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Clinton County Supervisors praise Mid-Michigan Health Department

By BOB CALVERLEY
News Staff Writer

The Clinton County Board of Supervisors Thursday praised in a resolution the Mid-Michigan Health Department; six months ago they planned to pull out.

"We weren't happy then with one of their sanitarians," said Chairman Walter Nobis, "but we feel now they have greatly improved."

Roy Manty, chief of the Michigan Department of Public Health said that Mid-Michigan was meeting requirements and that no criticism could be directed at them.

He pointed out, however, that Mid-Michigan did need a health officer—a full time medical doctor—but as long as money for the position had been budgeted and efforts were being made to obtain a doctor, no blame could be placed on the department.

Bill Coffey, zoning administrator, reported to the supervisors on the rejection of Albert Galloway's bid to have a parcel of land on North US-27 rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

It was the second time the Zoning Commission had ruled against Galloway and the second time the matter had been brought before the supervisors.

Galloway's special use permit, which allowed him to sell second hand farm machinery on the property, was withdrawn by the commission when he displayed more machines along the highway than the permit allowed.

Duane Chamberlain moved the supervisors concur with the Zoning Commission.

"I feel that as long as he violated his special use permit," said Chamberlain, "he should pay his penalty. After he's done this, I'd be inclined to go along with rezoning."

The supervisors adjourned for a 15 minute caucus for private discussion and immediately tabled the issue afterwards.

"We want to get legal advice before we take action," said Nobis.

Supervisor Robert Montgomery reported on the Eaton Board of Supervisors which Dec. 17 rejected appropriations for the Airport Commission in an 11-9 vote.

"I don't feel the issue is dead," said Montgomery. He explained that two members had voted against the commission in an

effort to get the City of Charlotte to support the airport.

In other action the board: —Heard that Commonwealth Associates could complete a planning survey in one year, at no extra cost instead of 18 months as expected earlier.

—Reappointed Victor Hopp and George Baird to the Appeals Board and Dale Anderson and Almond Cressman to the Planning Commission, all for three year terms.

—Paid Green and Maples Associates \$1718.75 for work completed on the zoning ordinance; the Salvation Army \$300 for services rendered and the Michigan Association of Counties \$1,250 for dues in 1970.

—Decided to pay Deputy Sheriffs \$15 per day additional salary for holidays worked.

—Agreed to have three local insurance agencies review all of the county's policies to check for adequate coverage and duplication of coverage.

—Lowered fees on the Court

House Xerox copier from a flat 50 cents a copy to 50 cents for the first copy and 10 cents for each additional copy of the same thing.

—Adopted the Community Shelter Program, which covers the Tri-County area, as the official program for Clinton County.

—Accepted Gerald Shepard's and Maurice Gove's resignations from the Community Mental Health Board. Only one elected official per unit of government may now sit on that board.

—Referred to R. G. Becher, for recommendations, the possibilities of a new entrance to Smith Hall.

—Extended for 30 days the present rental policy of Smith Hall until the legal aspects could be more thoroughly studied.

—Decided to study the possibilities of finding new quarters for the District Court Room, which Nobis said was "inadequate."

State tax diversions are tallied

Clinton County Treasurer Velma Beaufore last week mailed out checks to government units totaling \$77,411.88, representing state income tax diversions for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1969.

The total amounts received by treasurers of various townships, cities and villages are Clinton County's share of monies collected through the state income tax program.

Returns to the county averaged \$2.04 per capita for the three-month period. This means the county receives \$2.04 for every person counted in the 1960 census.

Of this \$2.04, half—or \$38,705.94—goes for county operations and the other half to the various villages, cities and townships.

DeWitt Township received the greatest amount, \$6,539.22; St. Johns was returned the next greatest amount, \$5,733.42, and Bath Township was next with \$3,806.64.

TOWNSHIPS
Bath, \$3,806.64; Bengal, \$910.86; Bingham, \$1,368.84; Dallas, \$1,091.40; DeWitt, \$6,539.22; Duplain, \$1,164.84; Eagle, \$1,154.64; Essex, \$707.88; Greenbush, \$1,362.72; Lebanon, \$685.44; Olive, \$1,446.36; Ovid, \$1,315.80; Rilev, \$1,001.64; Victor, \$1,260.72; Watertown, \$2,048.16 and Westphalia, \$1,041.42 for a total of \$26,806.58.

CITIES
City of DeWitt, \$1,262.76 and City of St. Johns, \$5,733.42 for a total of \$6,996.18.

VILLAGES
Eagle, \$143.82; Elsie, \$951.66; Fowler, \$871.08; Maple Rapids, \$696.66; Ovid, \$1,535.10; Westphalia, \$871.20 and Hubbardston, \$33.66 for a total of \$4,803.18. Clinton County, \$38,705.94.

Supervisors look into \$250,000 Tri-County debt

It was a long time coming, but someone finally explained what happened to the estimated \$250,000 indebtedness ran up by the old Tri-County Planning Commission.

This was the debt which lead Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton counties to reorganize Tri-County last spring.

According to an audit of Tri-County conducted by Harris, Rheams and Ambrose for the year ending April 30, 1969 the deficit was possibly as large as \$271,500.

But at a Dec. 17 meeting Tri-County reported it was now about \$10,000 in the black.

At a Dec. 18 meeting of the Clinton County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Roy Andrews presented a communication from Gordon Swix, Tri-County vice-chairman, which did much to clarify this situation.

The cooperation of the Chicago Office of the Housing and Urban and Development Department (HUD) was instrumental in Tri-

County overcoming its liabilities, according to Swix.

Andrews after explained that the projects handled by Tri-County are usually financed with one-third Tri-County funds and two-thirds matching funds from HUD. At the time of the audit, says Andrews, Tri-County could not furnish adequate proof to HUD that commission's one-third share of the projects had been done. HUD, therefore would not pay its two-thirds share, and the entire cost of such a project, not just the one-third, became a Tri-County debt.

Since the audit, with the cooperative Chicago office HUD, Tri-County has been able to show that commission's share of many projects has been completed, and has collected the HUD funds.

In other similarly-financed projects, Tri-County completed its share of work through contributions of services from various local agencies. And again,

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Early Publication set for next week's News

All offices of the Clinton County News will close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will reopen Friday morning.

Because of the holiday, various news and advertising deadlines have been adjusted accordingly.

The paper is scheduled to appear on newsstands Tuesday and those with mail subscriptions in this area should receive their paper Wednesday morning as usual.

News and advertising copy for the issue should arrive by Friday noon (Dec. 5). Every effort will be made on the part of the staff to include later copy but because of an earlier press time, no assurances can be made.

Next week, all offices of the Clinton County News will close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 31.



TOM GOFF

Goff elected president of fire department

Tom Goff, 1101 S. Oakland, has been elected the new president of the Volunteer Fire Department for a one year term.

He replaces Gary Biddinger. Goff is a machine operator for the Federal-Mogul plant in St. Johns.

Fact-finder in O-E dispute

The Michigan Employees Relations Commission has informed Ovid-Elsie school officials that David H. Hellbrun has been appointed as fact-finder in an effort to resolve an impasse in negotiations between the school and teachers.

The two sides met with a state mediator several weeks ago with no results.

At issue are salaries and binding arbitration.

Contest winners announced

Judges announced the winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest which appeared recently in the Clinton County News. Listed below are the winners and the store in which they submitted their winning drawing. Prizes may be picked up after Tuesday, Dec. 23 at the stores listed. First prize \$5, and Second prize is \$3.

Kathy Eaton
R-4 St. Johns
Capitol Savings & Loan
Second Prize

Shirley George
R-2, St. Johns
Richards Dairyland

GRADES 4 THROUGH 5
First Prize

Cheryl Bouchey
310 Whittemore, St. Johns
Rehmann's
Second Prize

Diane Rann
210 S. Ottawa, St. Johns
Parr's Rexall Drugs

GRADES 6 THROUGH 7
First Prize

Patty Mueller
R-2 Fowler
Glaspe Drugs

Pauline Kissane
R-3, St. Johns
Clinton National Bank

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Merry Christmas to All!

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Supervisors

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HUD has kicked in its share of money.

Tri County also liquidated a small part of its debt with local funds which were not originally slated to go to Tri-County.

The reorganization itself, of Tri County lead to a savings of about \$100,000, in the following ways:

—By reducing its fiscal year, 1969-70; that is, the money it received to operate for 12

months, now only has to last 8 months.

—A 22 per cent reduction in paid staff for the commission.

—Adjustments to previous operating expense. If Tri-County had disbanded, it would have had to pay out many expenses such as health insurance for employees. Since Tri-County didn't disband, then these items are no longer debts.

That, according to Gordon Swix, Tri-County vice chairman, is how they got out of debt.

Bath School Board opens gym to public

As long as it doesn't interfere with school use, Bath Board of Education last week decided that local community groups may use the high school gym for events.

On weekends, when custodians would have to work overtime, a \$5-per hour charge will be made. Otherwise, there will be no additional charge, according to the board.

While this policy will apply for local groups, school board members said outside groups would have to seek approval from the board if they wished to use facilities.

The board asked Van Dyke to keep in touch with the program thinking that state aid might be possible if a large number of Michigan schools became more interested in the computers.

In other action the board approved the purchase of a \$2,047 freezer for the high school hot lunch program, of a \$200 used cooler for milk, and of \$1,680 worth of playground equipment for the elementary school.

Clubbers save \$2 billion

The board learned that the cost of damage from a break-in at the junior and senior high schools two weeks ago was \$800. Doors damaged from prying would have to be replaced and an arc welder and camera were stolen.

Those tuneful chimes sounding out all over America during the past weeks weren't all jingle bells - - - they were cash registers ringing as 16,015,000 (a record number) members of the country's largest club, Christmas Club spent a good portion of their savings \$218,672,000.

This record amount is an average of \$139 per member - - the highest ever recorded according to Christmas Club, a Corporation, which organized that savings plan in 1970.

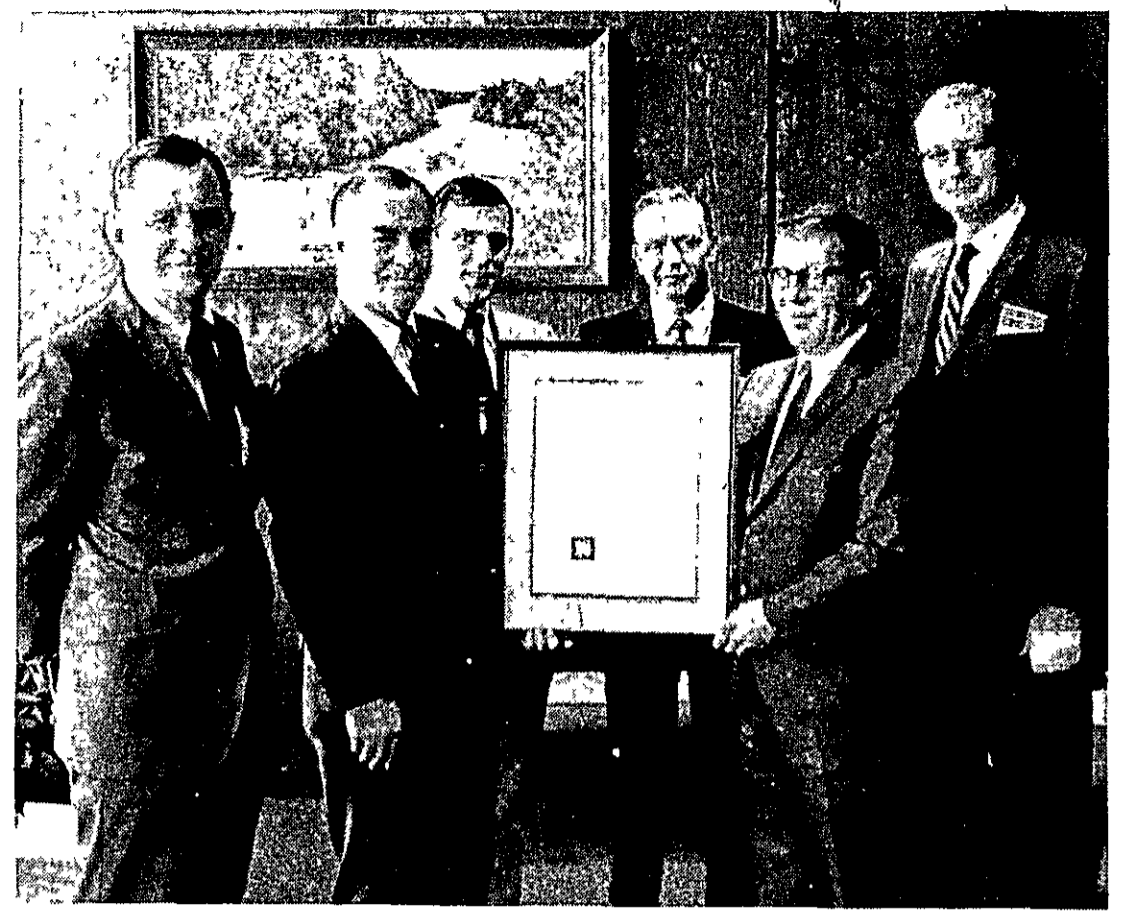
A survey of Christmas Club members shows that more than \$900,000,000 of the club savings will be spent on gifts and that more than half of the club members plan to start their shopping before Thanksgiving.

Based on a nationwide survey, the corporation projects that almost a third of the total, or \$665,600,000 goes right back into savings at more than 10,000 banks and savings institutions. The remainder is used for such expenses as insurance, taxes, college tuition and winter vacations.

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CITED FOR EXCELLENCE

Federal-Mogul Corp. last week was presented a certificate of excellence for parts made at the St. Johns plant. Attending the presentation were, from left, Ed Idzkowski, plant manager; George Hunt, of the General Motors Corp. division of Allison Quality Assurance; Phillip Huber, Federal-Mogul sales representative; James Cameron Allison buyer; Bob Baese, quality control, Federal Mogul, and Gaylord Underwood, sales manager, Federal Mogul.

Jaycee bridge scores reported

Results of the third session of the Jaycee duplicate bridge tournament which was held Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Svegles School Gym are:

NORTH-SOUTH PAIRS
Charles and Velma Coletta 45 1/2, Earl and Ruth Creese 50, Dave and Genine Needham 48, Roger and Peg Feeman 60 1/2, Leonard and Margaret Vollbracht 33, Howard and Jean Woodbury 38, Jack and Margaret Hart 40.

EAST-WEST PAIRS
Reuben and Gertrude Eirschele 46, Al and Rosemary Allaby 41, Bill and Perl Ann Warsler 48, Jim and Betty Moore 45 1/2, Jim and Karin Bargar 45, Clyde and Lois Springer 35, Emil and Louise Flermoen 59 1/2.

Teen shoplifter is convicted in St. Johns

A 17-year-old St. Johns girl was sentenced to two days in jail and fined \$25 for shoplifting two pairs of panty hose from the local J.C. Penney's store, Dec. 11.

"Every merchant in the Merchants Association has decided to do something to keep our kids honest," said Bill Chalmers, manager of Penney's. "We are going to press charges in every instance."

Chalmers noted that shoplifting was beginning to become a "status symbol" with many youngsters and said much of the trouble came from 13- and 14-

year olds.

Chalmers estimated that between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of merchandise is shoplifted from St. Johns stores.

"Parents should keep track of where their kids get merchandise and check into suspicious items," he said.

He emphasized that the merchants were primarily interested in straightening kids out and were working with the courts and high school principals to do this.

"It will be continued," Chalmers said of the larceny charges against the 17-year-old girl.

HOLY NIGHT

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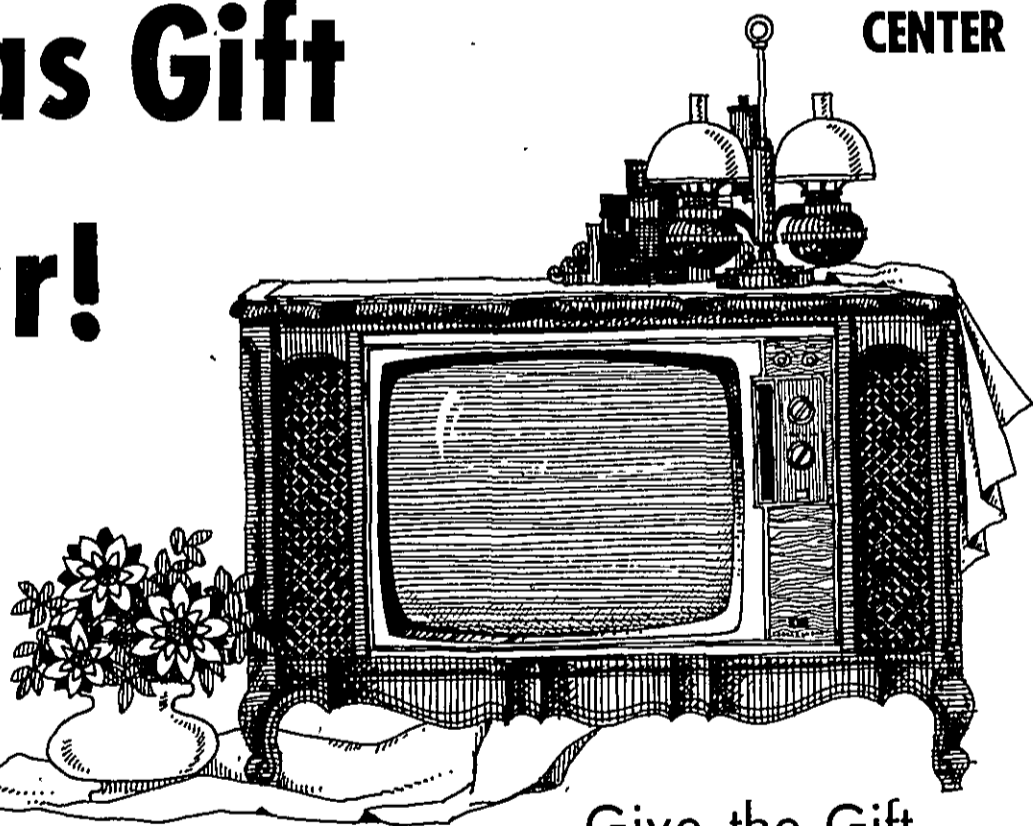
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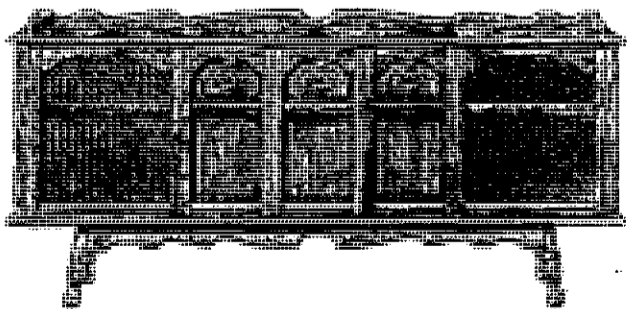
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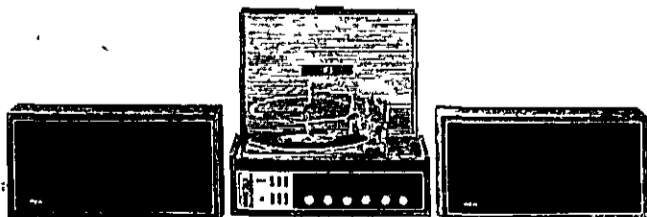
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TOYS FOR TOTS

Bill Karber, owner of the Ranch Roller Rink in St. Johns, accepts a toy from Diana Barrett for her admission to the rink Tuesday night. It was part of the annual Toys for Tots program sponsored by the American Legion. All patrons were asked to donate a toy for admission and the toys were given to needy children in the area. That's Jim Eisenhower of the Legion behind Diana.

