

# DOVER

By MARGARET CREEL

## Churches

St. John's Church of Christ regular prayer meeting is held each Wednesday night at 7:30. Sister Bettie Kelly is the instructor.

St. John's Church of Christ's Christmas pageant will be held December 19th.

Dover United Methodist's Christmas play will be December 18th. Practice is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Dover United Methodist Men's Club will meet and have supper Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

## Visitors

Elder Kenneth Dunk of Ft. Worth Texas, a Dover native, was recently in Dover to visit family and friends. While in the area he also attended the Goldsboro-Raleigh Assembly Conference.

## Travelers

Ms. Lucille Rouse and Ms. Bernice Morgan recently attended their family reunion. Accompany them was Ms. Mary Kelly.

Mrs. Bessie Green, Mrs. Almira Johnson, Randy and Gerald Johnson were in Washington, D.C. during the Thanksgiving holidays to visit Mr. and Mrs. Levern Spottford.

Ms. Bettie Kelly is home following an eight-day vacation trip to Orlando, Florida, where she toured Walt Disney World, Disney's Epcot Center, Cypress Gardens, and Sea World. Ms. Kelly also visited friends in Daytona Beach with whom she had Thanksgiving dinner. Ms. Kelly pinpointed highlights of her trip as the plan flight itself and the Presidential Suite Presentation in the American Pavillion at Disney's Epcot Center. Also, the sand sculptures of Biblical characters were very impressive. The sculptures were made by a twenty-eight year old artist of Daytona Beach.

Ms. Kelly was also very impressed by the various foreign country pavillions and the variety of educational experiences at Disney's Epcot Center.

*I tried hard to hear  
Santa land with his sack.  
But try as I would,  
I never could hear  
That grand old man  
And his flying reindeer.*

*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
A few years more;  
The fun was all gone,  
I had learned the score.  
Daddy and Mama ran out of luck  
When I found the box  
From Sears, Roebuck.*

*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
Not so long ago,  
When I helped old Santa  
Get on with the show,  
A lot of hard work,  
A lot of good fun;  
Sometimes it was dawn  
Before we were done.*

*'Tis the night before Christmas,  
Nineteen Eighty-three;  
I sit all alone,  
Just me and my tree.  
No stockings to hang,  
No last minute fixing,  
No wonderful smells  
Coming in from the Kitchen.*

*But the meaning of Christmas  
Remains the same;  
Christ's birth celebration  
And why He came.  
I still sing the carols  
And thrill to the story  
That never grows old  
Nor loses its glory.*

*So, please, dear friend  
For me, shed no tears.  
I've had it quite good  
Through all these years.  
I've been wonderfully,  
Wonderfully blest,  
And now I am happily  
Enjoying the rest!*

## Christmas Past and Present

*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
Quite a few years back,*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Rena F. Humphrey



Mary L. Gaskins  
Company Nurse

## Gaskins Coordinates Bloodmobile Visit To New Bern Plant

Weyerhaeuser Company employees at New Bern donated 67 pints of blood to the American Red Cross Tidewater Bloodmobile during a one-day visit to the pulp mill here on Tuesday, November 29th.

"The 67 pints were not quite as much blood as was donated last year, but it was above average for the last several years," said company nurse Mary Lou Gaskins, coordinator of the visit. Gaskins said that about 80 people showed up and offered to donate blood and others called to voice support for the drive, but could not donate due to colds, flu or being on medication.

The annual visit attracts donors from the resources and region services groups as well as the pulp mill and is conducted with the assistance of Pat McClanahan of the Red Cross office in New Bern.

"Even though we didn't hit last year's record level of donations, we do appreciate those who gave blood and we consider this year's drive a success," said Gaskins.

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## Senior Citizens

Vanceboro unit of Senior Citizens will have their Christmas program Dec. 16 at the Center. The public is invited.

The Dixieland Gospel Singers and Jean Hansley and the Hansley Singers will be at St. Peter's F.W.B. Church the 4th Sunday in Jan. at 7:00. Come out and have a good time with us.

**DRIVERS!  
TAKE IT SLOW!**

## Couple To Be Honored

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barrow of Rt. 1, Vanceboro will be honored, Sunday, Dec. 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. with a reception at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrow, in observance of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. All friends of the honorees are cordially invited to attend.

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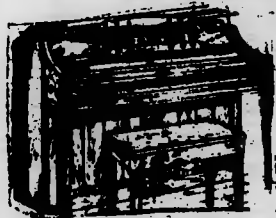
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