer and lyricist, sang an original composition, "Sadako's Wish."

According to Betsey Granda, coordinator of the vigil, "It's important during the Christmas and Hanukkah season that we unite to appreciate the call to peacemaking that is found in every major religion."

The vigil lasted an hour.

The procession and vigil were sponsored by the Newark Peace Fellowship, United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War, and the New Ark United Church of Christ.

Crime Stoppers

Stabbing Sept. 14

Bruce Johnson Staff Writer

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Delaware Crime Stoppers is seeking information on a stabbing which occurred at 1:30 p.m. Satur-day, Sept. 14 in front of Steve's Tayern in the 1200 block of Center-ville Road

ravern in the 1200 block of Center-ville Road.

A man who walked out of the tavern became involved in an argument with a passenger in a '69 or '70 model Chevy. The com-pact car was faded gray or green

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The passenger, a black male about 40 years old, left the car and stabbed the victim repeatedly. The attacker was clean shaven, muscular and wore a large Afro-style baircut. style haircut.

style haircut.

A woman with a light complexion was driving the car.

If you have information about this crime, call Delaware Crime Stoppers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 1-800-TIP-3333.

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DEAP

Heating help

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Smoke detectors make a good

Smoke detectors make a good gift. In fact, several cases have been documented at Christmas time when smoke detectors, still in the box under the tree, sounded the alarm and saved families from home fires.

When purchasing fire extinguishers, get an ABC multipurpose type. That means it can be used on any small fire to put it out quickly. Make sure your recipient reads the label and learns how to use the extinguisher properly. It's not difficult to learn, but there is not time to do so after the fire has started. Fire ex-

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tinguishers should be kept in homes (kitchen area), cars, boats, campers and trailers. When purchasing or making escape ladders, make them 15- to

20-feet long and light enough to be used by a child. Too often, people are trapped in second story rooms without a safe way down. There is usually not enough time to begin

to tie sheets together. A ready-made ladder is necessary. Keep them coiled under beds. You can purchase metal escape ladders from most hardware stores.

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Newark 'ghost out'

SADD chapter dramatizes tragedy of drunken driving

by Bruce Johnson

Seventeen students at Newark High School fell victim to drunk driving accidents last Friday. Their names were announced over the intercom, and the news brought tears to students' eyes. The tragic consequences of driving under the influence had become all too real.

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become all too real.

Later that day, the very same students who were pronounced dead could be seen haunting the hallways of the school dressed in black, their faces painted ghostly white.

Fortunately for the Newark community, the tragedies were only theoretical, staged to dramatize the fact that once every 23 minutes someone is killed in an accident involving a drunk driver.

The event — termed a "ghost

The event — termed a 'ghost out' — was held by Newark High's Student, Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) chapter. The chapter is headed by teacher Hal Blocksom.

"At first other students didn't realize why we were doing this," said senior Zengara Loper, her

face still covered with white make-up. "They thought it was absurd. But when they realized the reason and the importance of it, they got very upset because they knew it could be them."

The students who became ghosts were neither allowed to communicate with anyone except teachers nor display any emotion or facial expression throughout the entire school day.

"I would walk into a classroom and people would try and make me laugh," said ninth grader Raina Harper. "Finally, I said, 'Hey, this is not a joke. This is serious and I wouldn't want you guys to act this way if I was really in a car accident."

"Afterwards the kids got serious and they apologized. They realized that we don't want them to drink and drive, so it's been very effective."

The effect on the student body proved to be better than Blocksom had anticipated. There was a run on SADD membership cards until the supply was finally exhausted.
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"A large percentage of kids saw
this today and it raised their consciousness enough to say, 'Maybe
we should start thinking about

and then we can get these people off the road.

drinking and driving, '5' said Blocksom. "A lot of them came down wanting to sign up for SADD and they emptied out all the membership cards we had. That's well over 200 cards."

The end of the day was climaxed by an emotional reading of "Please God, I'm Only Sixteen," the tragic story of a young girl who was killed in a drunk driving accident.

accident.
"A lot of people say 'It couldn't happen to me,' " said senior Gennie Tollivier. "What we're trying to say is that you can make a difference. You can go home and talk to your parents and then they can talk to somebody else's parents,

"If people see that we're in-terested in saving lives then maybe they'll be interested. The life they save could be their own."

"Maybe we can set an example for the parents," said junior Patricia Adamczyk. "If the students stand up and take a stand, maybe the parents will, too."

"Statistics don't show the per-sonal side ot it," said Loper. "They're just numbers. It's when you look into the problem — it's a lot of families in pain.



SCHOOL FILE

Dr. King

Celebration changed

The Christina School District has altered its 1985-86 school year calendar to reflect a Delaware State Board of Education decision to change the celebration of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from Monday, Jan. 20 to Wednesday, Jan. 15.

The state changed the date to match the federal observance Jan. 15.

Christiana

Christmas program

The Christiana High School Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble and the choral groups will present their annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the school auditorium.

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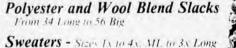












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Young Astronauts

Kirk Middle program fun and educational

by Neil Thomas

The bell has long since rung and most of Kirk Middle School's students are making their happy way home. But down in B wing, Ron Holoviak's science room is still alive with activity.

At one table, beakers have been pushed a side and Nicole Marioneaux and Michelle Daniels are busily applying timed to nuc.

are busily applying tinsel to pur-ple, red and yellow strips of tissue paper which make up a deflated hot air balloon

hot air balloon.
Twenty feet away, in a deskringed corner, Sean Riley and
Christine Lally are forcing air
from a fan into another of the colorful balloons and it is slowly lifting up towards the ceiling.

ting up towards the ceiling.

The students are among 28 members of Holoviak's special afterschool workshop which is part of the year-old national Young Astronauts Program. Holoviak volunteers one afternoon a week of his time to oversee the program and the students give up their free time to take part.

Young Astronauts is the brain-child of nationally-syndicated newspaper columnist Jack Anderson, who believes students need special motivation to take more interest in math and the sciences.

The program was endorsed by

The program was endorsed by President Ronald Reagan and is supported financially by private corporations including Pepsi-Cola, Commodore, Marvel, Mar-tin Marietta, Safeway, Xerox and Coleco.

The corporate funding supports the production of curriculum materials, which Holoviak said arrive in quantity.

"There is so much material, you can pick and choose," said Holoviak, whose chapter was the 374th formed in the nation. "You do what is appropriate to you."

Holoviak, for instance, is interested in astronomy, rocketry and ballooning. So the students are working with model rockets, learning about Halley's comet and making hot air balloons.

Other Young Astronaut chapters — there are now 14 in Delaware, including one at Gauger Middle School — stress other areas, such as computers.