Shepard vice president of counties Assn.

Clinton County Supervisor Gerald Shepard, R - Bath, has been elected first vice president of the Michigan Association of Counties.

Shepard was named to the post this month at the association's annual four-day convention in Lansing.

Elected President of the association, which speaks for county government in the state, was John Brewer from Kent County. Eugene Wanger of Ingham County was selected as second vice president.

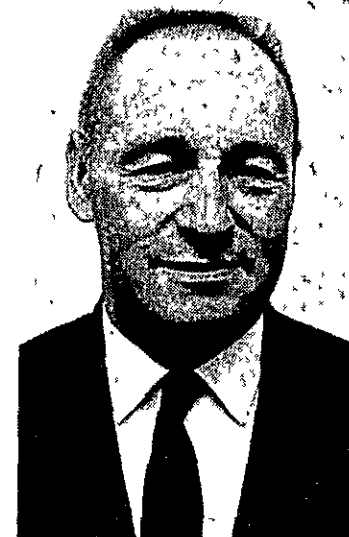
Also elected to the board of directors were: William Boutell, Bay County; James T. Nelson, Lake County; Roy C. Howes, Manistee County; Delos Hamlin, Oakland County; Ted Dwyer, Jackson County; Frank Poorman, Berrien County; Albert J. Zak, Wayne County; Willard P. Harris, Genesee County, and Nelson Cook, Chippewa County, who is a student at Lake Superior State College at Sault Ste. Marie. A. Barry McGuire was renamed Executive Director for the Association.

In other action the 70-year-old association changed its by-laws to be "more able to meet today's concept of government."

Twenty-three resolutions were adopted, aimed at improving county government, including calling upon the legislature to enact legislation enabling counties to appoint county administrators under the control of county boards and voted for the association to give intensive and studied consideration of President Nixon's Welfare Reform

legislation so that counties can "propose" instead of "oppose" welfare legislation that will meet the needs of all concerned.

The new president said after the meeting, "I believe that our convention has definitely shown that Michigan's counties want and are prepared to assume the leadership in solving local problems."



GERALD SHEPARD



HELP THE NEEDY

Student Council President Mark Barber, Rich Stoddard, Karon Lundy and Cathy Cronkhitte are shown with some of the clothing and toys that St. Johns High School Student Council has collected for area needy people.

DeWitt Township Board approves sewer project

According to Oliver Angell, township supervisor, two events Tuesday brightened possibilities for DeWitt Township's sewer project, which will serve over 1,100 homes and businesses.

In a 5-1 vote, the township board approved an ordinance which will allow bonding and construction of a sewer system by the Clinton County Department of Public Works (DPW).

Objections by some residents to the \$2,000 initial sewer hook-in charge caused the board to reject the same ordinance on Monday.

Angell said he realizes that the expenditure could provide an economic hardship for senior citizens, especially. However, the \$2,000 fee may be paid over a 25-year period at six per cent interest, he noted.

Township residents will also pay \$84 a year for capital improvement costs and \$30 a year for the operation of plant facilities.

Under the circumstances we felt this is the best the board could do to provide the much-needed sewer system, Angell said.

Rep. William S. Ballenger, R-Ovid, said a state grant of \$595,156 will be offered to the town-

ship under Michigan's \$335 million clean water bonding program.

The state grant and a \$397,750 federal grant will be used for construction of a treatment plant and intercepting sewers, according to Donald Haske county road commission engineer.

The township will finance construction of a collection system by selling municipal bonds. The new ordinance provides for the sale of the bonds through the county and sets up a fee structure for sewer users.

About a month and a half ago the township board signed a contract with the county to give the DPW authority in establishing the sewer system.

By removing authority from the hands of the township a better interest rate could be obtained on the municipal bonds Haske said.

This interest rate question seems to be the only remaining road block to beginning construction, Haske said.

Ballenger explained that the interest rate on municipal bonds now stands at a rather unattractive six per cent. The Senate and the House of Representatives are presently conferring to reach a compromise ceiling of about

7.5 per cent on municipal bonds to make them more attractive to the purchaser, he said.

The grants obtained stipulate construction must begin by April 1 but Haske expects construction bids will be opened by Feb. 1, with bonds being offered by mid-February.

Angell described the sewer system as an "automatic-mandatory type hook-in." Residents will have 60 days to hook-in from the day the system is completely functioning, he said.

Angell called the ordinance a great stride forward, and noted that the grants, would have been lost if the board had stalled on passing the ordinance.

DeWitt Township cannot wait another 10 years to get this sewer system, he said.

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City Commission Chambers

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m., by the City Commission, in the Commission Chambers, Municipal Building, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map, which by Ordinance No. 131, Article 11, Section 201 is made a part of the Zoning Ordinance. Said Amendment, if adopted by the City Commission, would establish the Neighborhood Business Zoning Classification to the following described land:

A part of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, in Michigan described as:

Land in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, described as a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T7N, R2W, in Michigan described as: Beginning at the center of Section 9, T7N, R2W, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, thence North 0 degrees 45' 44" East 441.45 feet to the centerline of the right-of-way of highway US-27; thence Southeast 235.43 feet along said centerline which is a 3 degree curve to the right with a 7 degree 03' 46" central angle and a chord bearing South 36 degree 20' 52" East 235.28 feet to the Westerly line of a M.D.S.H. clear vision area; Thence South 1 degree 42' 56" West along said Westerly line 257.73 feet to the East-West 1/4 line; thence North 87 degrees 37' 28" West 137.72 feet to the point of beginning; containing 50,160 square feet in total, and 30,834 square feet exclusive of the rights-of-way of US-27 and Gibbs Street. And also including a Michigan State Highway Department clear vision area described as: Commencing on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 9, T7N, R2W, in Michigan, 137.72 feet South 87 degrees 37' 28" East from the center of said Section 9, Thence East 150 feet; thence Northwest along the centerline of Highway US-27, 300 feet; thence South 1 degree 42' 56" West 257.73 feet to the Place of Beginning.

THOMAS L. HUNDLEY
City Clerk

GREETINGS

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DeWitt High School Honor Roll

The names of DeWitt High School students achieving honor roll status for the second grading period were released this week by D. S. Mueller, principal. The senior class led the way with 50 per cent of its members earning the honor. They were followed by the freshmen with 33 per cent, the juniors with 28 per cent and the sophomores with 22 per cent.

In order to rank on the honor roll a student must have a "B" average or better with no grades below "C."

- 9th Grade
Becker, Sherry
Botke, Martha
Brockway, Murray
Cohon, Kristie
Coston, Alan
DeLine, Kathleen
DeBow, Debbie
Esterline, Kathy
Fowler, Janet
Fox, Pamela
Harold, Myrna
Hilts, Dawn
Jenkins, Steven
Lankford, Randy
McNelly, Chris
Nettleton, Pamela
Ordway, Lynn
Parker, Kent
Pitts, Randy
Rademacher, Kay
Pratt, Dave
Reust, Anne
Shaw, Pamela
Shooltz, Susan
Smith, Vickie
Stevens, Cathy
Stevens, Susan
Strait, Don
Swan, Gail
Tallman, Robin
Taylor, Kathy
Theroux, Doreen*
Tice, Susan
Uschuk, Valerie
VanDyke, Jamie
Wiser, Jenny
Young, Debra

- 10th Grade
Berkimer, Charles*
Blossy, Dave
Clayton, Debbie
Cohn, Penny
Cole, Robin
DeWitt, Lorena
Dinstoler, Elaine
Everett, Harmon
Felzke, Joyce*
Greene, Bethann
Hlatt, Stephanie
Kirchen, Karen
Kristin, Jeffrey
Martin, Gayle
McNelly, Ray
Penzien, Anna
Reed, Thomas
Sanford, Gary
Stone, Pamela
Toleson, Kathy
VanDyke, Judy
Wilcox, Ron
Wiser, Cindy

- 11th Grade
Ashley, Jim
Berkimer, Ann
Clark, Debbie
DeLine, Linda
Doerr, Steven
Ely, Joy
Fritz, Jean
Green, Jean*
Irvin, Jean
Jackson, Debra
Keck, Gordon
Kindel, Ron
Lewis, Susan
Lietzke, Linda
Maki, David
Metzger, Cheryl
McNelly, Kathie
Miller, Michael
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Phillips, Suzanne
Rickman, Judith
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Slater, Judy
Strait, Valerie
Thelen, Bill
Tice, Carolyn
Tlonor, Lou Ann
Uschuk, Judi
Wheat, Mark

- 12th Grade
Albertson, Pam
Alger, David
Berry, Roger
Botke, Michael
Bouts, Rebecca
Cropsey, Alan
Dolby, Michael
Ely, Joan
Farhat, Michelle
Ferguson, Connie
Fillingham, Debbie
Fisher, Layne
Haney, Cynthia
Hennigan, Jan
Hlatt, Deborah
Jackson, Judy
Keck, Shelley
Koski, Sue
Kurkowski, Susan
Lankford, Marty
Larrison, Carol
McCarthy, Sheila
Merrill, Cathy
Molitor, Jan
Morris, Peter
Mull, Pam
Myszak, Kris
Pelkey, Rita
Pebrowsky, Mary
Post, Rocky

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Rowley, Sherm
Ruell, Joycelyn
Salters, David
Savage, Shirley
Schultz, Sue
Shaver, Thomas
Smith, Barbara
Soule, Bettle*
Tews, Brenda
Theroux, Denis
Wood, Brian
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Here's what Medicare did in state last year

Medicare helped pay the hospital bill for 209,605 hospital admissions in Michigan during the fiscal year ending July 1.

Roger W. Seamon, district manager for the Social Security Administration in Lansing, in releasing year end Medicare statistics pointed out that Michigan hospitals and extended care facilities received \$170,012,000 in Medicare payments during the same period.

Michigan extended care facilities reported 14,574 admissions for skilled nursing care of Medicare beneficiaries.

In addition to the Hospital Insurance payments made to hospitals and extended care facilities, Michigan Medicare beneficiaries received payments totaling \$54,150,000 to reimburse them for other medical expenses under the supplemental medical insurance part of Medicare.

Seamon noted that 750,377 residents of Michigan were enrolled under the Medicare Hospital Insurance plan and 726,929 also has elected the supplemental medical insurance which helps with doctor bills and other out of hospital medical expenses.

At year's end, 264 hospitals in Michigan were participating in the Medicare program. These hospitals had a total of 62,453 beds, 158 extended care facilities with a total of 15,063 beds were also participating.

Births

Clinton's Citizens of Tomorrow

HILL—A boy, Jim Edward, was born to Mr and Mrs John H. Hill of 302 N. Ovid Street, Elsie, Dec. 15 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 1/4 ounces. The baby has one brother. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs David Peabody and Mr and Mrs Kenneth Sexton. The mother is the former Charlene Sexton.

MAYERS — A boy, Michael Lyle, was born to Mr and Mrs Lyle R. Mayers of 2808 N. Lowell Road, St. Johns, Dec. 13, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. The baby has one sister. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Raymond Hart and Mr and Mrs Raymond Mayers. The mother is the former Patricia A. Hart.



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RIVERSIDE GRADE A Hen Turkeys 8 TO 10-LB **43¢ LB**

RIVERSIDE GRADE A Young Turkeys 16 TO 20-LBS **33¢ LB**

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FRESH Cranberries 16-OZ **39¢ WT PKG**

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RED RIPE STRAWBERRIES QUART **79¢**

Sea Foods!

SEA PAK Perch Fillet 16-OZ WT PKG **49¢**

SEA PAK Shrimp Steaks 10-OZ WT PKG **79¢**

SEA PAK GOLDEN Fried Clams 7-OZ WT PKG **79¢**

FRESH-SHORE Fish Steaks 24-OZ WT PKG **89¢**

FRESH-SHORE Sole Fillet 16-OZ WT PKG **69¢**

Frozen Foods!

DESSERT TOPPING Real Whip QUART CTN **39¢**

BIRDS EYE Awake 3 9-FL OZ CANS **\$1**

LIBBY FROZEN Squash 10-OZ WT PKG **10¢**

PET RITZ FROZEN Pie Shells 3 PKGS OF 2 **\$1**

BLOSSOM QUEEN Strawberries 3 16-OZ WT PKGS **\$1**

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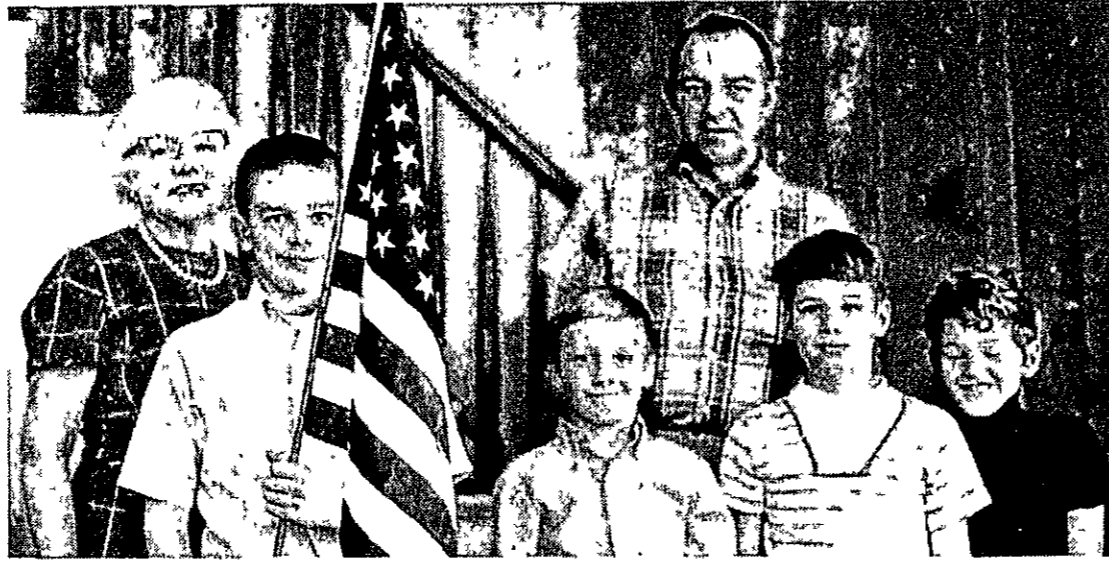
BUTTERMILK TWIN, REG. TWIN OR FLAKE ROLLS Brown & Serve 2 11-OZ WT PKGS **59¢**

4 VARIETIES Royalite Cakes 24-OZ WT CAKE **79¢**

PLAIN OR SUGAR Homestyle Donuts 16-OZ WT PKG **45¢**

NEW WEBLOS

Mrs J. E. Bartholomew, Americanism chairman of the Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 88, presents "Old Glory" to a new pack of Weblos - ten year old Cub Scouts. Accepting the flag is Michael Cassidy with Kevin Eisler, David Asher and Duane Hein. A. G. Cassidy is the scoutmaster of the boys.



Interest rate laws explained

Editors Note: This is a public service article explaining in general terms a provision of Michigan law. Individuals who wish to determine the effect of any law upon their private legal affairs should consult a private attorney.

Until recently Michigan's usury laws were rarely discussed because interest rates did not approach the seven per cent maximum permitted by the usury law. But as anyone who has attempted to borrow money knows, the interest rates are now at their highest level since

the Civil War. Many citizens have written me to the effect that they are paying in excess of seven per cent on loans and cannot understand why this is permitted. The permissible interest rate will be determined by who you are, whom you borrow from and what you borrow from and what you borrow the money for.

For instance, if you are a corporation you can pay any rate of interest agreed upon without it being usurious. If you are a charitable corporation you may waive the defense of usury of

loans in excess of \$250,000.

Who you borrow from will determine the rate of interest because small loan companies are permitted by law to loan up to \$1,000 with a maximum interest rate of 30 per cent per annum on the first \$300 and 15 per cent on the rest of the loan. However if such a company loans more than \$1,000 then the interest on the whole amount will be reduced by the court to seven per cent.

Pawnbrokers are permitted to charge three per cent per month computed on a monthly basis, but they may not compound such loans or discount them.

Licensed sellers of motor vehicles may charge from \$6 to \$12 per \$100 per year on a loan depending upon the age of the motor vehicle. Such loans, however, are at a true annual interest rate almost twice the amount specified. In other words, an auto financed at \$6 per \$100 per year is at a true annual interest rate of just under 12 per cent because the interest rate is not paid on a declining balance.

Credit unions are permitted to charge a maximum of one per cent a month on the unpaid balance which results in a true annual maximum interest rate of 12 per cent.

With regard to home mortgages insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA. Under the recent amendment to the law, the maximum permissible rate of seven per cent also does not apply to conventional home mortgages until Dec. 31, 1970, at which time the rate will again be seven per cent on conventional home mortgages.

As you can see, there are numerous statutes, of which I have referred to only a few, which determine the interest rates chargeable by various lenders. If you have any questions regarding interest charges on loans you have made, contact your attorney because if usury is present the court may set aside all interest payments.

The recently enacted Federal Truth-in-Lending act will assist consumers in determining the most economical means of borrowing money because all interest charged must be expressed in true annual rates. With an awareness of the cost of borrowing money, Michigan's citizens can channel their loans through the most economical sources and thus encourage competitive lending.

Women learn, teach sewing

For the millions of homemakers who sew at home, the many new fabrics and finishes are a mixed blessing. The new materials are beautiful to look at but may be difficult to work with for seamstresses not up on the latest sewing techniques.

However, nearly 7,000 adults who enrolled last year in a training course "Your Sewing Machine," for 4-H volunteer leaders, the new fabrics present no problem. They learned which needle, thread and stitch length setting to use for various fabrics—just part of the training that prepared them to teach sewing skills to more than 36,000 4-H members last year.

Each of the past 15 years, The Singer Company in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service, has sponsored local training programs for volunteer adults. Women signing up for the course agree to pass on what they learn to girls participating in 4-H clothing and home improvement projects. The program is arranged and announced by the National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago.

During a two-day training session the volunteers learn the mechanics of operating a sewing machine and its attachments as well as modern sewing techniques. They also learn methods of teaching sewing to young people of different ages and abilities, based on three teaching manuals provided by Singer—"Know Your Sewing Machine," "Regulation and Care for Your Sewing Machine" and "Mending." Most of Your Sewing Machine. Upon completing the course, a "graduate" receives a certificate of merit.

Both prospective and current 4-H project leaders are encouraged to enroll in the course. Women interested in working and sewing with enthusiastic 4-H girls should obtain additional information about the training course from the County Extension Office.

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\$100	18
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DOMINO Powdered Sugar 16-OZ WT PKG	2/35¢	PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese 3-OZ WT PKG	2/25¢
ALL PURPOSE Crisco Oil 24-FL OZ BTL	53¢	GILLETTE STAINLESS STEEL RAZOR BLADES PKG OF 5	67¢
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KROGER Saltines 16-OZ WT PKG BETTY CROCKER WHISTLES, HOTCHAS, ONYMS OR	29¢
Bugles Snacks 5-OZ MIN WT PKG	39¢

SWANSDOWN

Cake Mix 4 18-OZ WT PKGS	\$1
DESSERT TOPPING Dream Whip 8-OZ WT PKG	69¢
LIGHT Spry Shortening 42-OZ WT CAN	79¢
BETTY CROCKER Potato Buds 5 1/2-OZ WT PKG	29¢
KROGER Pork & Beans 6 21-OZ WT CANS	\$1
5¢ OFF LABEL Biz Pre Soak 12-OZ WT PKG	29¢
HOME PRIDE Air Freshner 9-OZ WT CAN	39¢

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REG. 83¢ VALUE

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REG. \$1.19 VALUE

KROGER INSTANT Dry Milk 44-OZ WT PKG \$1.19

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DOW LIQUID Bathroom Cleaner 16-FL OZ CAN 39¢

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125 2-PLY SHEETS BOUNTY TOWELS ROLL
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Audition date set for Interlochen

Plans are now being made by the Morning Musicals for auditions for the National Music Camp at Interlochen, or any comparable institution. Applications may be obtained from Mrs. William Kemper, Mrs. John Caudy or Mrs. William Patton.

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Applications must be signed by the students and one parent and returned to the Morning Musicals by Jan. 31, 1970. The audition date is Saturday, Mar. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Rodney B. Wilson Junior High School.

Requirements are:
 1. Students shall reside in the St. Johns school district and shall be 9, 10 or 11th graders who plan to participate in the community music activities for at least one more year. Twelfth grade students of voice are eligible.
 2. Former winners are not eligible to compete.
 3. Voice students shall present one selection of their own choosing and one selection from Handel, Schubert or Grieg.
 4. Piano students shall present one selection of their own choosing plus one of Chopin, Mendelssohn or Liszt.
 5. Students of strings shall present a selection of their own choosing and one movement from a standard sonata or concerto.
 6. Students of wind instruments, percussion instruments and any others shall upon advice from their teachers and the committee members, present two standard solos.
 7. All selections shall be performed from memory.

CHURCH NEWS

Thursday evening Dec. 11, 130 members of the Christian Mothers Confraternity gathered for a 6:30 potluck supper with the Sisters as special guests. The ladies brought gifts for the Sisters pantry shower and placed them on the reception table which was decorated with a crib. Three buffet tables were filled with colorful and taste appealing dishes. Father Aloysius Miller, Father Martin Miller, The Sisters, Mrs. Warren, play director, and the new members were seated at the main table with the officers. The tables were decorated with centerpieces and there was a lovely decorated Christmas tree.

Four new members were enrolled in the church. They were Mrs. Eunice Arens, Mrs. Mary Jo Hengesbach, Mrs. Jane Miller, and Mrs. Sandra Smith.

Renete Rademacher entertained by reciting a poem. Playing piano duets were Jayne and Jo Lynn Spitzley. Tina Roach appeared next doing a pantomime to the song "Bernando's Hideaway." Mrs. Warren's English class presented a play called "The Happy Prince" and then Theresa Helden recited a poem. Song sheets were passed out and everyone present sang Christmas songs.

Scouting News

Santa Claus appeared to give out gifts and brought the evening to a close. Serving on the lunch committee were Mrs. Otto Schafer, chairman; Mrs. Jerome Schafer, Mrs. Louis Schafer, Mrs. Raymond Schafer, Mrs. Donald Schafer, Mrs. Louise Schafer, Mrs. Anthony Schafer, Mrs. Mark Schafer, Mrs. Elmer Rademacher and Mrs. Richard Schmitt. Chairman of the entertainment was Mrs. Herold Rademacher, assisted by Mrs. Leander Rademacher, Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. Stanley Schafer. The door prize was won by Mrs. Martin Halfman.

December 25, 1492
 Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.



MR AND MRS ALLAN LUTTIG

Pamela Reddin bride of Allen Luttig

Miss Pamela Ann Reddin became the bride of Allan Lee Luttig on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13, in a double-ring ceremony performed at St. Michael's Church in Grand Ledge. Officiating at the rites was the Rev. Charles Crowley, with approximately 200 guests witnessing the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Reddin of 215 W. Main, Grand Ledge and the groom is the son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Luttig of Fowler. Poinsettias placed as pew markers adorned the aisles as the bride entered wearing a gown of white satin and chantilly lace. The empire style gown featured a bodice of lace over satin descending into a satin skirt. The patterned lace effect was carried out in the decorations at the reception which was held at the Portland Methodist Church following the wedding. Serving at the reception were Cindy and Robin Smith of Portland and Roberta Tansley, Sue Monaghan, Kris Sealy and Marian Eberstine, all of Grand Ledge.

Special guests at the wedding and reception were Mr and Mrs Theodore Reddin of Ashley and Mr and Mrs Clarence VanAmburg of Portland, grandparents of the bride and Mr and Mrs Guy Woodbury of Middleton, grandparents of the groom. After a wedding trip to Niagara Falls the couple will reside in Lansing. Both attend Lansing Community College.

Steven Nobis of Fowler served as best man with Robert Fox and Stanley Pohl of Fowler assisting as groomsmen. Ushers were the bride's brother, Kenneth Reddin, and the groom's cousin, John Luttig of Fowler.

Completing the wedding party were the flower girl, Pamela Wise of Grand Ledge and the ring bearer, Ron Becher of Fowler, cousin of the groom. Mrs. Harold Graszler furnished the traditional wedding music.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Reddin chose a navy blue dress accented with white lace. Mrs. Luttig selected a green dress and both mothers wore corsages of white and red roses.

A Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations at the reception which was held at the home of Mrs. Porter Martin Monday, Dec. 15 with 11 members present. The group purchased and brought food for Christmas baskets to be distributed by the club. After the business meeting the members played a Christmas game and prizes were given. Dessert was served by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. L. E. Bakke.

Social Events

The Blue Star Mothers met for a potluck dinner and gift exchange Dec. 9.

Mrs. Evangeline Caudy accompanied the group singing of Christmas carols and poems were read by Mrs. George Pierson and Mrs. Edna Eldred. A social hour followed the program with 35 members present.

The Chapter arranged to entertain the patients at the Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids on Dec. 11.

Each patient was given gifts and five bedside radios were presented to the hospital. The afternoon was spent playing bingo with the 150 present for the party.

Representatives from four chapters in the district and Mrs. Charlotte Wadell, State Hospital Chairman were present.

Those attending from St. Johns were Mrs. Myrtle Tolles, Mrs. Ruth Barrett, Mrs. Mary Masarik, Mrs. Eloise Pease and Mrs. Edna Eldred.

On a foggy Dec. 10 morning four ladies from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 412 drove to Saginaw Veterans Hospital to take gifts to the patients. The gifts were donated by the American Legion Auxiliaries in Michigan.

The gifts were placed on a table and the veterans were allowed to take their pick of these gifts for their wives and families. They were assisted in their selections by the women who made the trip. The ladies helped the patients wrap the gifts they selected and those who had relatives away from them had their gifts wrapped for mailing.

Those assisting at the hospital were Mrs. Martha Perry, Mrs. Joyce Hawk, Mrs. Pauline Burdick and Mrs. Shirley Allen.

The Travel Department of the Ovid Crescent Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Porter Martin Monday, Dec. 15 with 11 members present.

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ALICE KATHLEEN THELEN

Engaged

Mr and Mrs Eugene L. Thelen wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice, to Kenneth L. Wheeler, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wheeler of 2250 Geneva Highway, Manitou Beach Mich.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lansing Community College and, at present, a junior at Michigan State University.

The prospective groom is presently employed at the Adams Potato Chip Company in Lansing.

A summer wedding is being planned by the couple.

Bank holds party

The Clinton National Bank held its Christmas party at the Steinhaus in Lansing Saturday, Dec. 13. The affair was attended by 119 employees, spouses and guests.

The Activities Committee greeted guests and during the evening gave out gifts by drawing names and numbers. An unusual happenstance occurred when four gifts going to a female employee, a male employee, a female guest and male guest were won by two families, Dawn and Mike Everts and Bernita and Evert Sillman. Four other gifts were given away during the evening and the winners were Shirley Farrier, Clare Dilts, Jim Ashenfelter and Charlie Huntington.

Russell Allgaier, a 15-year-old blind pianist from Kalamazoo, entertained the group after dinner. Russell, a very accomplished musician, selected music for all age groups and also played tunes in keeping with the season. The remainder of the evening was spent listening or dancing to the music of the Music Makers. Serving on the committee were Dawn Frost, Jean Pardike, Donna Stockwell and Helen Studer.

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MISSING

Danish Postal Clerk Originated Xmas Seal; U.S. Newspaper Launched Crusade

Far more than just a colorful little sticker to brighten cards and gifts, the Christmas Seal epitomizes a mighty crusade for health and happiness.

The Seal originated in Denmark in 1904. A kindly postal clerk, Einar Holboell, brooded over the suffering of sick children and tried to think of a way to help them.

As he sorted the heavy Christmas mail he was struck by the idea of a stamp which people would buy, use at Christmas, and which would benefit sick and needy youngsters. The postmaster liked the idea, so did the King of Denmark, and so did the warmhearted Danish people. Soon enough money came in to build a children's tuberculosis hospital.



After many setbacks, she doubled her efforts, even drew the design for the first Seal herself. Two friends lent money. A printer supplied 50,000 of the bright red stamps on credit. Volunteers put the stamps in small envelopes

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play;
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth,
good will to men.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

carrying a courageous, catchy message.

The stamps went on sale in the Wilmington post-office. At the end of a few days only a few dollars had been realized... many dollars away from three hundred!

Miss Bissell traveled to

Bringing Gifts

At the heart of the holiday fun and feasting there glows the spirit of giving. The Wise Men sought to honor the Christ Child with rare and precious gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus, to give of the best at Christmas is a time-honored tradition.

All may rejoice in the opportunity to give generously, to please family and friends with "just what they wanted," and to share with the less fortunate.

Yet the best Christmas gifts are still those that come from the open heart as well as the open hand, and the warmth of a friendly smile, the words of a cordial greeting add priceless meaning to the most elaborate of gifts.

Philadelphia to seek assistance from the city's leading newspaper. But all she talked to discouraged her. What tie-up could there be between Christmas greetings and the dread disease of tuberculosis?

On an impulse she stopped in to see a writer whose work she admired. His name was Leigh Mitchell Hodges. When he saw the sheet of bright red seals his vision and sense of humanity were ignited; he saw the seals as a flaming banner to lead a fight against suffering and death.

His editor "caught fire" too. He instructed Hodges to give the story full play. He even asked Miss Bissell to send the newspaper 50,000 of the Seals.

Incredulous, but thrilled, Miss Bissell had more seals printed, to meet his enthusiasm.

Through the vast power of this newspaper the story of the Christmas Seal was told, and retold. The crusade gathered momentum. From every walk of life, people came to buy the Seals.

The rest of the story is familiar. We all know how much a part of Christmas the Seal is. But maybe when we use them this Christmas we will remember how hard its advocates struggled to "put it on the map"; maybe we will remember what a great fight it is continuing to wage.

For the dread disease is relentlessly, cruelly still with us, though to a much less degree.

Kissing Ball

an Old Custom

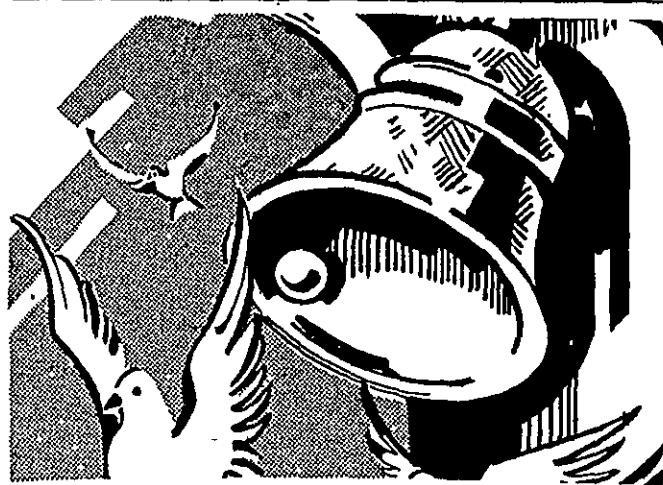
Among the more popular aspects of a secular celebration is the Kissing Ball.

Many years ago every home featured at least one of these beautiful decorations, hung from an archway or chandelier.

The Kissing Ball was sometimes a pomander, sometimes a blown egg, sometimes a ball of cotton. Plastic foam is the favorite material today.

The ball is brightly painted or gilded, wrapped with ribbon and braid, and set with mock jewels, sparkling beads and sequins.

A ribbon suspends two or three in place and a sprig of mistletoe is secured at the top.



Across the Years, Music Reflects Holiday Joy, As Carolers Sing Traditional Songs of Christmas



"Carol, brothers, carol. Carol joyfully.

With the coming of Christmas, almost everyone accepts the injunction of the old song to "carol joyfully." From special church services to family gatherings, a "carol sing" is a traditional pleasure.

The custom of singing carols at holiday time is an ancient one—begun, perhaps, even before the first Christmas, at celebrations such as the Roman Saturnalia. Modern interest in music, and in learning to play musical instruments, has given carol singing a healthy boost. In most homes, at least one member of the family can be depended on to provide instrumental accompaniment for carols—and the instrument may vary from the old favorite piano to the currently popular guitar.

Music in any form has long been especially beloved as a means of expressing Christmas joy. Early Christian believers were forced to worship in secret—and therefore, quietly. Then, in the fifth and sixth centuries, Christianity came out of the catacombs—and exultation for freedom of worship was expressed in the glad ringing of church bells.

Early hymns and carols, however, were in Latin. Carol singing in its modern form—in the common language of the country—probably originated in 1223, when St. Francis introduced the first realistic replica of the manger scene, in the little town of Greccio, Italy.

From this beginning, the practice of erecting a creche or crib soon became a Christmas tradition in many towns. Around the representation of the first Christmas, villagers gathered to marvel, pray and sing. Often, the creche was constructed in a churchyard or on a public street. Thus it was natural for the worshippers to stroll away from the devotional service—formal or informal—and continue singing the beloved carols as they made their way home.

This spontaneous action may well have led to the custom of going from place to place to sing carols. And the more music, the better, was the rule. Any musical instrument, however humble, was a welcome addition and accompaniment.

In later centuries, the "wassailing" or "gooding" expeditions helped the growth of caroling. Singers went from house to house, receiving treats as rewards for carols.

Even oppression could not put an end to carol singing. When the Puritans abolished Christmas observances in England, printed sheets of carols were bootlegged for a penny. And poets and musicians went right on composing carols, as they do today.

Is Christmas only for the young?

In spite of all the talk about the generation gap, childhood pleasures of every era are much the same. Kids in every walk of life, through every page of history, have preferred candy to cauliflower, comics to classics, sports to reports, and Christmas to just about anything!

According to the National Sporting Goods Association, the sale of sporting goods has surpassed even the sale of candy and comics when it comes to Christmas—but perhaps this is because the sporting life appeals to kids from 8 to 80!

And what is the sporting life? It's the good life—the fresh, clean, out-of-doors All-American life—it's the life that everyone enjoys and can afford, at least to some extent.

The sporting life can be found on the seat of a bicycle or at the end of a fishing rod. It can be found camping under a sky of stars or chasing after a foul ball. It can be shared with teammates or savored in solitude. The sporting life starts with a football, a tennis racket, a golf club or a bow and arrow; but, however it starts, it leads to pleasure.

When you give a child a sporting goods gift, you give him an opportunity to make something good of his spare time. You give him a chance to gain and grow. Or, as L. W. Cummins, President of the National Sporting Goods Association, has said, "Sports give a youngster the chance to be his own hero, to develop his own skills, to learn how to share, to play fair—win or lose. Sports make a kid feel grown up—and make adults feel like kids again."

This Christmas, why not consider sports gifts for the "kids" around your house? There's no better time of year to show your loved ones what a very "good sport" you are, indeed!

Obituaries

Arthur J. Gage

Arthur J. Gage, 82, R-4, Owosso, died Dec. 17 at the Ovid Convalescent Manor after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Monday Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Hoag Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian K. Sheen officiating. Burial will be in the South Bing-

ham Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Clinton County, Mr. Gage was a member of the Masonic Lodge F & AM No. 105, Radiant Chapter of the Eastern Star No. 79 and the Pilgrim United Methodist Church.

His wife, Edna preceded him in death. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. King Serviss of Owosso; three grandsons, four great-grandchildren.

Cecil LaBar

Funeral services were held at the Hoag funeral home Friday, for Cecil LaBar who died at his home Tuesday, Dec. 16. Burial was in Lowe Cemetery with Rev. Emeral Price officiating.