Holoviak's group meets once a week. To remain active, students must earn good grades. Those

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week. To remain active, students must earn good grades. Those with F's are not allowed to participate while those with D's are put on probation until the grades improve.

"The purpose," Holoviak said, "is to build stronger academic success in the maths and sciences."

The program itself provides students a variety of learning experiences. They recently visited Mt. Cuba observatory and Holoviak has planned additional trips to Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and the NASA center at Langley Air Force Base.

"My job is providing as many experiences as I can to these kids," he said.

"he said

Although Young Astronauts is geared toward math and the sciences, Holoviak said it is struc-tured to provide students skills in

language arts and social studies as well.

as well.

It is the variety of experiences and educational possibilities which excites him. "The diversity of it," he said. "These kids are getting something beyond the normal classroom. They've volunteered their time to learn. It's fun, and it's free."

Students participate at no cost thanks to the Kirk Middle School PTA and strong support from the

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Lally, an eighth grader, said students don't mind giving up their free time for Young Astronauts. "We don't do anything after school anyway," she said, "and it's only one hour of our time."

"It's fun." added George Lutz and Mary Bush.

Lisa Rakus was enjoying the task at hand. "I never thought I would be able to make a paper balloon, fill it with air and set it off. That's exciting!"

The balloons were unveiled Tuesday night during the school's annual Christmas program.

Members of the Kirk chapter are: Daniel Ambrose, Mary Bush, Michelle Daniels, Chris Frock, Mike Grunza, James Hoosty, Teresa Hunt, Becky Jacobs, Keith Kendall, Chris Lally, Matt Lowe, George Lutz, Nicole Marioneaux, Robert Martin, Aaron Matocha, Lisa Rakus, John Ramirez, Sean Riley, Wendy Roth, Lisa Rutkowski, Keith Singleton, George Son, Helen Strickland, Vik Varma, Fran Veltre, Jennifer Walters, Brian Windsor, Lauren Wisniewsi and Steven Wykpisz.



SCHOOL FILE

Newark High

Holiday concert

The Newark High School Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble will present a free holiday concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

"The band members want to show their appreciation for the support of the band by the com-munity this fall," said Newark High director of bands Lloyd H. Ross.

The public is invited to the Christmas Concert which will be held in the Newark High auditorium at 8 p.m.

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Dameron announced that the largest American air transport company at that time wanted to build an airport to be used as a regular landing place for both passengers and freight being carticle areas of the control of the second control of the s passengers and freight being car-ried across a Canadian-Cuban air

The field where the landing place would have been established had been used for a number of years by Herman R. Tyson, noted horse trainer and rider, to work out his string of racing horses. There was a half mile track on the property that was scheduled to be removed for the aurheld. The field where the landing

The property was said to be idently located for such a purpose as Dameron was proposing because it extended from the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad to the main line of the Railroad to the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It offered an unobstructed runway of 3,000 feet from north to south and 2,000 feet east to west

Dameron hoped to have it ready for use by June of 1931 and the government was to be petitioned to provide beacon and flood lights for the operation. The field had already been used for quite some time tor the landing of commercial planes.

Hangers were to be installed when they were needed, and rail sidings were to be constructed immediately to both rail lines.

Passengers and freight were to be carried from Canada to Newark and from Cuba to Newark, then transported by rail to various locations. Sleeper cars were to be provided for passengers to continue their trip at night to their destinations or to other airfields.

The businessmen of Newark were greatly enthused about the project and had hoped that Newark would become the largest airport on the eastern seaboard.

The plan was discontinued when the decision was made to instead use New Castle County airport, which is now Greater Wilmington Airport, because it was not only more accessible by roadway but was also accessible to Wilmington's rail and port facilities.

The Dameron farm was located on a tract of land which now encompasses Newark High School, the Institute of Energy Conversion on Wyoming Road ex-tension and the College Square Shopping Center Shopping Center.

Bob Thomas is an officer of the Newark Historical Society. He writes each week about the history of Greater Newark.

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Newark Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Andre is somewhat shy but has many friends at school and in his grandmother's neighborhood.

He is, according to his mother, "well managed and association."

He is, according to his mother, "well mannered and rarely needs to be disciplined at home or at school." Andre lives with his mother and a six-year-old brother in Newark, and he has been waiting for a successful match with a Big Brother for two years.

Andre enjoys all sports, especially football, baseball, basketball and soccer. He played on the Shue team in the Capitol Trail Junior Football League this season.

season.

Andre has also been very active in Cub Scouts in the past. When Andre is not outdoors, he can be found watching television or movies.

movies.

Although school is not a problem, Andre sometimes finds it difficult to motivate himself to do homework. He would benefit greatly if a volunteer could help him in this area.

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Andre has been waiting two years for a successful match with a Big Brother.

help him meet new people would also be a positive influence. While he comes from a very large, very close-knit family, Andre needs ex-posure outside the family to ex-

perience new and different things.
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The Newark Jaycees are working hard to make this Christmas season a special one for Delawareans in need.

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More than 100 persons were served Christmas dinner by the chapter at the Newark Senior Center last Sunday. This was the fourth annual Christmas dinner for needy families and senior citizens given by the Jaycees, with all food prepared and served by chapter members.

Also this month, the Newark Jaycees visited more than 400 homes in the Newark area to collect canned goods with more than 1,100 items donated. These food items were taken to Wilmington's

Caroling on the Square today to be distributed to help needy families throughout Delaware.

According to Michael Yoder, president of the Newark chapter, "The Newark Jaycees would like to thank all of the families who shared their Christmas with those less fortunate and made our first annual food drive such a success."

Newark Lions

Fruit cake sale

The Newark Lions Club is holding its annual fund raising fruit cake sale.

Money generated by the sale is used for a variety of community services, including eye care, help with hearing problems, health services and educational and recreational activities for young people. tional activities for young people

The cost of the fruit cakes is \$2.75 per pound. They can be pur-chased from any Newark Lions Club member, or by calling 731-5408 or 737-1253 after 5 p.m.

Brandywine

Christmas displays

"A Brandywine Christmas," a special celebration at Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford Pa., will run Nov. 29-Jan. 5.

The event features a layout of Ogauge model trains running over 1,200 feet of track, Christmas trees decorated with fanciful natural ornaments, Ann Wyeth McCoy's antique dolls and colorful art.

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Public speaking awards

Chad Nelson, 13, of Newark took first place in the junior division of the Delaware 4-H public speaking contest held recently at New Cas-tle County's Harmony Grange. Nelson's speech was entitled "More Than Just An Orange Blob."

Bambi Biggs of Felton took first place in the senior division. The 17-year-old spoke on "Missing

Second place in the Senior divi-Second place in the Senior division went to 15-year-old Elizabeth Jackson of Seaford) for her speech entitled "Teenage Suicide." Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Anderson of Wilmington placed third in the senior division with "The New Jen."

"The Call Of The Wild" won 13-year-old Sherry Sharpe of Wyoming second place in the junior division. Twelve-year-old Ginger Hastings of Bridgeville won third place in the division with "What I

place in the division with "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up."

The 4-H public speaking contest is intended to develop poise and

Judges for the contest were Robin Vagenas, Department of Communications, University of Delaware, and G. Thomas Sand-bach, a Wilmington attorney.

Senior Center

Calendar of events

The Newark Senior Center, ocated at 300 E. Main St., has cheduled the following activities: Friday, Dec. 20
9 a.m., bowling, Blue Hen

9:30 a.m., shopping.

10 a.m., signing group. Monday, Dec. 23 10 a.m., knitting instruction.

10 a.m., crafts 11 a.m., exercise 12:30 p.m., Monday Movie Matinee.

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12:45 p.m., canasta.

12:45 p.m., bingo.
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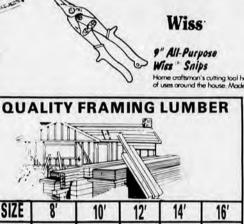


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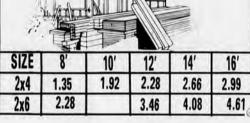
Jillian Sposato, who just turned 1 YEAR OLD, waves Merry Christmas to All from the arms of her father,

Charles Sposato. Her mother, Joyce, was busy taking the pic-ture, but joined the family in wishing all a Happy Yulatide

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Newark 4-H club helps the needy

Brenda Farabaugh organizes drive

I can see a world without lots of things, but I can't see a world without sharing.

by Neil Thomas

when Brenda Farabaugh wakes up Christmas morning, it will be with a special sense of the holiday of sharing. When Brenda Farabaugh wakes

or snaring.

Farabaugh, a 16-year-old

Newark resident, recently

organized a drive in her Fantasticks 4-H Club to sponsor two

needy families.
Club members collected canned goods, and purchased and wrap-ped gifts for the families. The families were identified through the Catholic St. Vincent de Paul Society, which will distribute the "I'll feel good knowing I have given someone else something," said Farabaugh of her community service effort.

"It worked out really well," the St. Mark's High School junior add-ed. "Everybody (In the club) came through with their stuff and they were really good about it."

Farabaugh got the idea during a 4-H forum on citizenship. "Every year we exchange only the names of people in our club," she said. "I wanted to do something different, to give rather than receive."

So she contacted the St. Vincent de Paul Society, then began seek-

ing the help of fellow Fantasticks.

Farabaugh wasn't sure how her idea would go over with the full club. But when she asked the 43 club members to donate 50 cents each for the food, one stood up and asked if she could give more.

Members purchased a variety of goods, including hams, as well as pants, shirts, toys, gloves, hats and scarves. Then they met to wrap the goods in Christmas

Farabaugh hopes this will be the start of an annual club tradition. "I hope we do continue. It's a neat thing to do, sharing," she said.



Brenda Farabaugh (left) presents gifts for needy families to Harold Clawson of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Farabaugh organized a collection among The Fantasticks 4-H Club members to benefit two families at Christmas. With Brenda are Ralph Farabaugh and Sean O'Donnell, both club members, and Lydia Phalen, club leader.

CHURCH FILE

Christmas events

Newark Methodist

Newark Methodist

The United Methodist Church will sponsor a special Christmas program to air at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 on the Christian Broadcasting Network

Entitled "Catch the Spirit of Christmas," the program will feature Minnie Pearl, Edie Adams, Gene Cotton and John Anthony of the Metropolitan Opera.

"We are so pleased to have our church give this gift to the nation and to our Delmarva neighbors, as well as our own families," said the Rev. Susan Keirn Kester, director of communications for the Peninsla Conference of the United Methodist Church.

"We hope it will bring the real spirit of Christmas into every viewing home," she added.

The theme "Catch the Spirit" will be part of a new nation-wide publicity campaign by the church. It will also be the theme of the Peninsula Annual Conference to be held May 19-22 in Dover.

Healing Mass

St. Mary church

The Diocese of Wilmington Healing Ministry will hold the January Diocesan Healing Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin at 8 p.m. Fri-

day, Jan. 3.
Celebrant for the Mass will be
Rev. James M. Jackson, director
of the Diocesan Healing Ministry.
Jackson is also associate pastor at
Holy Rosary church in Claymont.
Deacon Howard J. O'Connor of
Holy Femily parish in Newark

Holy Family parish in Newark will be the homilist for the service.

Music for the Mass will be offered by Kevin J. Sullivan of Holy Fami-ly of Newark.

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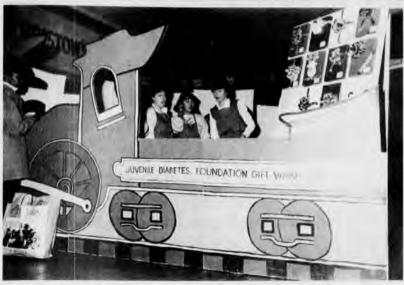
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The second annual Gift Wrap Express sponsored by the First State Chapter of the Juvenile

State Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be open during all mall hours through Tuesday, Dec. 24.

It is located in the gaily colored train booth near the J.C. Penney's store, and is also sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Delaware.

A dozen different styles of wrap are offered, with prices determined by the size of the package. Volunteers last year were willing to try almost anything, wrapping to try almost anything, wrapping to try almost anything, wrapping

golf club bags and microwave ovens, exercise machines sausages for Christmas giving

Last year's express proved to be a financial success for the fouryear-old volunteer fund raising

year-old volunteer fund raising organization, wrapping up more than \$5,000 for diabetes research. Pepsi Bottling Co. sponsored the Gift Wrap Express last Christmas.

Since it was chartered in 1982, the First State Chapter of JDF has raised more than \$16,000 for research. It is one of more than 170 chapters nation-wide that have brought in close to \$30 million since the organization's founding in 1970 by the Philadelphia mother of a juvenile diabetic. of a juvenile diabetic

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Delaware's chapter was founded and given focus by a former Newark resident, Christine Kuipers, who served as the chapter's president for the first

chapter's president for the first three years.

She was joined by three other Newark residents, all of whom had been touched in some way by diabetes. Cornella Well and Kuipers are both parents of young diabetic herself, and Linda Tease had a grandparent who was an insulin dependent diabetic.

"Our members are convinced that we can bring about a cure faster by funding research and clinical trials," said Kuipers.

She also knew that the organization must grow to fulfill its function, so the four charter members with their families and friends set up a JDF booth at the 1982 Newark Community Days, offering cookbooks by soap opera star Gloring Loring. A drawing was held for a signed copy of the cookbook and from those names a mailing list was created.