Mr. LaBar was born in Clinton County a son of Lena Brundage and Oscar LaBar. He was a member of the Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club.

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy; three daughters, Mrs. Lois Jane Bancroft, St. Johns, Mrs. Richard Handman of Ithaca, Mrs. Kent Daley of St. Johns, and Michael in the US Navy; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Arthur of St. Johns; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Chant, St. Johns, Mrs. Cleo Thornton of Carson City, Mrs. Vera Brumell of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Ila Belle LaBar of Carson City.

Open Letter from VAN W. HOAG

Dear friends,

In commemorating Christmas, the birth of Christ, the thought comes to mind, "How would Christ most wish us to honor his birth?"

In his own ministry, Christ showed an abiding concern for the needy, the ill, the unfortunate. If each of us does some little act to improve the circumstances of the less fortunate, it will certainly brighten the light of Christmas in our own hearts.

Sincerely,

Van W. Hoag



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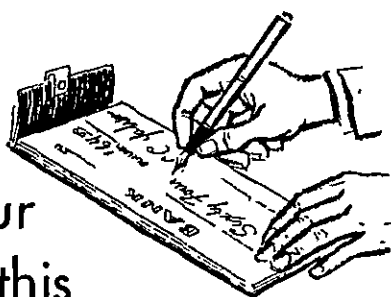
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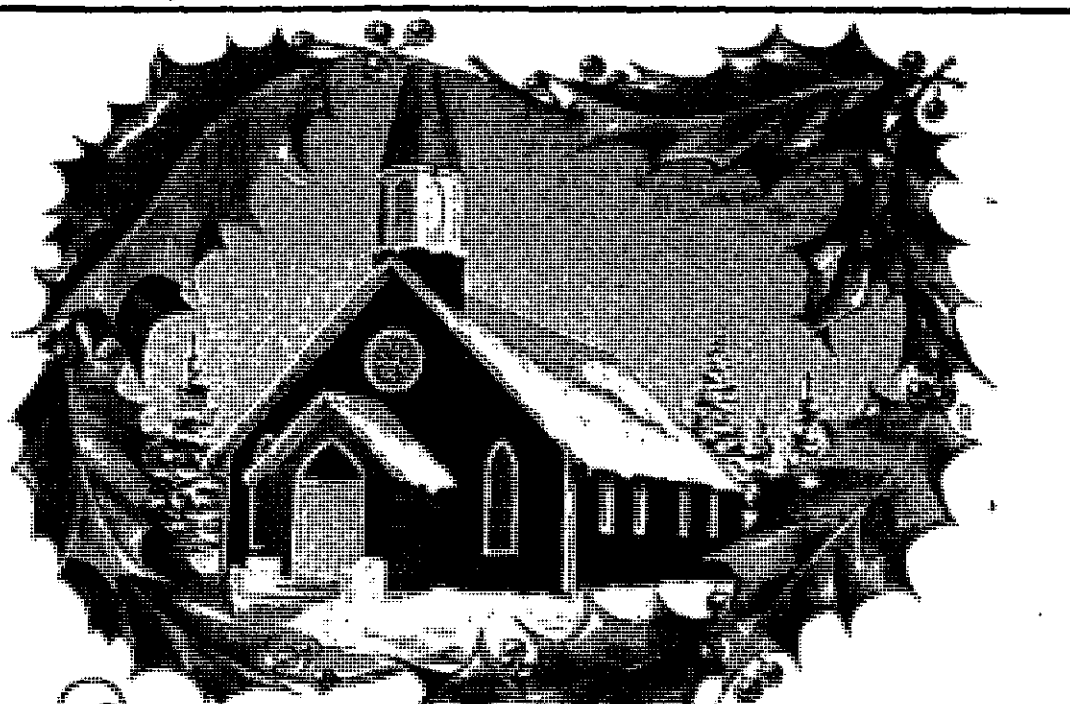


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Merry Christmas

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The peace and promise of Christmas
The Light that shines at Christmas is radiant with the promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." We join you in this prayer.

We All Want To Say From **FURMAN-DAY** "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

★ HELP WANTED

WANTED: Mature lady for baby-sitting while father works. 3 p.m. to approx. 7 p.m., 5 days a week. Phone 224-7428. 32-3p

WOMAN to learn dental assisting. 40 hour week, 9:30 to 6:30, including every other Saturday. Reply stating age, education, marital status, age of children, if any, work experience and address and telephone number. Permanent position. Send reply to Box 244, St. Johns Mich. 48879. 33-3p

WANTED: Community news correspondents for Ovid, Maple Rapids, Westphalia, Report social and club events. Contact Editor, Clinton County News, St. Johns. 44-1tdh

WANTED: Experienced mechanic in St. Johns. Good salary, 5 day work week, health and retirement benefits, sick leave, paid vacation. Send reply to Box 'J', c/o Clinton County News. 34-3

BABYSITTER wanted in my home, 3:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Phone 224-3696 before 3 p.m. 34-3p

WAITRESS wanted to work 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Apply in person, after 4 p.m. at Hi-Way Cafe, N. US-27, St. Johns. 34-1p

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WANTED: Common date Silver coins. 1829 S. Washington, Ph: 484-3689, Lansing. 28-6p

TIMBER WANTED: Logs and standing timber. Logs delivered to our yard. DEVEREAUX SAWMILL, INC., 2872 N. Hubbardston Road, Pewamo, Michigan, Phone 824-3101. 401f

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FOR SALE: Registered female Beagle, 14 months old, \$10; ALSO 2 beagle pups, 4 months old, \$5, each. Phone 838-2217, Pompell, after 4 p.m. 33-3p

★ FOR SALE MISC.

FOR SALE: 1956 Buick, good transportation; non-registered purebred collie; Ziegler automatic wood stove with fan; Jigger; Snow and dry land fun vehicle. Richard Kindel, 6307 Watson Rd., Elsie. 32-2p

FOR SALE: 26" bicycle, 3-speed, "Good condition." Phone 224-7428. 32-3p

OUT-OF-TOWNERS can call ads in toll-FREE-with Enterprise 8201. Ask your local operator. 31-dh

USED: Bassinette, car bed, tub, sterilizer - bottles, stroller, gates, dressing table, maternity clothes - size 14-16, car chair. Phone 669-9468, DeWitt. 32-3p

MEN'S SUITS - Dick Butler Clothing Store, O.P.S. (Opposite Police Station) downtown Grand Ledge is selling out his entire stock of men's suits. Profits are forgotten - all men's suits are priced to sell quickly - 2 for the price of 1. Tremendous selection. Genuine \$50 Thunderbird suits are now 2 suits for \$51. Genuine \$60 Rocket suits are now 2 suits for \$61. Genuine \$70 Gold Bond suits are now 2 suits for \$71. If you don't need 2 suits - bring a friend - divide the cost and share the savings. JUMP IN YOUR CAR and head for Dick Butler's O.P.S. in Grand Ledge. It will pay you to drive over. Open Friday nights until 8 p.m. - other nights until 5:30 - closed Sundays. 28-1f

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FOR SALE: Purebred spotted boars guaranteed breeders. Clarence Fox, 1 1/2 miles west of Alma. 25-1f

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SATURDAY, JAN. 24, 1970, 1 p.m. Sharp
Mr and Mrs Dewey Aldrich. Household, Antique & Farm Equipment. 6 east 2 north and 1/2 east of Ithaca, or 6 south, 1/2 east of Breckenridge on Polk Rd.
THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 1970, 10:30 a.m. Sharp
Sattler & Son, Inc., Middleton, Mich. Inventory reduction. 12 miles north of St. Johns & 6 miles west on M-57.
FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 1970, 10:30 a.m. Sharp
Al Galloway. Inventory reduction. 1 mile north of St. Johns, on west side. Consignments will be accepted until day before sale at 10% with \$85 MAXIMUM on each item.
FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1970, 11:00 a.m. Sharp
Carson City Farm Supply. Inventory reduction. 1 mile west of Carson City, Mich. on M-57.
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1970, 10:30 Sharp.
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2-BEDROOM house for sale, 1 year old. Aluminum siding, all-ceramic bath, full basement. Located at 5765 N. Chestnut St., Westphalia. For appointment call: 582-5241. 33-3p

80 ACRES, 70 acres tillable with 6-room house. 2493 W. Taft Rd., near freeway. \$19,500, \$6,500 down. Balance on land contract. Leo Lepley Realtor, Ray Willert, salesman. Ithaca. Residence: 875-3581; office 875-3990. 32-3p

2-BEDROOM home with family room and basement, attached garage. Priced to sell. Qualified Vets can buy with nothing down except closing costs. Interest - 7 1/2%. Call Ardoth Kessler, 363-6051. Capitol City Realty, Inc., Lansing. 33-3p

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SPECIAL NOTICE to TAXPAYERS of BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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Bath Twp. Treasurer 34-2

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WATER TOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP MINUTES

December 8, 1969
The December meeting was called to order by the Supervisor with all board members present. Also present Robert Montgomery, county commissioner, and Jack Ryan.
Minutes of the regular November meeting and two special meetings in November, were read and approved.
Treasurer's report read and placed on file.
Mr. Montgomery reported that the new zoning ordinances would be in effect by December 1970, and that special use permits have been changed to be issued for a definite period of time.
Recommendations were read from our planning commission recommending that Watertown Charter Township enter into a landuse and sewer plan with the Clinton County D.P.W.
Correspondence read and placed on file.
Bills were read and motion made to pass same.
The board members were filled in on Marvin Maguire's request for 66 more trailers to be added to his Country Home Mobile Trailer Park, and the Planning Commission are to meet and discuss this more fully.
The committee appointed by the supervisor to look into cemetery problems, such as urns, plastic flowers, monuments, headstones, etc., has agreed to meet in January.
Motion to transfer \$1,000 from contingent to cemetery account.
The board agreed to enter into a fire contract with the City of Grand Ledge, and instructed the supervisor and clerk to sign same.
There were some recommended changes made in our fire insurance coverage.
The January meeting will be held on the first Monday instead of the regular second Monday night, for this month only.
There being no further business, meeting adjourned.
MILDRED McDONOUGH, Clerk

DeWITT TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 1969

Synopsis of a special assessment district hearing and regular board meeting held December 8, 1969, at DeWitt Township Hall No. 2, 780 E. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Promptly at 7:00 p.m. the notice of hearing on creating a special assessment district was read. During the period from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., an informal discussion on various township problems took place.

The regular board meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman Powell at 9:00 p.m. Board members present: Powell, Johns, Purves, Syverson and Zeeb. Absent, Angell and Jardtke.

Minutes of the regular board meeting of November 10, 1969 were read and approved.

Fire committee had nothing to report.

Planning commission minutes of special meetings and regular meetings of November 3 and December 1, 1969 were given by Johns. The letter to the Clinton County Planning Commission was read. Filne, Johns and Nitzsche were reappointed to the commission.

Police committee report was given by Chief Angell.

Transportation Committee report was given by Powell.

Robert Reese Jr. was appointed to the Board of Review to fill a vacancy.

Resolution for a special assessment district for street lights on Eskes Street was adopted.

An ordinance to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Clinton County Sanitary Sewage Disposal System No. 1 (Township of DeWitt) was turned down. Vote: Yes 2, No 3, Absent 2.

Approval of vouchers 1487 thru 1521 except 1495.

Announcements: Tri-County Planning Meeting, Thursday, December 11, 1969 at 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, January 5, 1970 at 7:30 p.m.; Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 12, 1970 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 10:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted, DONNA B. SYVERSON, Clerk.

Signed: OLIVER S. ANGELL, Supervisor.

December 17, 1969

Synopsis of a Special Board Meeting held December 16, 1969 at DeWitt Township Hall No. 2, 780 E. Wieland Road, Lansing Michigan 48906.

Called to order by Supervisor Oliver S. Angell at 7:30 p.m. Board members present: Powell, Johns, Purves, Angell, Syverson and Zeeb. Board members absent: Hardtke.

Notice of the special meeting read by Clerk Syverson.

Hammell reviewed the Ordinance.

Stauder reviewed the financing. Question and answer period followed.

Ordinance 17 to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Clinton County Sanitary Sewage Disposal System No. 1 (Township of DeWitt) was adopted.

Adjournment at 8:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted, DONNA B. SYVERSON, Clerk.

OLIVER S. ANGELL, Supervisor

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Fowler By Miss Cecilia Thelen Phone 582-2963

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We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Village of Fowler Council Meeting

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 1969

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Trustees answering roll call, Klein, Pettit, Halfmann, Snyder, Wohlfert, Douglas.

Motion by Wohlfert to approve minutes of previous meeting, supported by Halfmann, 6-0, carried.

Current bills in the amount of \$1351.00. A motion by Klein to pay bills from proper funds supported by Pettit. Yea 6, nay 0; carried.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilman Douglas and supported by Councilman Pettit.

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare to make certain improvements to the sewage disposal system of the Village, consisting of the acquisition and construction of a waste stabilization lagoon, discharge line, all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto and acquiring a site therefor.

AND WHEREAS, the total cost of the aforesaid improvements, together with all engineering and legal fees and financing costs, has been estimated to be \$240,000.

AND WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that said improvements should be financed in part by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Village. Ayes 6, nays 0. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Douglas to notify State Highway Dept. that Village withdraw N. Victor from local street system, supported by Wohlfert. Yea 6, nay 0, carried.

A motion by Pettit to renew registration with Construction Safety Commission, supported by Wohlfert. Yea 6, nay 0, carried.

The following resolution was made by Klein and supported by Wohlfert: Whereas the proposed street light replacement on W. 1st Street, by Consumer Power Co. replace 1-2500 lumen incandescent street light with 1-10000 lumen mercury vapor. Yea 6, nay 0, carried.

Motion by Snyder to hold regular council meetings at 7:00 p.m. through months of November, December, January, February, March, and April, supported by Wohlfert. Yea 6, nay 0, carried.

A motion by Douglas that council accept recommendation of Clinton County Road Commission in installing curb and gutter at 36 ft. radius on side streets, S. Wright Road. Motion supported by Pettit. Yea 6, nay 0, carried.

Motion by Wohlfert to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Duplain-Rochester Colony

By Mrs James Burnham Phone 224-4045

HOBBY CLUB MEETS
Hobby club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs William Hilley on East Colony road with nine members present. The day was spent making Christmas candy. Following the potluck dinner a gift exchange was held from our mystery sisters. Business meeting was held and the next meeting will be January 22 at the home of Mrs J. C. Washburn with the members bringing anything they have been working on and would like to complete.

Mrs Justin Shepard returned home Saturday after spending a few days in Owosso Memorial Hospital.

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1040 U.S.I.
for the year 1966, ending 12/31/66
First name and initial of joint return, 1966
Taxpayers Ask IRS

Q.—I've signed up for courses in shorthand so I can get a secretarial job. Can I deduct this expense?
A.—Tax law does not permit deductions for educational expenses which qualify you for a new trade or business or enable you to meet the minimum requirements in your present job. However, a deduction can be taken if the course is required by your present employer to keep the job you have or to maintain and improve the skills required on your present job.

For more details on education expenses, send a post card to your District Director and ask for Publication 508, Tax Information on Educational Expenses. The booklet is free.

Q.—I filed the card form 1040A last year. What will the new tax form mean to someone like me?
A.—Unless your situation has changed from what it was last year, you will probably need only the one-page Form 1040. Over 30 million taxpayers will be able to file just this single page form and this total includes most of the 19 million like yourself who filed the card form last year.

Q.—My son is working his way through college. Will the amount he earns affect our exemption for him?
A.—The amount of his earnings will not affect the dependency exemption if he is under 19 at year end or a full-time student during five months of the year. However, the other dependency tests must continue to be met.

Your son's earnings used for his support should be included in total support in determining whether you provided over half his support.

Q.—Can you take a deduction for custom duties paid on gifts bought in Europe?
A.—No, custom duties are not deductible.

Q.—Is there any Social Security tax on household help when you pay \$50 a quarter but divide it between two people?
A.—No, you are liable for the tax only when you pay the person \$50 or more cash wages in a calendar quarter.

Q.—I'm buying U.S. Savings Bonds to help pay for my son's education. Can I arrange this so that I don't have to pay tax on the interest?
A.—The interest earned on a savings bond should be reported by the owner of the bond. If you purchase the bonds in your child's name as owner then any tax liability will be his. Unless the interest earned on the bonds and his other income amounts to \$600 or more for the year, no return need be filed by him.

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News About Clinton County - Service Personnel -

Seaman CHARLES C. BATTORF, USN, son of Mrs Joyce E. Robbins of 983 Webb Road, DeWitt, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger off the coast of Vietnam.

The 80,000-ton Ranger is currently in its fifth combat tour in Vietnam and ninth to the Western Pacific. This is her third cruise with Attack Carrier Air Wing Two embarked. Ranger serves as flagship for Rear Admiral James C. Donaldson of Bessemer Ala., Commander Carrier Division Three.

Ship's Serviceman Third Class DAVID L. FERRIGAN, USN, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Ferrigan of 213 First E. North Street, Laingsburg, and Fire Control Technician Third Class SCOTT D. SLOCUM, USN, son of Mr and Mrs Max E. Slocum of 3227 Putman Road, Laingsburg, are serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger off the coast of Vietnam.

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Navy Ensign LEE R. ORMSBY, son of Mr and Mrs Russell M. Ormsby of R-6, Watson Road, St. Johns, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger off the coast of Vietnam.

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Q.—Floods did considerable damage to our home. Will I be able to deduct these damages on my income tax return?
A.—You may be able to take a casualty loss deduction to the extent the loss exceeds \$100 and was not compensated by insurance. Generally, the loss is the difference in the fair market value of the property before and after the flooding.

Details on this provision of the tax law are contained in Publication 547, Tax Information on Disasters, Casualty Losses and Thefts. Send a post card to your District Director to obtain a free copy.

Q.—You sent my son a letter about his failure to file a 1968 tax return. Can he wait until he gets back from his military duty in Vietnam before filing it?
A.—Yes, if he was on active duty there when the return was due, he may postpone filing his income tax return until 180 days after leaving Vietnam. Notify the IRS office which sent the letter to your son about his combat duty.

Q.—Since my divorce, I've continued to support my children even though my ex-wife has custody. Can I continue my withholding exemptions for them?
A.—If you are entitled to claim the children as dependents, you may take their exemptions for withholding purposes. For more details, ask for Publication 501, Your Exemptions and Exemptions for Dependents, free at your local IRS office.

Q.—Do you have to withhold Social Security tax on money given a maid for carfare?
A.—Yes, the Social Security tax applies to the total cash paid a household employee, even though some is paid for transportation.

Tax payments for the July, August, September quarter are due October 31. Any person who has paid \$50 or more cash wages in a quarter to an employee for household services (cleaning, gardening, etc.) must file a return using Form 942, Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees.

Q.—I've been offered a job overseas. If I take it, will I still have to pay U.S. income tax?
A.—If your job is with the U.S. Government, you will be subject to U.S. income taxes. However, income from a job with a foreign company or an overseas branch of a U.S. company may be fully or partially exempt from U.S. income taxes.

The IRS has published a booklet covering these situations which is called Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens Abroad. For a free copy, send a post card to your District Director and ask for Publication 54.



KENNETH J. HARRIS

Pfc. Kenneth J. Harris, son of Mr and Mrs Robert A. Harris is stationed in Cu Chi, Vietnam.

Pfc. Harris completed his basic training at Fort Knox and then took a ten-week combat medical training period at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He is a 1967 graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School.



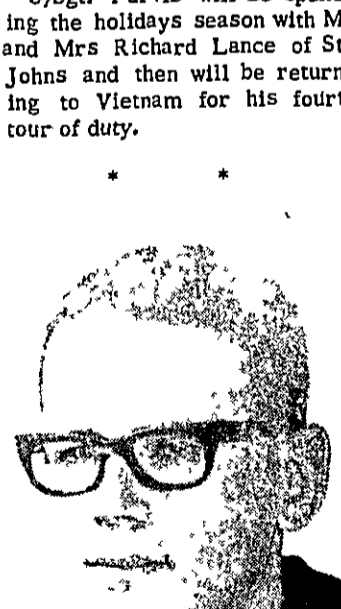
RODNEY E. PURVIS

S/SGT RODNEY E. PURVIS received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device July 25. The award is given for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in Vietnam.

S/Sgt. Purvis distinguished himself by heroism in action while serving as a mess steward with Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry at Tay Ninh, Vietnam.

When an incoming rocket round struck the chapel, critically injuring the chaplain, S/Sgt. Purvis rushed into the chapel with two medical personnel, even though rocket fire was still coming in. He discovered the chaplain wedged into the flooring suffering from a severe fragmentation wound. S/Sgt. Purvis contributed in efforts to remove the wounded man and assisted in transporting him to a nearby surgical hospital where he received life-saving first aid.

S/Sgt. Purvis will be spending the holidays season with Mr and Mrs Richard Lance of St. Johns and then will be returning to Vietnam for his fourth tour of duty.



MICHAEL LINDEN ZIEGLER

CE3 Michael Linden Ziegler recently received the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" Device. This citation was awarded to Ziegler for his professional achievement while serving with the United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 8 engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong aggressors in Vietnam.

Ziegler recorded a complete inventory of the electrical section of the project material yard. His untiring efforts ensured that necessary and urgently needed materials were always on hand.

CE3 Ziegler is the son of Mr and Mrs Charles L. Ziegler, R-3, St. Johns.

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Wheeee! St. Johns 102, Grand Ledge 73

By RON KARLE
Editor

Fred Root showed them he could handle pressure Friday night.

Against Grand Ledge, with 17 seconds left in the game, the little junior guard dropped in a free throw for the Redwings' 100th point of the night.

It was the first time within memory—and perhaps ever—that a St. Johns basketball team had scored 100 points.

As early as late in the third quarter, St. Johns fans began to sense the possibility that the Wings could hit the 100-point mark.

And with 2 1/2 minutes left, and St. Johns leading 91-62, the pressure was on as the fans began to chant, "We want a hundred... we want a hundred..."

Holding a 78-43 lead at the end of the third, Head Coach Doug Japinga pulled his entire first team out for the rest of the game.

As the tension began to build in the final period some fans—some who should have known better—began yelling, "Hey, Japinga, put the first team back in!"

But if the Wings were to score 100, it was in the hands of guys like Root, Mike Brown, Greg Kirby, Roger Davis, Brian Car-

penter, Steve Mead, Terry Nobis and Randy Atkinson.

Grand Ledge sensed what was happening, too, and they were determined to stop the Wings, out-scoring them 29-24 in the final period.

But each St. Johns basket brought screams of delight from

the crowd, caught up in the excitement.

At one point in the final period with St. Johns leading 91-62, the scorekeeper momentarily showed 90 points on the board for the Wings.

"Hey, stupid," reminded one fan, "that's 91!"

It was corrected. Grand Ledge cut the St. Johns lead to 91-66 at 2:09 but five seconds later Randy Atkinson hit for two from the free throw line to put the Wings within seven of the magic number.

Then with 1:37 left Terry Nobis made it 95-67 and 20 seconds later, Root hit on a free throw and St. Johns had 96.

With 54 seconds left, Mike Brown added one more from the free throw line and the Wings were within three.

Terry Nobis, with 41 seconds remaining, calmly hit for two more from the foul line and it was St. Johns 99, Grand Ledge 73.

With 17 seconds left Root was fouled.

He stepped up to the line, shot and missed.

Groans. Then, swish.

And 100. And pandemonium.

The fans were on their feet yelling out the end of the game. And Mike Brown capped it when he hit for two more from the floor with two seconds left, to make the final score 102-73.

"That game was just too much, man," said Roger Davis in the Redwing lockerroom. "Everybody worked as a whole."

Mike Brown was "great man" though admitting at times they "felt a little shaky out there."

And Fred Root was "feeling all right," too.

"We weren't out there to make the other team look bad," said Root. "We were out there to make us look good."

When asked what he was thinking at the foul line, he said, "just concentrate and take my time."

Though obviously pleased with

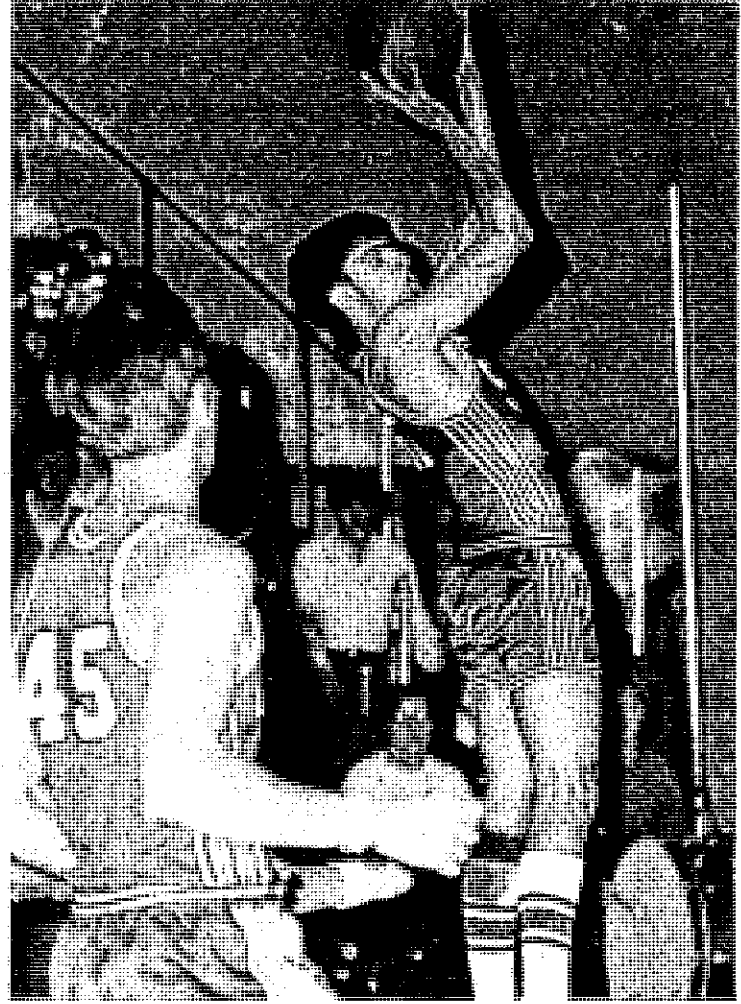


All eyes were up on this Bob Rehmann shot. That's Roger Davis (53), Steve Mead (33) and Dave Gaffney protecting

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Bob Rehmann shows concentration on this one as Dean Eisler (45) watches.

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the efforts of his team, Japinga was not lording it over anyone.

"The point of having a basketball team is as an exercise in good education," he said. "We feel as coaches on both sides of the floor that we can teach our kids some values they perhaps can't learn in the classroom."

"But the object of the game is to win," he added.

St. Johns opened a 6-0 lead within the first minute of play and by the end of the first period, led 30-13.

Mid-way through the second period Bob Rehmann hit for two and the Wings doubled the Comets' score, 40-20. Seconds later Rehmann put up two more, then Dave Gaffney stole the ball and put up another two before Chuck Green swished one in from the corner with 2:20 left in the half to put St. Johns up, 46-20.

At the half, the Redwings held a 51-20 lead.

Dean Eisler, who led the Wings with 25 points, hit for five in a row midway through the third period. He took a shot which hung around the rim, rolled out and then he popped it in. Ten seconds later Eisler took a hard pass from Gaffney and pushed in a one hander, was fouled and added another to make it 63-37.

At the end of the third period, St. Johns owned a 35-point lead, 78-43, and within the first minute of play opened a 36-point lead, their biggest of the night, 80-44.

Rehmann added 20 points to the St. Johns offense and Gaffney 11 to round out the players in double figures with all three sitting out the final period along with Green and Dan Rademacher. High point-getter for Grand

Ledge was Ken Block with 14. St. Johns will be idle over the Christmas vacation break and resumes action at home against Alma Tuesday, Jan. 6.

St. Johns	30	21	27	24	102
Gd. Ledge	13	16	15	29	73

Clinton Basketball Scores

FRIDAY DEC. 19	
St. Johns 102, Grand Ledge 73	Bath 64, Perry 56
Ovid-Elsie 41, Bullock Creek 39	Pewamo-Westphalia 63, Laingsburg 44
Portland St. Pat 81, DeWitt 70	Fowler 70, Owosso St. Paul 44
TUESDAY DEC. 16	
DeWitt 85, Laingsburg 57	Fowler 54, Potterville 38
Pewamo-Westphalia 61, Webberville 60	

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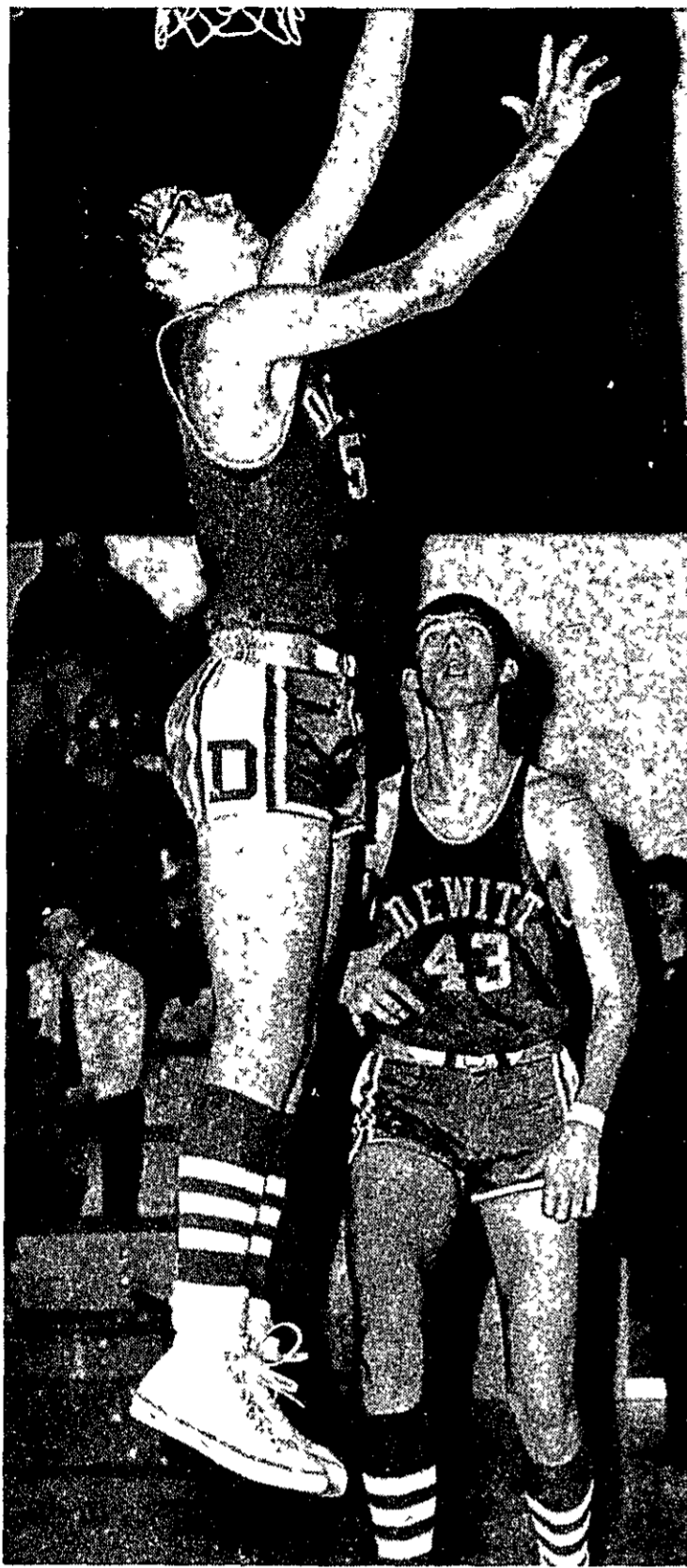
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HAIRY SHOT

DeWitt's Steve Tews lets loose against Laingsburg as teammate Loren Ward (43) watches. The Panthers had little trouble with Laingsburg last week as four players hit for double figures and a 85-57 win. Mike Botke paced the offense with 25 points while Marty Linkford hit for 12 and Pat Botke and Ward got 10.

Fowler stops Potterville, 54-38, streak to four

Fowler stretched its unbeaten string to four last week when the Eagles knocked off Potterville, 54-38, in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference basketball game.

Behind, 12-10 at the end of the first period, Fowler outscored the Vikings 14-5 in the second period to take a 24-17 lead at halftime.

The Eagles added another 14 in the third quarter to 11 for Potterville to open a 41-28 edge at the end of the period.

And in the final period, Fowler put the game out of reach hitting for 16.

Don Koenigsnecht's 15 points—including six in the second period rally—paced the winners, while Nell Thelen and Bill Armbrustmacher added 10 each.

Doug Henry was the leading Potterville shooter with 17 and he was the only Viking to hit for double figures.

Potterville	12	5	11	10-38
Fowler	10	14	14	16-54

Super soph

Michigan State super basketball sophomore Ralph Simpson made an impressive varsity debut in State's 1969-70 opening win over Eastern Kentucky. He tallied 36 points on 14 field goals and eight free throws.

P-W downs Webberville, 61-60

A pair of free throws by Bill Vance with nine seconds left gave Pewamo - Westphalia its first victory of the season last week, 61-60, over winless Webberville.

After his two points from the free throw line, the Pirates led 61-58 and allowed Dan McCoy to score the final two points untouched before the buzzer sounded.

Behind 11-8 at the end of the first period, the Pirates hit for 21 in the second and took a 29-24 halftime lead.

P-W kept its edge in the third period, outscoring Webberville 19-17, and opened its biggest lead of the night, 48-41 during that quarter.

Webberville came back with 19 in the final period to P-W's 13, but the effort was just shy of victory.

Ed Ancel led the Webberville offense with 23 points, including 13 of 15 foul shots, and he also grabbed 27 rebounds.

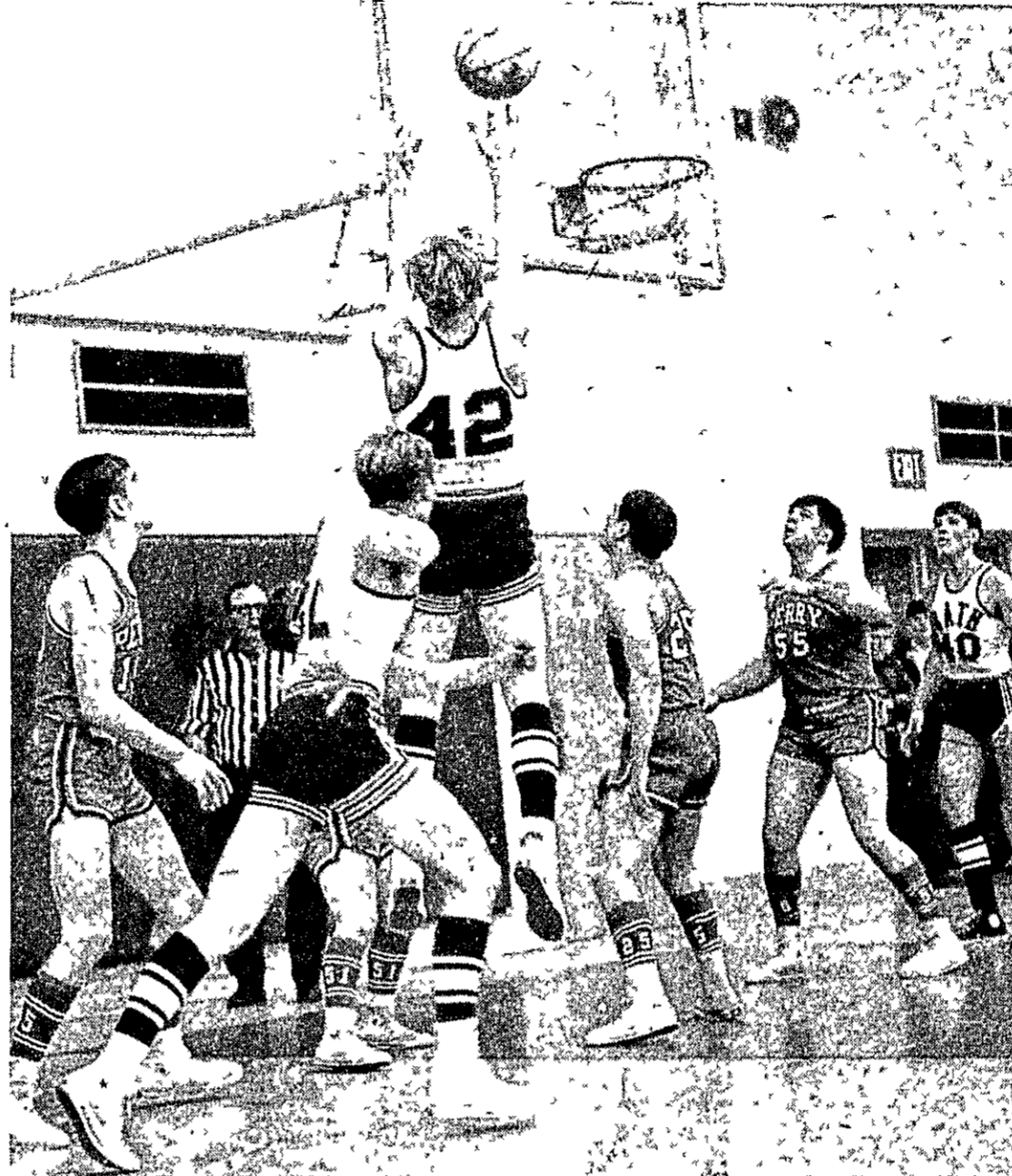
Gerald Arens paced the Pirate attack with 20 points and

Al Smith also hit in double figures with 12.