Today the chapter has 93 family memberships and a mailing list of more than 500 persons.

That first year, the chapter raffled a hot air balloon ride and held a spring research symposium at the University of Delaware's Clayton Center. University President E.A. Trabant donated the room and three researchers donated their time to inform the public about such recent advances in diabetes research as the insulin pump and pancreas transplants.

By the second year, the chapter was recognized by the Wilmington Jaycees with a \$1,000 gift check. Wawa Dairies donated a "Sugar Baby" doll to the chapter, which was then given to the Wilmington Medical Center to help young diabetics learn how to give themselves injections. Alpha Gamma Delta sorority began to hold regular fund raisers for the chapter as well.

The First State Chapter held a celebrity auction in October 1983 in which items were requested from well-known movie, TV and sports personages and then sold for the charity. Among the more exciting contributions were a sculpture by local artist Eric

Parks, a Windjammer cruise, a score from Barry Manilow's "Copa" and an autographed script from "MASH."

In May 1983, Delaware Focus on Diabetes Day was held in Rodney Square during which hot air balloon tickets were sold and the latest in diabetes related therapy was demonstrated. A Hobic cat regatta to benefit JDF helped bring the chapter's total donation that year to \$9,000, and it received the New Chapter Award from the national organization.

By the third year, the First State Chapter was truly statewide with members in all three counties. Its first Gift Wrap Express took off at Christiana Mall.

Other organizations began to offer their support. The Avendale

Other organizations began to offer their support. The Avondale Jaycees held a JDF garage sale and the Wilmington Chi Omega alumni chapter also raised money for the organization. A second and third research symposium were held in Wilmington in conjunction with the American Diabetes Association Delaware Affiliate (ADA).

"It's like the Ethiopian proverb," said Kuipers. "A million spider webs can trap a lion. We've been very fortunate in having an extremely active and dynamic group. We are foremost a fund raising organization, but we are also a research news network and our individual members lobby for diabetes research."

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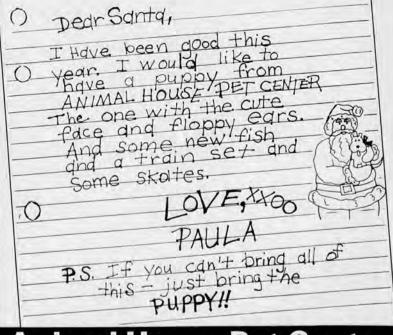
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THE ARTS

by Phil Toman



When the "Caravan to Ken-nedy" leaves Delaware to head for the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 16, many Newark area people will be on board and have key roles is the evant.

be on board and have key roles in the event.

What is the caravan? What's it all about? It is the most exciting thing our Delaware Symphony Orchestra has done and it is a first for the nation. A group called The Friends of the Kennedy Center appointed by President Ronald Reagan has invited the Delaware Symphony to be the

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Ronald Reagan has invited the
Delaware Symphony to be the
first participants in a program
which will eventually encompass
a key performing group from
every state in the country.
February 16 has been
designated "Delaware Day at the
Kennedy Center." More than
2,000 Delaware residents will
journey to our nation's capital
for a day-long series of events
culminating in the Kennedy
Center Concert Hall with a performance by the Delaware Symphony under the direction of
Stephen Gunzenhauser.
Buses from all over the First
State will depart at about 9 a.m.
A private Amtrak train will leave
Pennsylvania Station in Wilmington at about the same time.
Private cars will be moving
down 1-95 all day long.
As if the concert at the Kennedy Center weren't enough,
Gov. Michael N. Castle will hold
a reception in the Kennedy
Atrium and a Dim Sum is being
hosted by the embassy of the

Holiday exhibit

Change in schedule

The Delaware Art Museum's holiday exhibition of "Antique Dolls, Toys and Teddybears" will close two days earlier than originally announced.

932-9946

Peoples' Republic of China.
Other special events, including back stage tours, a film about the Kennedy Center and luncheons, are also on the bill.
The orchestra program will be the climax and feature two premieres. Gunzenhauser and the orchestra will open with Ellen Taaffe Zwilich's "Celebration for Orchestra," a Washington premiere. Next is a work by a Chinese composer, Du Ming-Xin. It is the East Coast premier of a violin concerto

ming-Xin. It is the East Coast premier of a violin concerto featuring Takako Nishizaki as guest soloist.

The second half of the program will be a performance of Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3, called the "Organ" symphony. William A. Owen III will be the organ soloist.

soloist.

The days activities begin as early as 10 a.m. The concert will begin at 3 p.m.

There are still some spaces left for those seeking public transportation. Bus fare is \$16. Private
Amtrak train passage is \$37.50 Amtrak train passage is \$37.50. Concert tickets range from \$11.50 to \$16.50, with a few \$25 box seats

left.
All arrangements must be made with Jyo Patel at the Welcome Aboard Travel Center in the Wilmington Radisson Hotel. Even the concert tickets are at Welcome Aboard, not the Symphony Office.
Come along for a most exciting day and enjoy the orchestra and our nation's capital on a day set aside for all of Delaware.

The exhibition, which includes American and European pieces from antique dealer Richard Wright's collection, will remain on display until Sunday, Dec. 29.

The museum's traditional display of 18th century Neapolitan Creche figures will remain on exhibit through Jan. 1, 1986.

The museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free.

932-4326



Part of the Newark contingent leading the "Caravan to Kennedy" on Feb. 16 will be associate professors of music Jay Hildebrandt. bass trombone, and Alan Hamant, trumpet, both members of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra. Orchestra interns Lois Sherman, Jennifer Torbert and Christine Neuzil have been working on the trip for over three months under the direction of the or-chestral Principle 1. Johnson

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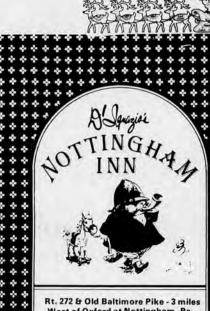
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New Ark Chorale

Christmas concert

The New Ark Chorale will pre-sent a Christmas concert on Satur-

sent a Christmas concert on Satur-day, Dec. 21.

This season's concert will pre-sent a collection of carols and other Christmas music. The pro-gram will range from the old, Orlando Gibbons "Magnificat" to the new Luboff carol ar-rangements and PDQ Bach's carols.

carols.

The hour-long concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the St Thomas Episcopal Church on South College Avenue in Newark.

No admission will be charged, but free donations will be received.

ed.

The 20-voice New Ark Chorale is beginning its ninth year as a recognized, quality choral ensemble in Delaware. It is under the leadership of a new music director, Susie Johnson.