The victory left P-W with a 1-1 record in the Central Michigan

Athletic Conference and a 1-3 season mark.

P - W	8	21	13-61
Webberville	11	13	17-60



TWO FOR BATH

Don Koenig of Bath fires a jump shot over an attentive Perry defense. Paul Stoll, 40, watches and waits for any rebound. The Bath Bees defeated Perry 64 to 56.

Grand Ledge JV's top St. Johns, 50-36

St. Johns' Junior Varsity, which had won two in a row, Friday fell to Grand Ledge, 50-36.

The loss put the junior Wings at 2-2 in the conference and 3-2 on the season.

Grand Ledge jumped off to a 16-7 first period lead but the Wings narrowed the gap to six in the second, outscoring the Comets 13-10 to make it 26-20 at the half.

St. Johns almost kept pace in the third period, adding 10 while the Comets put in 12 to hold an eight-point lead, 38-30, at the end of the period.

Grand Ledge pulled away in the final frame, however, out-

shooting St. Johns 12-6 to put the game out of reach.

Dennis LeVeck paced St. Johns with 11 points and Larry Heathman had nine.

"Larry Heathman came off the bench and did a fine job for us," said Coach Mike Young.

"But our individual defense broke down late in the game," he added. "We had them."

LeVeck also led in rebounds with 12 and Rick Hudson had 10.

St. Johns	7	13	10	6-36
Grand Ledge	16	10	12	12-50



NIGHT HAWK
Dec. 16

	W	L
Beck's	43	21
Roadhouse	43	21
Rehmann's	42	22
Zeeb's	40	24
Miller's	39	25
Legion	35 1/2	28 1/2
Randolph's	32	32
Farm Bureau	29	35
Colony	27 1/2	36 1/2
Central Nat. Bk.	22	42
Hettler's	18	46
Egan's	13	51

FIRST NIGHTERS
DEC. 15

	W	L
Heathman's	45	19
Lanterman	43	21
St. Johns Cln.	38	26
Carling's	38	26
Citgo	37	27
D & B Shoppe	36	28
Roadhouse	30	34
Ray's Zephyr	29	35
Bee's Chevy	24 1/2	39 1/2
Benson, Carp.	24 1/2	39 1/2
Sears	20	44
Nick's Mkt.	19	45

CAPITOL
Dec. 15

	W	L
Bob's Bar	42	22
Beaufores	41	23
Morlarity Lumber	39	25
Sprite	38	26
Co-op's	38	26
Coca Cola	33	31
Roadhouse	31 1/2	32 1/2
Moormans	30	34
Federal Mogul	29 1/2	34 1/2
Carling's	27	37
K of C's	19	45
Woodburys	17	47

KINGS & QUEENS
Dec. 14

	W	L
Frost Mug	42	18
Redwing Lanes	38	22
Dush Const.	37	23
Poor Souls	35	25
Sundowners	33 1/2	28 1/2
Fearless 4-some	31 1/2	28 1/2
Hi Way Cafe	28	32
Paul's Automotive	26	34
Lucky 4	25	35
Hotel Coffee	24	36
Pacemakers	21	39
Alley Cats	19	41

That's tough

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Rare shutout Home again

Michigan State varsity wrestlers opened their 1969-70 season by registering a rare shutout over defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland. The final score was 32-0.

The last time Michigan State hosted the Big Ten indoor track championship meet, in 1966, it won the team title. The Spartans will stage the indoor meet in 1970.

City of St. Johns PUBLIC NOTICE Refuse Pick-up Schedule

The City of St. Johns refuse contractor will collect refuse according to the following schedule:

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THOMAS L. HUNDLEY
City Clerk 34-1

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Clinton County News

Editorial Page

Wednesday, December 24, 1969

Let's be fair

They say it does no good to quote figures to irate consumers who blame retailers for rising prices. Yet, U. S. citizens have always believed in fair play, which now requires an understanding of certain facts about retail food prices. Profit margins in grocery stores are the lowest in all American industry.

The average profit as a percentage of sales for the nation's supermarkets runs about 1.4 per cent. This means that if a supermarket were to give up all its profits, a food bill of \$10 at the check-out counter would only be reduced to \$9.87. If the stores were to discontinue all forms of advertising, the food bill would be reduced by 2 cents on a dollar's worth of purchases. But, who'd know what the bargains were? The margin of profit at the supermarket level is so narrow that each time a shopping bag is tossed aside at the check-out counter the profit on a dollar is lost, for the bag costs 1.3 cents. Another fact worth remembering is that almost 20 per cent of the so-called average grocery bill goes for items to read, wear, smoke, listen to, feed the dog and cat, drink for pleasure rather than nourishment, apply as makeup or medicine.

In 1947-49, Americans spent almost 26 cents of their after-tax dollars for food. Today, the housewife spends only about 18 cents. Her counterpart in England spends 28 cents of each take-home dollar for food, housewives in France spend 31 cents, in Italy 43 cents, in Japan 46 cents, and in Russia 53 cents. The cost of living is rising, as a result of long-standing governmental fiscal and monetary policies. But, thanks to the efficiency of mass distribution in a free market, food is still one of the biggest bargains in the family budget.

Cohesive force

Politically and ideologically the global powers seem more divided today than ever. Yet, in the midst of these divisions, there is one encouraging development. This is the remarkable success of U.S. business firms as a worldwide unifying force.

"Big international companies," proclaims U.S. News and World Report, "are pushing far ahead of politicians in reshaping relations between countries around the globe." American firms abroad are now producing some \$100 billion of goods for foreign consumption—three times as much as all goods exported from the U.S. With this investment have come rapid advances in technology, millions of jobs, efficient management and a dramatic expansion of productivity in the recipient nations.

The result of this international economic activity is increased communication and the establishment of countless thousands of business and personal ties between the respective peoples of the world. The horizons of individuals are being raised from national to international interests. Thus, by its success, U.S. business has probably done more than centuries of politics to give substance to the hope for a united world.

WEST POINT, Miss., TIMES LEADER: "Little would be gained, and much would be lost, by tightening federal control over colleges and universities... We have existing laws on the books which cover all disturbances on campuses. Problems have been multiplied by using different names for certain crimes, just because they are committed on a college or university campus. Let's call the crimes by their rightful names... arson, theft, assault, trespassing, burglary, breaking and entering, illegal possession and carrying of deadly weapons, disorderly conduct, vandalism... and perhaps you have thought of a few more."

SOMERSET, Ky., COMMONWEALTH-JOURNAL: "Throughout our history, with almost every racial or ethnic group, we have had to learn that open access to all rights of citizenship, far from threatening anyone's security, in the long run makes for a stronger, more prosperous nation. The most fundamental of these rights, even more fundamental than the right to vote, is the right to work."

BROOKINGS, S. D., REGISTER: "Newspapers inform, alert, instruct, educate and line garbage cans. And they do them all at your convenience, not at theirs. You... get the word, it's waiting for you, on the printed page."

Back Thru the Years

Interesting Items from the Files of the Clinton County News

ONE YEAR AGO Dec. 25, 1968

Paul A. Maples was named St. Johns city attorney, but without unanimous approval of the city commission.

William J. Buescher, president of the Central National Bank of St. Johns announced the sale of the firm to a group of Indiana businessmen.

Hong Kong flu which was sweeping the nation had not left St. Johns untouched, but no epidemic was yet present, according to reports from the hospital and Mid-Michigan District Health Department.

Scoring 17 points, Dick Henderson led St. Johns High School to an 83-59 victory over Grand Ledge.

10 YEARS AGO Dec. 24, 1959

A dozen foreign exchange students, from every corner of the globe planned to visit 12 Clinton County families for Christmas in a program in world understanding.

Most Reverend Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing presided at the investiture of Rt. Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Green, pastor of St. Joseph's parish.

Supporters of the Tri-County Planning Commission mustered enough strength to push through an Eaton County appropriation to the commission.

The age for induction at the Clinton Local Board of the Michigan Selective Service was 23, and during 1959, 29 registrants were inducted.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 21, 1944

More than 100 Clinton County men had been reported as casualties to date in World War II, including 34 killed.

The Clinton County Selective Service Board was notified that it could begin reclassifying 2-A and 2-C men, or "essential" and farm workers, due to military necessity.

St. Johns volunteer firemen faced to a fire in a freight car containing about 1,000 cases of beer. Citizens happening on the scene stuffed bottles in their coats and back at the fire house, after the fire, for once, there was no crabbing about sooty clothes and smoky, dry throats.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 1919

The new Iris Theater, on Clinton Avenue, under the management of Fred Tremper was scheduled to open on Dec. 31 with matinee and evening performances of "Birth of a Race."

Two miles of a road between Grand Ledge and Lansing had been completed and work was proceeding on a highway between Grand Ledge and Eagle.

President Wilson called the attention of the nation to the 14th Decennial Census, which will send an army of 87,000 enumerators out to every mansion and hut in the country, and will be the most comprehensive census so far.



HOUSTON, Tex., TRIBUNE: "Communists never negotiate in good faith. Futility is the word for the dreary burlesque being played out in Paris. The enemy 'negotiators' are not negotiating. They are waiting for the American people to become so war-weary, so confused, so frustrated that they will demand withdrawal of our forces, leaving them with victory in their hands."

ALTAVISTA, Va., JOURNAL: "As in any other vein of thinking, dissent can go too far and can seriously disrupt the American way of life. This dissent is to be deplored when it offers no constructive suggestion to improve the situation under protest."

COLUMBIA, Tenn., HERALD: "The oceans have been called the last frontier. The U. S. continental shelves alone embrace a territory—still virtually a terra incognita—one third the size of 48 contiguous states. Expanding world population makes inevitable the day when the mineral resources and food potential of that frontier assume crucial importance."

A Merry Christmas To All



Burnin' the Old Brush Pile

High among old-time attractions I remember as a boy, Were some not too oft occasions We learned early to enjoy; Week by week accumulated, Brush and litter each in turn, Till right wind and water factors Told us it was time to burn.

'Fore the modern way of heating With its automatic feed, Every limb was shorn of wood-stock To help fill the fuel need; And to pile it close 'n careful, Was a part of our concern— Otherwise, we had our problems Gettin' all the brush to burn.

Didn't use' to need a license When we readied fer farm fire, But more neighbors 'n more fire-traps Made fire hazards more 'n higher; Now whole buildings furnish fuel, When to clean - ups we return But there's still a bit of magic, Watchin the old brush pile burn.

Children and grandchildren gather 'Fer a weenie - marshmallow roast, Be the weather fair or foul We can keep as warm as toast; We still see among the embers Air borne castles, and we yearn Just to set and dream in fancy As the old brush piles burn. W. E. Dobson

Christmas: 'a bummer'

By BOB CALVERLY



The First Christmas - A child, said to be the Son of God, was born to two peasants Mary and Joseph in a stable in Bethlehem causing somewhat of a disturbance in the countryside.

Shepherds, babbling of visions in their fields, gathered at the stable and it is reported that three kings arrived from the east bringing expensive gifts for the child.

King Herod, who learned of the birth of the "King" some time later, tried to locate the child so that "he might worship him too."

When Herod was unsuccessful he began killing all male children under two years of age.

Informed sources say that Mary, Joseph and their baby fled to a distant land, probably Egypt.

Christmas, 1968, Tay Ninh, RVN—it was unearthy quiet. The wind swirled dust through the base camp and it stuck to the sweat on your skin.

The 36 hour truce had stopped the crack of outgoing artillery and the terrifying crunch of incoming rockets. In the mess hall we ate the Army's version of Christmas turkey, including gaily decorated menus bearing greetings from Headquarters USARV

(United States Army Vietnam). It's nice to know that USARV wants you to have a Merry Christmas.

At night, when the breeze was cooler, the dust invisible and the silence not so uneasy we sat outside on the sandbags drinking beer, thinking of Christmases past and future.

"It's a bummer," said Steve Ponty, a doorgunner on a gunship.

Four days after Christmas Ponty died when his gunship, named "It's a Bummer" was shot down.

Christmas, 1969 - The streets are decorated and the air is filled with Christmas carols from the Courthouse in St. Johns to the Eberhardt's store in southern Clinton County.

Less than a week 'til Christmas I still haven't sent any Christmas cards or done most of my shopping.

There's even a little snow on the ground.

I'll spend Christmas with my family, the first in three years.

But over 400,000 Americans will spend Christmas with USARV and people are still dying in Israel.

That's the way it's been and the way it is now.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men," is just a greeting.

'IF IT FITZ . . .

For a sick friend

By JIM FITZGERALD



As it must to all men, illness finally came to me. Now I can appreciate how Lou Gehrig felt when he missed his first baseball game in 14 years.

My one claim to fame has always been that, in 19 years of newspapering, I've never phoned in sick. Verily, oh verily, there are some mornings when I feel miserable. But I always come to work anyway.

I don't know what spurred Gehrig on to his record of 2,130 consecutive games. Maybe it was because he wanted Gary Cooper, and not William Bendix, to play his part in the movie "Pride of the Yankees." (Bendix played Babe Ruth, who hit a mess of home runs but also got sick on beer and hot-dogs. And "The Babe Ruth Story" was a terrible stinker. On the other hand, the Cooper-Gehrig movie had considerable class except, ironically, for the Babe Ruth part. This time it was worse than Bendix. And haven't you got something better to do than read this nonsense?)

Anyway, I figure I have showed up 4,959 consecutive workdays. Never mind how

many of them I worked. (And never mind checking my figures. It is my policy to pay no attention whatsoever to anyone who corrects my arithmetic.)

Many of those mornings I operated on raw courage alone, plus the sure knowledge that this was the day for my wife to vacuum our bedroom, and there is no way short of murder to make little kids shut up, so I might as well suffer with my clothes on.

My stiffest test came last Tuesday. I had been up and down all night with a disease which is best left undescribed. Suffice it to say that my wife admitted she also couldn't sleep all night. "I kept worrying about which suit to bury you in," she said.

Came the dawn and, despite the protests of my fearful family, I staggered off toward work.

"I want to get my name in the record books," I explained. "There were lots of times when Lou Gehrig was sick but he'd start the game anyway. He'd play half an inning and then go to bed with his consecutive string unbroken. That's what I'm going to do. I'll be back home in an hour with the bravos

of my co-workers still ringing in my ears."

And that's what I did. It was marvelous.

The kids were in school, the cats were banished to the outdoors, and the vacuum cleaner never erupted. I just stayed in bed, hour after hour, and listened to the steady murmur of my wife talking on the telephone two rooms away.

The gang at the newspaper, obviously concerned, sent me a bottle of Very Old Fitzgerald bourbon. Very medicinal. The kids brought me a dirty pocket-book they knew I'd been wanting to read.

I didn't get meals in bed but, when I spilled my soup all over the kitchen floor, my wife didn't make me clean it up myself. Instead, she let the cats in.

After all these years, I've finally found out how to become appreciated.

I was back at work the next day, but with no firm plans for staying beyond the 2nd inning. That Lou Gehrig knew how to set a record.

Onward and Upward.

TAKING FIVE

A modern prayer

By RON HUARD



Dear Jesus:

It seems there's a guy down here who through the years has been trying to squeeze you out of Christmas. And I guess by the way things are going he's doing a fair job of it.

It wasn't too many years ago that the spirit of the holiday was centered on the anniversary of your birth but any more it's difficult to find even a greeting card which sincerely recalls that event. In fact, there are some in our numbers who are advocating that God is dead, and when they get to this point there's a pretty close reference to you.

In any event, this Claus guy has stolen the scene. There's nothing really wrong with him but behind all the holly and tinsel there's a void that somehow we can't meaningfully fill. And I'm sure it's with a knowing smile that you watch this void grow larger. I doubt that Claus is aware of the erosion of value.

I guess we haven't always seen eye to eye and there's

been far too few occasions for you to look upon me with approval. But agree or not, your ideas have usually left a valuable impression.

It seems that Christmas is becoming a bit tarnished. Each year more and more of us bemoan the pressures of the season. We whine over social commitments and grumble our way through shopping sprees. We come unglued with the demands of completing a greeting card list and, in general, ignore the beauty of Christianity's most significant holiday.

It's surprising - and a bit alarming - what this Claus guy has done to us . . . or, more rightly, I suppose, what we've let him do to us. We've let him push us into doing things and saying things which are in direct contrast to the spirit of the season. I don't know if it's reached the proportion of brainwashing, but you can't deny it's one heckuva job of whitewashing.

Each year we grab this "peace on earth, goodwill to men" thing and snap it about like a wet towel. As you can see this period of snapping leaves the message a bit threadbare the rest of the year and good old Claus doesn't seem to care much about that turn of events.

You know, Jesus, there are over three hundred other days in the year that we could use to spread out these so-called demands of Christmas as long as we think they're so darned important. And if we'd ever do that, there's a chance—a slim one, but a chance—you just might replace yourself as the principal symbol of Christmas.

But then I guess the impetus for this change must come from us. And right now we're kinda wrapped up with Santa, Claus. And ourselves.

Well, happy birthday, anyway, Jesus. Amen.

About the season

By RON KARLE, Editor



Some Christmas things.

I wish the Christmas card people would offer more cards without printed messages inside. I resent being forced to send not my own greeting but meaningless words written by someone paid to compose meaningless words for people they don't even know.

Also, on Christmas cards, despite how chic or prestigious or whatever, I still can't warm to greetings from people who have their names printed on their cards instead of a signature. Very personal thing, this business of Christmas cards.

Since this is the official giving season—which, sadly, will soon be suspended except for "special" occasions—I wonder how many people appreciate and practice what is perhaps the purest form of giving. That is receiving. But in a manner that neither embarrasses the giver or the receiver should he have no material gift in return.

In this opinion, the worst thing that a receiver of a gift can say to the giver is, "You didn't have to do that." It, of course, wouldn't be a gift if he had to.

It's a good thing Santa Claus has tradition going for him. Otherwise, he might get busted as a fat, long haired, bearded, overage hippy in strange clothing.

Why do some insist that the

"X" be taken out of Ymas. Perhaps it's because they're unaware that the "X" stands for the Greek Chi Rho. Which stands for Christ.

Do you ever play Christmas records in July? I do. It's Ramsey Lewis. But it's Christmas music. And some people look at me funny when I do.

I wonder how we would react if this story came over the wires today:

BULLETIN

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25 - A son, born to a carpenter named Joseph, in this rural Israeli community today was being heralded by some as the savior of the world. The infant, called Christ, and his mother Mary, were reported in good condition, although the birth occurred before dawn in an unheated stable behind an overcrowded inn.

Three unidentified shepherds were said to have been informed of the event by a host of angels which appeared in the sky and told them, "Fear not . . . we bring tidings of great joy . . ."

Meanwhile, the heads of three nations were reportedly enroute with gifts for the infant. They were said to be guided by an unusually bright star.

Authorities in Bethlehem, however, would neither confirm nor deny accounts of the birth of a savior.

One high government source in Washington branded the report as a hoax perpetrated by a group of left wing fanatics.

Leftist spokesmen, however, denied knowledge of any such event and indicated suspicion that the entire episode was a right wing plot to discredit them.

One black militant leader said it was a racist story because the infant was depicted as white in the mass media. Network spokesmen said it was assumed that the savior of the world would be white.

Many discounted the stories as unrealistic.

"Peace on earth . . . good will toward all men," scoffed one observer. "It'll never happen."

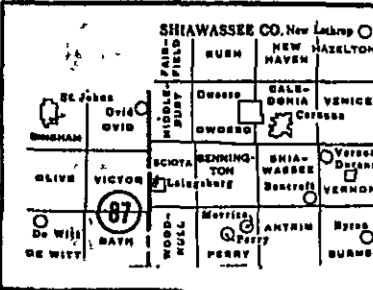
And finally, to you on this 1,969th Christmas . . . here's hoping you're making it happen. Peace.

STRICTLY FRESH

Spending the holidays is what most of us do way over our budgets.

Who says today's homemakers have it easier? Instead of baking for days before Christmas, mom now spends hours defrosting the goodies.

Another nice thing about this newspaper—you don't have to listen to "Jingle Bells" every time you read a commercial.



View from the 87th

By WILLIAM S. BALLENGER
State Representative



With the Holiday season upon us, I thought it might be a good idea to call attention to the Automobile Club of Michigan's "First a Friend, Then a Host" (FAFTH) campaign across the state to encourage Holiday season party goers and especially hosts to use alcohol sensibly.

Three years ago, the Automobile Club took the position that most motorists will have a social drink during the Holiday season and drive. Although the ACM does not condone this activity, it realizes that it cannot be prevented.

THE ACM POINTS out that over 70 per cent of the alcohol to be drunk this Holiday season will be served in homes and at private parties. It's also known that nine out of every ten persons who attend a party over the Holidays will have an alcoholic beverage and drive afterwards.

That is why the Auto Club's "First a Friend, Then a Host" program places the responsibility for motorists who drink and then drive on those persons who serve the alcohol—namely, the host.

The Auto Club has received the cooperation of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association in distributing promotional materials to almost every package liquor store and liquor-by-the-glass establishment in Michigan.

HERE ARE A FEW of the tips the Auto Club is handing out in its promotional materials:

- Pouring double shots is no favor to your guests. Two shots of 100 - proof whiskey double chances of an auto accident;
- Be safe. Try to prevent your guests from having over one ounce of alcohol per hour before driving;
- Stop all drinking an hour before the party ends and bring on the food;
- If one of your guests is under medication, he should be careful about drinking; many drugs produce violent reactions in normal persons when combined with alcohol;
- Follow the Holiday practice of Scandinavian countries. One non-drinker going to a party is given the job of driving friends or relatives;
- Prove your lavishment as a host with a tempting display of food rather than with an over-generous supply of alcohol;
- Arrange a car pool or call taxis for those who might over-imbe;
- Have non-alcoholic beverages available;
- Food items such as mashed potatoes or beans act like a sponge, retaining alcohol in the stomach. Eat a generous supply of either before a party begins. Keep snacking during the party;
- Have celebrants walk a ten-foot long strip of tape after a few drinks. If they can do so easily, without weaving, they are still in relatively good shape; and
- Get a three - inch rubber ball. Attach it to a string, suspended from the ceiling, an arm's length away from a bull's-eye which is three-inches in diameter. If the celebrant can-

not hit the bull's-eye dead-center, he shouldn't drive.

By listing the above, neither I nor the Automobile Club of Michigan mean to sound like a killjoy. Your party should be a party, not a clinic. Still, at least some of the things I've

cited above could be employed with subtlety and discretion by any host or hostess to insure a maximum amount of fun and a minimum of heartbreak.

In the meantime: Season's Greetings — and have a Happy Holiday!



From the state house

By DICK ALLEN
88th District Representative

As you read this the Legislature will be in the last couple of days of the special fall session on "Educational Reform."

A lot can happen in a few days of legislative activity but the only bill I'm betting on is the "assessment" or "statewide testing" proposal. It's also the only part of the total Governor's package that I'm strongly supporting.

That may not sound like much accomplishment for more than two months of legislative activity and many more months of committee meetings, public hearings and special studies. But I believe a good statewide program of evaluation of education would be a major step forward and is perhaps a necessity before other aspects of reform can be accomplished.

As various proposals come before us, I am continually impressed by how little we know about how good education in Michigan is presently. And without good data on this we will not know whether new programs result in improved education or not. Many schools presently give tests but the exams and the methods of giving them vary so comparative studies are difficult.

A good example of this occurs in relationship to the Bill introduced to consolidate schools so that all districts have at least 2,000 students. More than half the districts in my legislative area fall below this number. Knowing how people in our small towns feel about losing the identity of their schools, I have been working against this proposal. It's my opinion that Johnny is at least as likely to learn to read in a school system with 1,000 students as in one with 5,000. It is the opinion of many educators that further consolidation would materially improve education. But neither side has much data to back up their contentions. So whatever we do on this issue

we will do it without sufficient evidence.

Many people are opposing the uniform testing of students in all schools because they are concerned about what we might do with the information. There are no doubt problems here. For instance, one proposal is that we increase the State aid to schools where the most students fail to achieve a minimum level on the tests. This seems to me to have some dangers. If you give the prize at the fair to the farmer who brings the skinniest chickens, next year the chickens are not likely to be fatter.

But how we use the information is not the present issue. We should not even begin to decide what use we will make of the data gathered until we find out what it shows us.

If we initiate a good assessment program now, we can begin to find out what kinds of schools and what kinds of programs are most successful. Then we can follow with broad changes and bold new programs later. But they can be based on past success or required to prove themselves on the basis that counts most — the educational achievement of our children.

Mr and Mrs Ted Reddin attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Pamela Reddin of Grand Ledge, to Allen Luttig of Fowler, grandson of Mr and Mrs Guy Woodbury of Middleton on Saturday, Dec. 13 at St. Michael's Church in Grand Ledge. The reception was held in the Methodist Church in Portland. Enroute home they visited Mr and Mrs Ed Rose and Ludlow Johnson of Eagle.

Mr and Mrs John Woodbury attended funeral services for his aunt, Mrs Mable Flansburg in Alma, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14.

Bridgeville

By Mrs Thelma Woodbury

Mr and Mrs Ethel Gee will spend Christmas Eve at the home of Mr and Mrs Mark Wieber at Fowler. The children of Mr and Mrs Wieber will be home for Christmas Eve.

Mrs Ethel Gee recently returned home after a three week's stay with her son and wife, Mr and Mrs Cliff Gee at Hamilton.

Mr and Mrs Charles Heyer are parents of a son, Douglas Charles. They have one daughter, Kimberly. The Heyers live at Charlotte. Mrs Heyer is the former Beth Ann Wieber of Fowler. Douglas Charles is the 8th great-grandchild of Mrs Ethel Gee of Pewamo.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 17 for Earl Shumway who lived at Gladwin. Interment was at East Plains cemetery.

Mrs Pauline Cook of Pewamo was discharged from the Ionia County Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 4.

She offers ideas for Santa parade

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the front page article that was in last week's paper about the conduct of the 9-12 year age group of children attending the tree-lighting ceremony.

Don't you realize Christmas is for children; all children, not just toddlers in mom's arms, but children deprived will try things for attention.

This age group has outgrown the thrill of seeing Santa hand out candy. So why not include them in the fun instead of thinking of depriving all children of the pleasure of lighting the tree and Santa's visit.

I think a group of contests might help the event in several ways. Twelve to 15 year boys design a sleigh to be built to fit a riding lawn mower for dry seas-

ons and snowmobile for snow season. Winner to be "King" of the Elves to ride with Santa.

Nine to 12 year olds to design reindeer to pull sleigh. Winner to be Rudolph.

Even though sleigh would be self propelled, the deer could be double pieces with room for two boys' head and rear to be legs and carry the deer in front of sleigh.

Girls contest — to design snow queen costume. Winner to ride with King of Elves on sled pulled behind sleigh.

All others that enter to dress as elves and fairies to help hand out candy for Santa. All children who would like to dress as toys and attend a record hop in the area in front of the court house.

Future years contest could center around small houses to complete a toy village. This could be a fun project and be more meaningful as the years progress.

I'm sure we would find plenty of parents interested to help with the cost of plywood and paint.

EVELYN BOYCE
705 N. Oakland.

Pewamo

By Mrs Irene Fox

Mrs Rose Stump served a Christmas dinner to the members of the late Mr and Mrs Henry Schafer family. Following a one o'clock dinner, a gift exchange was held with cards furnishing the entertainment. Those present were Mrs Mary Young of Portland, Mrs Rose Stump, Mrs Charles Cook, Mrs Hilda Schafer, Mrs Fred Anderson of Lansing, Mrs Laurine Schafer, Mr and Mrs Otto Schafer of Westphalia, Mr and Mrs Ed Schafer of Clare, Mr and Mrs Joseph Hauck of Mount Pleasant and Mr and Mrs Louis Schafer.

Mrs Gerald Kohagen was admitted as a medical patient on Friday, Dec. 12 at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

Tom Steinke spent Sunday with his parents, Mr and Mrs William Steinke.

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Expresses thanks and hope to young

Dear Editor:

Every time when we pick up a paper we read how terrible our kids are; how grown-ups don't care; the sad state our country is in.

I would like to tell you about the things you don't find in the screaming headlines and what the real America is, the wonderful majority.

My wife battled a terrible disease (cancer) for over three years and every day was a gift from God — and could have been her last day. There was no

hope. She knew. I knew. But nobody else did and during those years we experienced the wonderful gifts of friendship, people that visited her at home, in Ann Arbor after her operations or numerous treatment. They took care of my boys if I had to stay, with her in the hospital, made meals or cleaned at home. Young high school kids would visit, bring a cake or cooked something special and when they found out that we ran into some financial difficulties, they decided to do something.

They staged a benefit dance — very young people and young adults together with many grown-ups because they wanted to help. They care.

How wonderful it would have been if my wife could have known this, but just 10 days before, she lost her battle.

For me and my boys it is a tremendous feeling to know that we have so many friends in this great country. We came from the Netherlands 13 years ago. Our future doesn't look bad with people like this, with a young generation coming up that is ready to help in the best American tradition.

I would like to thank The St. Johns Public Schools and Samuel Serrell, Principal; Gerald Latimer; "The Reason Why" comprised of Maynard Boice, Ed and Bruce Bishop, Bill Jacobus, John Silman and Gregg Minsky.

"A. J.'s Bag" with Bob and Tom Green, Ken and Bill Perry and Dan Falor. Mr and Mrs William Purchase and "The Dog" from Lansing with Mary Dryer, Leon Molinare and Art Phelps.

Yahan Ryan who came from Lansing. Also Warren and Nancy Demick and "The Virgin Thunder" starring Ronnie Hernandez, Barry Higgins, Hank Markison and Terry Slocum.

Others who helped were Tim Price, Charles Root, Mr and Mrs George Weber, Mr and Mrs John and Norbert Rehmann, Mr and

Letters to the editor

Mrs Ben Swanchara, Ronald Henning, Mr and Mrs John Minsky, and Mr and Mrs Gerald Karber, The Braintree Lighting from East Lansing with Ralph Thomas, Karen Silverman, Kate Sullivan and John Spearschneider.

Also the St. Johns City Police, Brandon White, The Clinton County News, The State Journal, WRBJ, WVIC and the St. Johns Reminder.

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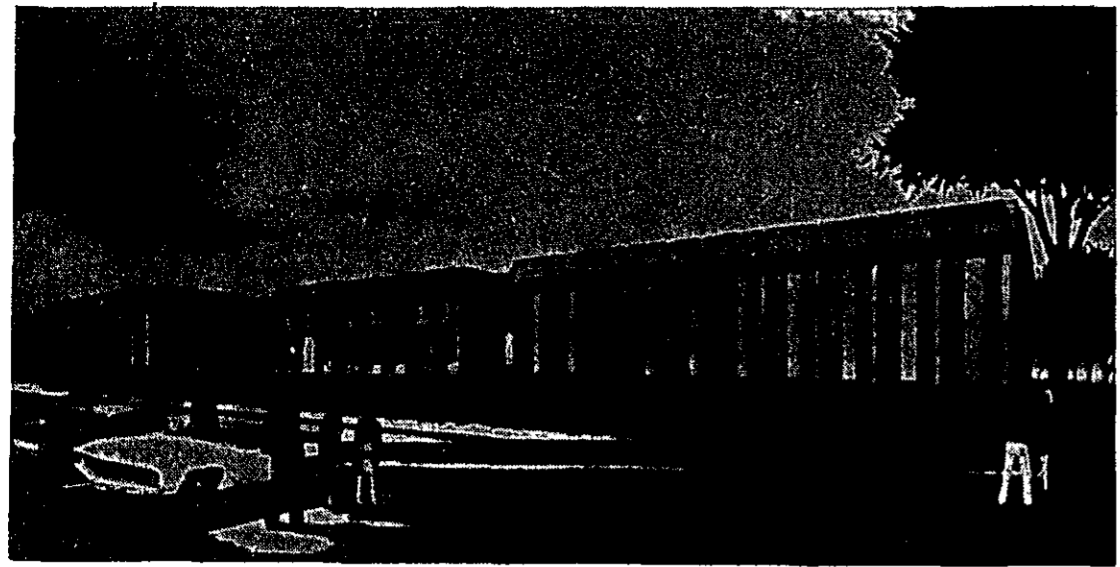
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Artist's sketch of new Farm Bureau building.

Construction to begin on Farm Bureau complex

Construction of a new \$4 million office complex by Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. is to begin later this month. Officials announced that major construction contracts have been awarded to three mid-Michigan firms for the project.

The three-story building, to be located at 7373 West Saginaw on Lansing's Near West Side, will provide new state headquarters for Farm Bureau and its affiliate companies. The organization is presently located on North Grand River Ave. near Capital City Airport.

Contracts call for completion early in 1971.

Clark Construction Co. of Lansing has been designated general contractor for the project. Ben Agree Company, Flint, and Fox Electric Corp., Lansing, were assigned the mechanical and electrical contracts, respectively.

The building will be erected on a 48-acre site near the intersection of West Saginaw and I-96, purchased by Farm Bureau Life in mid-1968. It will feature a modern architectural style and include 114,000 square feet of office space. Frank and Stein Associates, Lansing, are the architects.

Farm Bureau Life is one of four sister-companies comprising Farm Bureau Insurance Group; others are Farm Bureau Mutual, Community Service In-

urance Co. and Community Service Acceptance Co.

Elton Smith, President of Michigan Farm Bureau and Administrative Board Chairman, attributed need for the new structure to growth and diversification of all affiliate organizations during recent years.

"This facility will provide additional space and resources necessary to meet the changing needs of our members, customers and policyholders throughout the State," Smith says.

"It is especially appropriate that construction will begin in 1969—the 50th Anniversary of Michigan Farm Bureau and the

20th Anniversary of Farm Bureau Insurance Group," he added.

The office will be occupied by the following affiliated organizations: Michigan Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Insurance Group, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Services, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association and Michigan Agricultural Services Association.

Approximately 450 persons are employed in the Lansing area by the firms. Another 1,500 employees and insurance sales representatives work in outstate operations.

Ground breaking ceremonies will be announced at a later date.

Here's some tips

Making lists of lists for holiday chores?

It's the time of year again for lists: shopping lists, Christmas card lists, Things-To-Do-Right-Away lists, even lists of lists. Many women find themselves exhausted before they have even finished writing them. To make the coming holiday more enjoyable, the Bayer Co. has come up with The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Christmas.

This plan is based on a little organization and a lot of stick-to-it-iveness.

Christmas cards are first on the agenda. Pick a definite starting date for this chore. Then start writing cards in easy stages, i.e., ten a day. Try pruning the list. There are always some people on it who are nothing more than the ghosts of

Christmas past after all these years.

Write out your shopping list. Group the gifts to be bought according to the men, women and children among family and friends. Then take scissors and cut the list into thirds. Then plan to devote one or two days to each part of the list. The theory behind this is that it's

easier to copy with one short list at a time than one seemingly endless list.

Do some of your shopping by telephone and mail, using the Christmas catalogues which most large stores send out. You'll save a lot of wear and tear this way.

When it comes time to decorate the house, don't attempt

to do it all yourself. Enlist the aid of the youngsters. You'll be surprised how charming and imaginative their efforts can be. Of such stuff are memories made.

As Rachel Field wrote:

"And not a child but keeps some trace

Of Christmas secrets in his face."

Christmas Seals bring hope for TB victims

Michigan's 1969 Christmas Seal campaign concludes this week after the mailing of over 4,450,000 sheets of colorful Christmas Seals to homes and businesses throughout the state.

"Included with the Christmas Seals was our appeal to Michigan citizens for a contribution that would provide funds necessary to support programs of the tuberculosis and respiratory disease associations," said Winthrop N. Davey, M.D., president of the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, state Christmas Seal agency. "Contributions to the campaign enable us to continue important programs in education, service and research beneficial to the health of all people in Michigan."