It has appeared throughout the Delaware Valley presenting a variety of classical choral literature.

literature.

literature.

Johnson is a graduate in music from East Carolina University.

The New Ark Chorale will share its Christmas program with the residents of Main Towers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Playhouse

Mini series

The Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington has announced a three-show subscription series featuring Tony Award winner "The Tap Dance Kid," Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" and Marlo Thomas in the Mike Nichols-directed "Social Security." Security

For information, call The Playhouse at 656-4401.

Schwartz

Photos on display

The work of photographer Douglas Schwartz is on display at the Newark Free Library, 750 Library Avenue. The exhibit will run until Jan. 4. The library is open 10 a.m. to 9

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p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. A Newark resident, Schwartz photographs the state's parks and other natural areas. His color nature photography has been recently exhibited at the

His color nature photography has been recently exhibited at the Newark Municipal Building. He has also displayed some of his work at the Rehobeth Art League. As well, his photographs appear on the front and back covers as well as inside the fall 1985 issue of Delaware Conservationist Magazine.

Schwartz has received photographic training from the School of Modern Photography. New Jersey, and has studied under master photographer Eliot Porter at the Maine Photographic Workshops.

Marionettes

'A Christmas Carol'

The Broadway Marionettes will perform Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 21 at The Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington. Cost of unreserved seating for 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. performances Friday is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Cost of reserved seating for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. performances Saturday is \$7 for orchestra, \$6 for mezzanine and \$4 for balcony.

For information, call The Playhouse at 656-4401.

Drawings

Delaware Art Museum

An exhibition entitled "Selections from the Drawing Collection of the Delaware Art Museum" will be on display at the museum's Downtown Gallery from Dec. 30 through Jan. 29.

Works from the 1850's through the 1970's will be exhibited in this selection from the Museum's permanent collection of drawings.

Artists include: illustrators F.O. C. Darley, Bertha Corson Day-Bates, and Violet Oakley; members of "The Eight." John Sloan, William Glackens, and George Luks; and contemporary Sloan, William Glackens, and George Luks; and contemporary

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Auditions

Delaware Symphony

The Delaware Symphony Orchestra will hold open violin auditions on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Openings include two permanent section openings along
with substitute positions.

The Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Stephen Gunzenhauser,
music director, presents more
than 40 concerts each season in
Delaware and surrounding states.
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Hunter, Delaware Symphony
Association, P.O. Box 1870, Wilmington, Delaware 19899.

Art show

Artists' council

The Council of Delaware Ar-tists' "Members' Holiday Show" will be on view from Dec. 6-31 in Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware's north campus in

Newark.

The exhibition is being sponsored by the university's Division of Continuing Education.

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Featured will be two-dimensional work in oil, acrylic, watercolor, handmade paper and other media, as well as three-dimensional pieces in wood, stone and plaster. All artwork will be available for purchase, and purchased work may be removed on Monday, Dec. 23, in time for holiday giving.

A special feature of the exhibit will be a free public film program on British painter David Hockney and Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi on Sunday, Dec. 15. The film program will be presented from 3-4 p.m., and a reception for the artists in the exhibition will be held from 4-5 p.m.

The "Members' Holiday Show" will be on display from 8 a.m. 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fridays. For weekend hours, call the Clayton Hall front dest, talenberg 45:11299

desk, telephone 451-1259.

The exhibition will be closed Dec. 24-26.

For sales or exhibition informa-tion, contact Patricia C. Kent, telephone 451-8841.

Archmere

Christmas concert

Archmere Academy's Christmas concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the Per-forming Arts Center Theater on

the Claymont campus.

The 41-voice Concert Choir, in-The 41-voice Concert Choir, in-cluding three accompanists, will perform Christmas selections under the direction of Mary Ellen Hostetter. The Archmere Concert Band will also screnade guests with their Christmas selections, under the direction of Joe San-tomauro.

Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Exhibition

Downtown Gallery

The exhibition entitled "Selections from the Museum's Sales and Rental Gallery" will be on display at the Delaware Art Museum's Downtown Gallery in Wilmington Nov. 25 through Dec. 24

The exhibition will include artwork for the holidays, plus a selection of paintings, prints and works
in other media by artists from
New York, Philadelphia,
Baltimore and Washington, D.C.
All works will be for sale or rent
and provide a comprehensive
view of the scope and nature of the
work available in the Delaware
Art Museum's Sales and Rental
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For more information on this and upcoming exhibitions at the Museum's Downtown Gallery, contact Lial A. Jones, curator, at the museum's education department, 571-9594. Enjoy &



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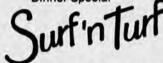
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ENTERTAINMENT

Newark's own banjo man

E. Lowell Jacobs enjoys lore, traditions of the mountains

by Anthony Arcaro

E. Lowell Jacobs of Newark made his first banjo before he could play one, back in 1976. Since then he has completed 49 handinstruments of various designs.

designs.

He got interested in bluegrass music by listening to the "Roots" program on WXDR-FM, the University of Delaware station. He also worked in Appalachia and was an avid reader of the "Foxfire Books." One book had instructions for building a banjo.

"I just decided, by golly, that I needed a banjo," said Jacobs. "They were expensive, so I decided to build one."

"It took me seven months to teach myself how to play the first recognizable tune after I finished it," he added.

He has done custom gun stocks

It, "he added.

He has done custom gun stocks
and wood carvings. But, said
Jacobs, "when you're finished
with a carving, it just sits there.
When you finish a banjo, its life is
just beginning."

It takes 40 to 200 hours to complete a banjo, depending on how fancy it is, he said.

Every 25th instrument is a fancy one, said Jacobs. "I know what the 75th will look like. It will have chrome-plated parts. The 100th may have gold inlaying."

An ebony fingerboard with hand-carved mother-of-pearl in-lays graces the neck of a banjo that sits on the workbench. It is the 50th that Jacobs will have made.

Some of the walnut that he used he cut himself and had milled. "Buying wood is an art in itself," said Jacobs. "This walnut! I bought from a little mill in Elkton," he said as he pointed to a stack of drying lumber piled against the back wall of the shop. "The maple is not available locally so I go to a lumber dealer in Baltimore for it."

When he finds a piece he likes, he knocks on it to try and tell what kind of resonance it will have.

Jacobs is a civil engineer, and he has incorporated the computer into his work. He uses it to calculate the spacing on the frest. "It's not traditional," he pointed

He also sells kits which range from square blocks of wood that you cut yourself to kits with all the machine work done that are ready for finishing and hardware.

Jacobs' mountain banjos sell for Jacobs mountain banjos seit for \$195 and \$225 with a case, depen-ding on the style. A top-grade ban-jo can have \$500 in parts alone, said Jacobs. It all depends on what the customer wants.

No two instruments are ever alike, he said. Although the com-ponents are standard, the or-namentation is different on every

He takes pleasure in his work, and once sent a banjo to a blacksmith in Maine with a chickadee perched on a pine cone carved on the back. "I didn't



E. Lowell Jacobs crafts mountain banjos in a studio in his Devon home. He says the hobby is good

charge him for it," Jacobs said.
"In fact, he didn't even order it. I just couldn't send a banjo all the way to Maine without the state

"Building banjos is a great hob-

by, but nobody should do it for a living," he said. "I don't make any money on it." "Being a civil engineer feeds my family," said Jacobs. "Building banjos feeds my soul."

Rolling thunder



NewArk Post carriers enjoy party

More than 100 carriers of The NewArk Post recently enjoyed a 'oller skating party at the Christiana Skating Rink. The party was given as a reward for their hard work, and another is planned this spring. Taking a break from skating are (from left) Heather Colella, Damon and Dawn Heck, Chris Bowser and Jeff Tucker.

ENTERTAINMENT FILE

Art Council

Nominations sought

Individuals and organizations are invited to make nominations for the grant review panels which evaluate applications for funding by the Delaware State Art Coun-

Panels are divided into the discipline areas of: dance and theatre; literature; music and opera; visual arts and primary institutions.

stitutions.

The panels will meet in late April and early May 1986 to make recommendations to the Delaware State Arts Council. The Council has the final responsibility for granting funds.

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Nominees may be leaders of arts organizations, artists, arts administrators, and persons who are interested and knowledgeable arts specialists. Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations must include a resume and one letter of recommendation and are due Jan. 31, 1986.

Panelists who are involved directly with an applicant organization will be required to submit a standard conflict of interest statement to the Council and will be excused during deliberations on that organization's application.

For further information, contact the Council at 571-3540 or write: Delaware State Arts Council, Carvel State Bldg., 820 N. French St., Wilmington, Del. 19801.

Exhibit

Moyer, Herron

The portrait etchings of David The portrait etchings of David Moyer and the paintings and prints of Tod Herron will be on display through January at the Delaware State Arts Council Gallery I located on the mezzanine level of the Carvel State

zanine level of the Carvel State Building in Wilmington.

Moyer received his master of fine arts degree in 1980 from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. He is currently exhibiting in both national and international galleries with exhibits in Bonn, Cologne, and Friederichsdorf, West Germany.

Moyer, who is also an experienced etching press designer

and manufacturer, is included in the private collections of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mondale and the Macedonia Center for Contem-porary Art in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Greece.

Herron received his master of fine arts degree in 1984 from the University of Delaware. His work, involving a variety of media while utilizing a vast array of imagery, is grounded in the concept of views parentine.

is grounded in the concept of visual narrative. Herron's exhibitions include selection in the 59th SAGA National Print Exhibition at Cooper Union, N.Y., the National Competitive Graphics Exhibition at Appleton, Wis., and the 60th Annual International Competition at the Philadelphia Print Club where he received the Robert M. Walker Award.

The artist is also included in the permanent collection of the Philadelphia Art Museum.

There will be an artists' reception on Friday, Jan. 10, 1986 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited.

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Gallery II

Tiller, Longhi

The airbrush art of Allen Tiller and metal sculpture and jewelry by Betty Helen Longhi will be on view through January at the Delaware State Arts Council Gallery II located on the first floor of the Carvel State Building in Wilmington.

Tiller received his associates

Tiller received his associates degree in 1978 from the Art In-stitute of Philadelphia. He was instructor of airbrush technique at the Art Institute of Philadelphia from the advent of the curriculum in 1978 until 1982.

Tiller is currently a free lance il-lustrator creating art for Citicorp, Hunt Speedball and Philadelphia Magazine.

Magazine.
Longhi, a 1984 Delaware State
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fellowship winner, received her
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Longhi has received numerous national awards for her work in metal and is represented by a number of galleries including the Neil Isman Gallery in New York City and the Works Gallery in Philadelphia.

The current exhibit marks a departure from Longhi's previous efforts towards the development of sculptural forms in a greater dimensional scale.

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A morning snack with Santa will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 at the West Park Center cafeteria.

The event is for children 8 and under. Parents must stay with their children, and parents are encouraged to bring cameras.

Admission is 50 cents per child and \$1 per adult.

The event is sponsored by the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation, the White Clay Kiwanis and Mr. Donut.

For information, call the Department at 366-7080.

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Newark Co-operative Preschool is the only co-operative preschool in Newark. The school's philosophy is to actively involve parents in every phase of their child's education. Parents assist Kathy Hyde, a certified teacher in the classroom, sit on the board of directors and participate in a variety of other ways.

The preschool offers morning classes for three-year-olds two days a week and morning and afternoon classes for four year olds three days a week. There are several openings in the morning for four year old class.

For information, call the school at 368-0178.

Christmas lights tours

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The second annual Christmas lights train tours will be held by the Wilmington & Western Railroad Dec. 27-29.

Trains will depart from the railroad's Greenbank Station complex just north of the intersection of Del. 2 and Del. 41 near Prices Corner. Prices Corner.

tion of Del. 2 and Del. 41 near Prices Corner.

"This is a perfect family outing for the holidays," said R. Spencer Wood, president and chairman of the board of Historic Red Clay Valley. The organization owns and operates Delaware's only tourist passenger railroad.

The train will wind its way up the Red Clay Valley to Barley Mill Road and return. Along the right-of-way will be displays of Christmas lights by local residents and Historic Red Clay Valley.

At the railroad's Greenbank Station, will be model train displays in one of the railroad's vintage cars. A miniature village and antique train display will be in the historic Yorklyn Station of the railroad's Greenbank Station, will be restored Kennedyville Station ticket office and snack bar, and all buildings will be tastefully decorated with lights.

Tickets for the train, which in-

be tasterully decorated lights.

Tickets for the train, which include admission to all displays and the hot punch and cookies, are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2-12. Children under two will be admitted free. Paid reservations will be accepted until Dec. 95

Calendar

Newark Co-op

Parents from the Newark Cooperative Preschool are selling a
unique calendar, designed for
families with two-to-five year olds
in the household.
"Two to Five and Very Alive" is
illustrated with computer
graphics and features monthly
suggestions for keeping
preschoolers amused and entertained.
Authors Debby Tennant and Sue

tained.

Authors Debby Tennant and Sue Young, Co-op members, offer a year full of suggestions aimed at making parenting a little easier and a lot more fun.

The calendar contains listings of interesting places to visit, suggestions for rainy day activities, recipes for fun dough, paste and finger paints, and hints on such topics as tollet training and choosing a nursery school.

Additionally, the calendar includes reviews of books for and about children, safety tips, finger games and more.

games and more

For those friends and relatives on your holiday shopping list who want to quit smoking, there is now a new home video from the Delaware Lung Association.

The program is called "In Con-trol: A Freedom From Smoking Program." It is based on the most recent smoking and nicotine research available.

gives supplementary information on diet and exercise, and an audio cassette that has been developed to enhance motivation and relaxa-

The video is hosted by Dr. Nina Schneider, the program director for smoking cessation at the UCLA Center for Health Enhancement and a research psychologist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Los Angeles.

For information, contact the Delaware Lung Association at 655-7258.

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The videotape also features San Diego baseball star Steve Garvey, who gives additional information and demonstrates some helpful

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Thomas Bradley and sister Kelly Bradley enjoy an outing at Christiana Mall.

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This King penguin will be greeting visitors to the Delaware Fig. 1. Seum of Natural History during children's week Dec. 26-9111.

Kids' week slated

"Winter Children's Week" will be held at the Delaware Museum of Natural History Thursday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Dec. 30.

The theme this year is treasure from the earth, with hundreds of specimens in the mineral and gem exhibit on display.

The Discovery Room, open every day during Children's Week, will feature sparkling activities, rocky games, crystalclear workshops, and inorganic prizes.

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Movies, including two Walt
Disney classics selected especially for children, will be shown four
times daily in the auditorium.

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The Delaware Museum of Natural History is located on Kennett Pike (Del. 52) five miles northwest of Wilmington. "Winter Children's Week" hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for senior citizens, students, and children six and over. Children under six are admitted free of charge.

For more information, call 658-9111.

Hikes

Trail Club

Three Christiana area hikes will be among five outings offered during the holiday season by the Witmington Trail Club. Scheduled hikes are as follows:

«Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Yvonne Blades (239-5994) will lead an easy five-mile hike along the Christiana River and around the historic village of Christiana. Hikers will cat lunch bow!" in

eat lunch by the "punch bowl" in Punchbowl Woods. Participants will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Chris-tiana Mall, to the right of J.C. Pen-

will "eet at 130 a.m. at Christiana Mall, to the right of J.C. Penney's.

*Saturday, Dec. 21 —
Christmas in New Hope, Pa. will be celebrated with an easy 11-mile blike along the towpath of the Delaware Canal. Hikers will meet at 7:30 a.m. behind the Delaware Trust Co. building in Fairfax. Participants should bring lunch, water and a hot drink. For information, call Maggi Donovan at 737-6638.

*Sunday, Dec. 22 — Carol Bell (731-5063) and Peg Haverfield (433-0919) will lead a six-mile Newark hike from Peg's to Carol's and back. Hikers will hike three miles to Peg's for Christmas punch and three miles back to Carol's for supper. Participants will meet by the Acme at University Plaza at 1 p.m.

*Saturday, Dec. 28 — A hike on 10 miles of easy wood trails and roads will be held on Elk Neck in Cecil County, Md. Participants will meet in the parking lot of

Greater Wilmington Airport at 8:30 a.m., and should bring snack and water. For information, call Vince Buckley at 475-1737.

*Sunday, Dec. 29 — Carol Bell (731-5063) and Shirley Ladio (429-1890) will lead a four-six mile tour of historic Christiana and the Christina River, Hikers will meet at Greater Wilmington Airport at 1p.m.

Birds

Identification courses

The Delaware Museum of Natural History is sponsoring two courses in bird identification this

winter.
"Feeder Birds" is a short course for beginners on the identification of the 40 species of birds that occur commonly at winter bird feeders in the tri-state area.

Specimens from the museum's collections will be used in conjunction with slides, handouts, and a brief lecture. Students are asked to bring a field guide (preferably by Robbins of by Peterson) to the course.

The "Feeder Birds" course will be held 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12. The course fee is \$8 for museum members, \$10 for nonembers. Minimum age for enrollment is 12 years. The instructor will be David Niles.

"Bird Identification" is a ten-

termediate birders on the iden-tification of bird species occuring in the tri-state area.

Special emphasis will be placed on the recognition of families of birds and on comparisons among confusing and similar species. Specimens from the museum's collections will be used with slides and lectures. A copy of Peterson's "A Field Guide to the Birds" will be provided at no additional charge to each paid registrant.

"Bird Identification" will be "Bird Identification" will be held on February 8, 15, 22, March 1, and 8 (five successive Satur-days). Participants may register for either the morning (10 a.m. -noon) or afternoon (1 p.m. - 3

The course fee is \$20 for museum members, \$25 for non-members. Minimum age for enrollment is 12 years. The instructors will be Gene Hess and David Niles.

To register for either course, write your name, address, and phone number and enclose registration fee (make checks payable to DMNH) and write on check "Feeder Birds" or "Bird I.D. Course." Mail to: The Delaware Museum of Natural History "Bird Workshops," P.O. Box 3937, Greenville, DE 19807.

The Delaware Museum of Natural History is located five miles northwest of Wilmington on Del. 52 (the Kennett Pike). For further information, call 658-9111.

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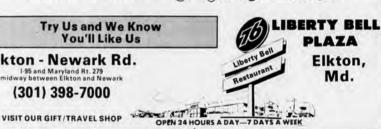
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Winterthur

Yuletide tours

"Yuletide at Winterthur," special tours of Winterthur Museum and Gardens, is being held through Dec. 29.

Visitors are divided into small groups for guided one-hour tours of a selection of room settings decorated to reflect traditional holiday and wintertime entertain

Tours are available 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Satur-days, and 1-6:30 p.m. Sundays. Evening candlelight tours will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays during December.

Reservations are required for all tours. For information, telephone 654-1548.

Applications

Master gardener

The Delaware Cooperative Ex-The Delaware Cooperative Ex-tension Service is accepting ap-plications for its Master Gardener program, which will be launched next spring in New Castle County. Similar volunteer programs are operating successfully in 38 states across the country.

Participants need not be county residents, but they must be able to work in New Castle County after they complete their training. They will receive 45 hours of intensive horticultural training in return for an equal number of hours of volunteer service to be spent help-ing the extension service increase gardening awareness, solve gardening problems and serve the gardening public.

"If you have gardening ex-perience either professionally or as a hobby, enjoy gardening, would like to help your communi-ty, want to learn more about gardening or are interested in developing new extension hor-ticultural programs, then materdeveloping new extension horticultural programs, then master gardening is for you," says University of Delaware extension horticulturist Sue Barton, organizer of Delaware's pilot program.

Eventually she hopes to see it expand to all three counties in the state.

The first Master Gardener training course will begin March 3, 1986, in Townsend Hall at the University of Delaware in Newark. Sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 14. For more information write the New Castle County Extension Office, Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. 19717-1903, or call 451-2506.

Rockwood

Candlelight tours

Rockwood Museum, a restored Victorian mansion, will be decorated for the holiday season with a traditional Christmas tree, toys, stockings hung on the mantle, a turkey dinner and live greens Dec. 10-Jan. 4.

Visitors will experience Christmas as it was celebrated 100 years ago in each room of the

A Christmas tree in the drawing room is decorated with candies, cookies, and fruit, as well as the usual paper and glass ornaments. Beneath the tree are toys and gifts, including a train, doll house, doll sled, toy village and more.

The dining room table has been set for the traditional turkey din-ner and its accompaniments, in-cluding riced potatoes, pate en croute, pickled peaches and plum pudding.

Upstairs, a dollies' Christmas party takes place in a little girl's bedroom, and dolls gather around a Victorian feather tree. In Mother's room, Christmas stockings are being opened. Hidden away near the servant's wing, children have been making Christmas ornaments and gifts.

Typical flowering plants and arrangements fill the rooms, including the 1851 conservatory, which was restored last year.

Candlelight tours of the museum will be held 7-9 p.m. Dec. 17-19. Music performances will take place during the tour, and visitors may enjoy a cup of wassail and refreshments after the tour. Reservations are required and the cost is \$5 per person.

Victorian Christmas tours are available 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesdays - Saturdays. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and \$1 for children 5-16. Groups should call for reserva-tions.

Rockwood, located at 610 Shipley Road in Wilmington, is about one mile from Exit 9 off In-terstate 95. For information, call 571-7776.

Rockwood is administered by New Castle County's Department of Parks and Recreation.

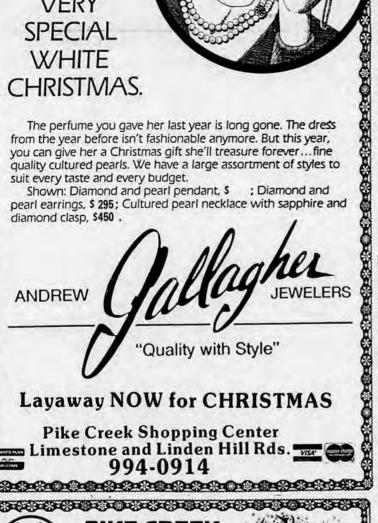
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OPINION

Having enjoyed the broad boulevards which were carved from Plymouth, England followfrom Plymouth, England following the devastating bombing runs of World War II, Jean White of Radcliffe Drive had a peculiar thought one day while driving down Kirkwood Highway.

"There is only one solution for this terrible urban sprawl," she said during the Dec. 9 meeting of Newark City Council. "Bomb it and start from scratch."

Of course, White admitted that solution is a little drastic but she and many other Newarkers are expressing very real concern

expressing very real concern about the look and feel of our ci-

Trees are fast giving way to blacktop and open fields to housing developments. Two-lane roads are growing to four-lane highways, and even they remain jammed with cars.

Newark may retain the feel of a small town, but there is a growing feeling it may be losing the look of a small town.

White was so disappointed by the lack of trees and green space

in the booming College Square shopping center that she offered to put up \$500 as the start of a fund to entice the developer to make some changes.

So what's to be done? That's a difficult question, considering the rapid pace of growth in Greater Newark. The area is plainly attractive to businessmen and housing developers.

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Zoning and subdivision requirements are major tools for maintaining the aesthetic qualities of the city. However, city officials are hamstrung by "grandfather zoning." Many proposals were approved 10-15 years ago, under different and more lemient zoning requirements.

"I really think it's a sin we have to live with some of these grandfather projects which exist," said Councilman John Suchanec, who added that the screening of the Barksdale Estates development leaves much to be desired. It was just such a project.

such a project.

Once a project has the city's approval, it can be difficult to get

a developer to go along with changes which will add to the aesthetic qualities of a project because those changes will cost the developer hard cash.

The city is concerned about the problem, and has made progress toward beautification. Traffic islands are models of landscaping creativity and may parking ing creativity and may parking as are screened by mounds and plantings.

But much does remain to be

done.

To be sure, we can't stop
Newark from growing. It will
never be the sleepy, rural town it
was 75 years ago. But there are
positive ways to grow and
negative ways to grow. It's up to
local residents to make sure
Newark retains its small town
look as well as fee!.

Now it's time for the first annual Scroogie Awards, given to the funniest and sappiest Christmas shows of the year. Let's start with the animated

division. It used to be that the Charlie Brown special was far

POSTSCRIPT

by Neil Thomas



and away my favorite, but I must admit that Dr. Seuss' Grinch has moved into a dead

heat.
Many people prefer the original story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — the one with Herbie the elf-dentist and Yukon Cornelius - to either

Yukon Cornelius — to either Charlie Brown or the Grinch.
I like it too, but not quite as much as the others. Who can resist the Peanuts kids singing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" or Grinch's loval but misused

dog Max?

Now for the musical division.
The late Bing Crosby once had a lock on the market, but since his death the field has been wide open. Personally, I'll take the Muppets (even with John Denver) any day. Perhaps it's just because I'm brainwashed—our three year old, Noah, listens to the soundtrack at least six times a night. times a night.

As for dramatic presentations, give me Scrooge, any Scrooge. Even Mr. Magoo Scrooge!



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Administered through the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, Drugged and Drunk Driver Awareness Month programs are designed to spread the most important holiday safety message: drugs and alcohol don't mix with driving.

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With the increased traffic that comes with this season and the celebrating that marks this time of the year. I am appealing to all Delawareans to drive carefully on our highways and please do not drink and drive.

If you are planning to host a holiday party, the Office of Highway Safety has free information and tips toward making your parties safe and enjoyable. If you would like further information, please call the Office of Highway Safety at 736-4475.

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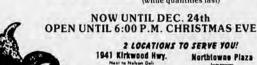


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by Rep. Tom Carper

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Delawareans have always been skeptical of ocean dumping. That skepticism became concern when the highly degraded municipal sludge dumspite 12 miles outside of New York Harbor was closed, and a dumpsite 140 miles off the Delmarva Peninsula was opened.

I have always supported measures to discourage the dangerous "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" mentality that ocean dumping perpetuates, but the amendments we adopted last week was streamer than ever With the new

ping perpetuates, but the amendments we adopted last week was stronger than ever. With the new restrictions we have ad-pted, ocean dumping may be out of sight, but it won't be out of mind.

With the passage of the Ocean Dumping Act Amendments of 1985, the House of Representatives adopted essentially all of the amendments I had introduced in the Merchant Marine and

Fisheries Committee earlier this year to discourage further ocean dumping and to encourage the development of safe, land-based disposal alternatives.

disposal alternatives.

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