Davey stressed the fact that tuberculosis is still very much

with us. He said an average of 42 persons a week are found to have tuberculosis. Also, about one person in eight harbors TB germs without being aware of it. This approximates more than one million persons in Michigan.

Many cases of advanced tuberculosis are still being found in spite of efforts on behalf of TB-RD associations and health departments to detect TB in the early stages. In Michigan, during 1968, 2,618 new cases of tuberculosis were found. Also, during 1968, TB claimed the lives of 262 victims.

"TB need not be the scourge that it once was," said Dr. Davey. "Today, TB can be prevented through the use of drug treatment. Through the use of the drug, isoniazid, persons exposed to TB or found to have been infected with TB germs, can be placed on drug treatment to prevent their breaking down with active TB."

Christmas Seal contributions support breathing exercise classes for adults with emphysema, chronic bronchitis and other respiratory ailments; special exercise classes for children with asthma; a state-wide public alert about the symptoms of respiratory disease; the purchase of pulmonary equipment for hospitals; smoking education information for schools; smoking withdrawal clinics; seminars for professional persons about respiratory diseases; a state-wide ninth grade tuberculin skin testing program; research at Michigan's leading universities and much more.



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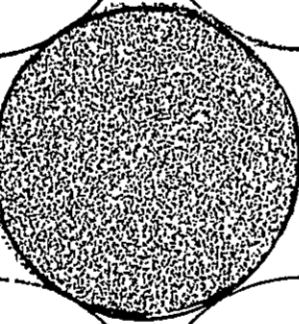
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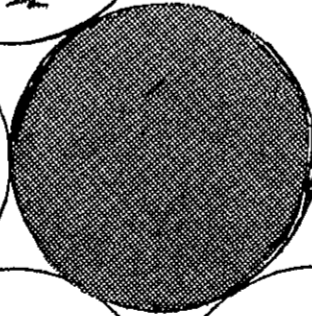


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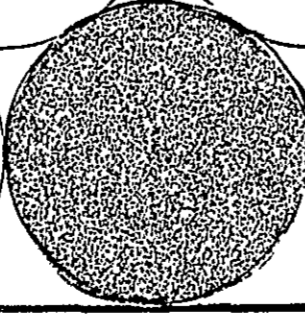


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Indoor sport for winter gardeners

Millions of gardeners everywhere share the joy of raising attractive, healthy plants inside their homes or greenhouses. The

American Association of Nurserymen suggests the fall as a time to try your hand at this indoor sport.

When you are choosing the plants you'll want, plan to complement the lines of the room you have selected. If you need vertical lines to increase the height of the room, you may want a Schefflera or a Dracaena.

Or if you should deemphasize the height, a bushy variety like the Spider Plant or a Begonia, or Croton, or even a viney plant like Pellonia or one of the types of ivy would be a wise choice. For added interest include different leaf forms and types.

Since most house plants prefer high humidity, select a place where several plants can be grouped together. The plants give off water vapor from the soil and leaves, and create a more natural environment in which they will thrive. From time to time it's a good idea to misten the air with a fine spray of water.

The proper amount of light is important to the comfort of your plants, and it is useful to keep in mind the conditions of

their original home. Most common house plants come from the shady, humid forest floors of the tropics where the light is diffused through several leafy plants above, protecting them from the intense heat. Simulating these conditions in your home is difficult but certainly not impossible with some small effort on your part.

Remember that your plant will prefer semi-shade with light nearby in the summer. Don't over expose the plant to the sun. In fall and winter, the slowest growing period, the plant can be moved a bit nearer the light source.

Good drainage for a container-bound plant is a must. Again, the condition for your house plant should be similar to its natural environment. Proper drainage can be achieved by using a porous soil which allows water as well as air to reach the plant.

A basic recipe to follow for home-mixed soil is one-third loam, one-third sand, and one-third peat or perlite. Mixed soil can be purchased at your garden center.

The amount of water required by plants will vary. In their period of most active growth they usually need more; in fall and winter months they are dormant and the soil should be kept drier.

A general rule is to water house plants until the entire soil base is wet. Then wait until the soil on the top is dry before watering again.

Plant foods or fertilizers are suggested by the nurserymen for the active growth period, but take care not to over-feed the plant.

The fall and winter months are great for gardening indoors. The selection of house plants is really endless, so pick the ones you like, learn what their needs are, and enjoy living with them.

Store jobs

Department stores and food chains are hiring and training nearly 5,000 disadvantaged persons in clerical, sales, merchandising, managerial, and warehouse occupations under the Job Opportunities in the Business Sector (JOBS) program. JOBS is a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Alliance of Businessmen (NAB).

4-H Chatter



Snow camp fun soon

By JOHN AYLSWORTH



The Clinton County 4-H Snow Camp Weekend will be Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the Twin Lakes 4-H Camp near Traverse City. Information will be sent out next week to leaders, this year's trip award winners and last year's participants. The capacity of the camp is limited to 100 people who can attend. Members must be 14 years or older to attend.

Throughout the weekend the group will go tobogganing, skiing and those with snowmobiles will be able to see much of the countryside. The group will leave at 1:15 on Friday, Jan. 30 and return about 5 on Sunday, Feb. 1. The cost to trip winners is \$5 while nontrip winners pay \$10.75 plus \$2 for transportation. Reservations will be due on Thursday, Jan. 22. Since the group will travel by cars we will need about 16 to 20 adults to drive and help chaperone this weekend of fun, leadership and citizenship development. Any adult interested in going should contact the Extension Office for more details.

A County 4-H Handicraft Leaders Meeting will be held Jan. 7, at 7:30 at Smith Hall in St. Johns for all handicraft leaders and teen leaders. Dr. Eldon Behr and Henry Huber of the Michigan State University Forestry Department will serve as resource people for this training program. Topics to be covered include finishes appropriate to the projects, new ideas for projects, use of wood joints and dowels and discussion on various problems leaders and members have encountered. Leaders are asked to bring in samples of their project problems for discussion.

Personality Plus 1970 will be held Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9:30-3:30 at Smith Hall in St. Johns. The program will be aimed for girls 12 years and older, leaders and parents. Joan Jewett, of East Lansing, will again present a program on Personal Improvement in the morning. In the afternoon the program will consist of physical fitness, nutrition program film 1999AD and a fashion show for teens. More details will be coming later to the leaders.

Santa Claus stopped in at the Fowler Busy Bees 4-H Clothing Club and helped to pass out the gifts. One hundred forty members and guests attended the party and potluck supper. All

of the members donated some toys for tots. Kathy Nichols of DeWitt showed slides of her experience this past summer to Japan on the National 4-H Center Expansion Drive.

The Watertown Grove 4-H Clothing Club held several meetings this month. The first meeting was to acquaint the new members and mothers with the clothing project. The leaders explained what was the best kind of fabric and patterns to choose for the first year projects. The second meeting was the election of officers as follows: President Faith Borton; Secretary-Treasurer - Kay Montgomery and News Reporter - Virginia Cordes. The members who had their patterns and material started to work on their project.

The Kountry Kousins 4-H Club members held a hay ride Dec. 6 and planned a club Christmas party at the East Olive School Gym for their next meeting. Jane Smith gave a report on her 4-H trip to Chicago and Steve VanVleet gave a report on the recreation workshop. Ron Cuthbert gave a demonstration on "How to Buy a Steer."

The Elsie 4 Corners 4-H Club members learned about bicycle safety from Tony Hunagel, Clinton County Deputy Sheriff who was the special guest at their meeting. Mr. Hunagel discussed bicycle safety, walking and courtesy on the highways. Several members and a leader found themselves locked in some handcuffs that Mr. Hunagel brought along. The members felt they learned a lot and were better informed about law enforcement in Clinton County. They will hold a guest night at their January 6 meeting for all parents, friends and other 4-H clubs in Duplain and Fairfield Township. Kathy Nichols will show slides of her visit to Japan this summer on the National 4-H Teen Caravan Program.

A state-wide 4-H leaders training workshop for project areas in landscape, natural beauty and weather will be held January 16-17 at Camp Kett near Tustin, Michigan. Clinton County may send a quota of five leaders and teen leaders for this training workshop. There is no cost to the leaders. Anyone interested in attending should contact the County Extension Office for de-

tails of the program, what to take and reservations before Jan. 10.

The Painthounds 4-H Club members are planning a bake sale in January or February in Grand Ledge to raise funds for their contribution to the National 4-H Center Expansion Drive. The members plan to go roller skating at St. Johns on Jan. 15. The Painthounds and Dipsy Doodlers 4-H Clubs will hold a combined Christmas party on Dec. 30 at the home of Kris Rees.

The County 4-H teen leaders held a swimming party at the St. Johns High School Pool with a business meeting and gift exchange held later at Smith Hall. A committee of Jane Smith, Jane Vittek, Lori McQueen, and JoAnn Kanaski will attend a drug training program on Jan. 15 and plan to present this program to various 4-H clubs later. The teen leaders will go roller skating on Dec. 18 at the Ranch Roller Rink in St. Johns. Kathy Davis gave a

report on the 4-H award trip to Chicago.

How to make durable, useful and attractive leather products in the age old way is taught to boys and girls who participate in the 4-H leathercraft project. A new 4-H leathercraft club has been started in the St. Johns area under the leadership of Eugene Lamb who has five members and four adults pounding away, carving and lacing at the work sessions every two weeks at his home.

With a few basic tools and patterns available the members and adults have the opportunity to express their creativity starting out with small items such as coin purses, key cases watch bands etc. After some experience in basic carving they will advance to more challenging articles such as hand bags, book ends, brief cases, guncases, bowling bags, plaques etc. We'll be looking forward to seeing their exhibits when completed at the county 4-H Spring Achievement Open House in April.

How It Began 'Green Christmas' Traces Heritage To Ancient Times

A sprig of mistletoe, a holly wreath, an evergreen tree — these and other decorations of greenery come into homes at holiday time — and tradition blooms.

The "green Christmas" is an ancient custom, more universally observed than a "white Christmas."

In earliest times, at the pagan winter festivals, evergreens and winter-blooming plants were prized for their promise of spring and the sun's return. For the first Christians, the same greenery symbolized life eternal.

"The Holly and the Ivy." As the old Christmas carol indicates, both holly and ivy share an ancient heritage as holiday greenery. Early characterization of holly as masculine and ivy as feminine goes back to pagan games, with "the holly and the ivy" in friendly competition.

"Rosemary, that's for Remembrance." When Shakes-

peare wrote this famous line, rosemary was not only for remembrance — it was for Christmas decorating, too.

Rosemary, a fragrant herb that remains evergreen in warm climates, is no longer used as a holiday decoration, but it still retains its legendary connection with Christmas.

The legend says that, during the flight into Egypt, Mary spread the Holy Infant's clothing on a rosemary bush to dry. At once, the bush became sweetly scented, and its pale white blossoms turned to a lovely blue.

Mistletoe for Luck. Today, a meeting beneath the mistletoe brings good luck in the form of a kiss.

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Ag isn't whipping boy now

President Nixon headed the list of distinguished government visitors at the four-day Golden Anniversary annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington D. C. recently.

Vice President Spiro Agnew, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Cowden, Sen. Spencer Holland (Fla.) and Rep. Catherine May (Wash.) were among the dozens who spoke before the more than 6,000 Farm Bureau members in the glitter and light of the red carpeted Washington Hilton Hotel.

Nixon may have encouraged FB members from the 49 states and Puerto Rico when he insisted that agriculture has, "too long been the whipping boy of government," but he offered little in tangible solutions to solve farm problems or increase them.

Later, Agnew reiterated the President's thoughts before the largest farm organization in the world, Nixon said:

"I would begin with rather a blunt statement. I think there is a tendency these days to make agriculture the 'whipping boy' for many of our problems. We hear a lot of talk about farm subsidies and parity and all the rest. We hear very little about how it came about; that the reason that farmers have the present farmers they have is because they made their investments at the request of government, and as a result of the initiative of government, in order to increase agricultural production at a certain time."

Charles B. Shuman, president of the AFBF, stressed the farmers' plight and offered solutions in his annual address. He said, "A permanent extension or revision of the present farm program, with its welfare type payments would mean permanent poverty for American farmers."

Shuman said the only practical way of "getting unhooded" is to phase out the government program over a period of time and to cushion the impact on farmers during the adjustment period."

Farmers have found the solution to the problem he said, "The challenge that confronts us is to use our resources in such a way as to capture by the initiative to take the authority for production, pricing, and marketing decisions away from the federal government and place these responsibilities on the shoulders of farmers."

He said, "Until farmers themselves organize in such a way as to be able to adjust supplies to the needs of the market, they will be plagued with recurring surpluses and wide price fluctuations."

Flood control legislation viewed for Looking Glass

By GEORGE McQUEEN
Extension Agricultural Agent

The Looking Glass River remains one of the more scenic natural areas in Central Michigan. It has a fall of about 78 feet across Clinton County with about 36 miles of channel. Most of the time the clear water remains in the channel.

In the 25 years since 1944, 10 floods of more than five feet over the banks have been recorded near Hinman Road. The highest was nearly eight feet in April of 1947. The biggest flood on record occurred in 1904 but factual data on height is lacking.

Information on the Looking Glass River has recently been provided by the Army Corps of Engineers for the Water Resources Commission, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

They report that using modern computers the prediction for a flood based on occurring once every 50 years would exceed the 1947 flood at Hinman Road by nearly two feet. When projected to once every 100 years this level would be nearly three feet over 1947.

When using all available data through computer science they expect that under the worst conditions of snow melt and rainfall flood height could reach nearly eight feet above the 1947 crest.

What do all those figures mean?

Two from Clinton County honored for conservation

Two representatives of the award-winning Clinton Soil and Water Conservation District recently participated in a vacation-study trip to Arizona.

Ray Warner of St. Johns, and Clarence Manning of Eagle, were among 106 conservationists honored during the four-day visit to Goodyear Farms and The Wigwag, desert resort, in Litchfield Park, Ariz. The program climaxed the 22nd annual Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards Program.

The Clinton District was judged the outstanding soil and water conservation district in Michigan last year and Warner was named the man-of-the-year among the landowners cooperating in district's program of resource development. Manning is a member of the winning district's governing board.

These two will join winners representing the 50 states and Puerto Rico and national leaders of the conservation movement for discussions, sightseeing, recreation and tours of the farms. Goodyear Farms has been a pioneer in desert agriculture and a proving ground for new farming methods and equipment since 1917.

In addition to tours of the

One illustration would be four times as much. No one knows for sure what effects roofs, paved roads, parking lots etc. may have on future flooding conditions on the Looking Glass River.

While such engineering considerations are useful, in practical terms such a flood would be a rare event - but it could occur tomorrow. Completely controlling floods with dams, dikes and channels becomes extremely expensive. Reducing damage to people and property from floods, therefore, becomes a problem in economics.

One of the most economical and surest ways of restricting flood damage is to let water have room in the flood plain with minimum obstructions. People however, persist on building near rivers and streams. Some of the best farmland occurs near rivers. Roads cross rivers.

Compromises must be reached in most cases. At the present time people being affected by floods on the Looking Glass River are seeking relief through use of Public Law 566. Public meetings to discuss the use of P.L. 566 for flood prevention and improved drainage on the Looking Glass Watershed will be held in January. The first will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Wacousta School. The second will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in DeWitt Township hall at DeWitt and the next will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the Bath High School Cafeteria.

Another consideration is the water runoff per square mile of surface area. The Looking Glass area has been discharging about 18 cubic feet per second per square mile during floods but the Rouge River at Detroit may discharge more than 70 cubic feet per second per square mile.

More than 1,900 award-winning conservationists have visited Goodyear Farms since the Soil Conservation Awards Program was instituted in 1947.

McQueen urges farmers to inspect stored grain

If you had \$2,000 or even \$500 you wouldn't put it in a box and forget it. Yet, many farmers do just that when they put their grain in storage.

George McQueen, Clinton County Extension Agent, says grain in storage should be inspected regularly during the fall and early winter to be sure it is staying "in condition" to insure a quality product for sale and feed.

The agent cites several tell-tale signs that indicate problems with grain in storage. These are: (1) odor, (2) moisture or crust on grain surface, (3) mold on grain surface, and (4) moisture ring along outside walls.

The agricultural authority says the best way to check grain is to walk on it, touch it and smell it. If you cannot get into the bin, probing in as many places as possible will give a clue to the condition of the grain.

Farmers who have an aeration system should turn on the fan occasionally and check the exhaust for warmth or odor. Presence of either is a sure sign that the grain needs attention.

Price support program still has many takers

Nick Smith, Chairman of the Michigan State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reports that producers are continuing to use the price support program in their marketing plans by evidence of the quantities placed under price support.

He says that as of Oct. 31, American farmers had placed more than 336 million bushels of 1969 crop wheat under the loan program.

Michigan, he added, being one of the smaller wheat states had only 471,000 bushels under the loan. Michigan's 1969 wheat crop of 24 million bushels, he said, was only two-thirds of a normal crop.

He notes that Michigan wheat prices have been improving almost daily in recent weeks and have increased about 18 cents per bushel over the prices quoted at harvest time.

Many Michigan producers, he says, are now redeeming their wheat and moving it into the market at the increased prices.

This should benefit consumers by keeping an even flow of wheat moving to the market, thus preventing wide price fluctuations which fits into the orderly marketing principles of the price support program.

Another crop where the market price has been considerably below the support price, says Smith, is oats. Producers in Michigan have placed about 500,000 bushels of oats under support as of Oct. 31. The market price is still below the support level, but has increased considerably since harvest.

Michigan's 1969 oat crop—24 million bushels—was down about one-third from the 1968 crop. Smith reminds farmers that there are no special eligibility requirements for price support loans on oats and that rye, soybeans, honey, and dry edible beans are in the same category.

However, in the case of barley, corn and wheat, producers must have signed up and complied with acreage requirements for the Feed Grain and Wheat programs to be eligible for price support loans on these crops.

States Claim Christmas Plants For Their Very Own

Santa Claus, Indiana is the most famous of all towns bearing names associated with Christmas.

Except for a coincidence, the name of the town may have been any of a number of less colorful names.

Originally, the name desired was Santa Fe, but officials in Washington suggested the town be given another name, since

there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, 1882, the townspeople gathered to select another name, but one name after another was rejected, until "Santa Claus" strode into the meeting to get warm. He was in costume, and with his arrival everyone knew what the name of the town would be—Santa Claus, Indiana!

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Yule Legends Span Many Years and Many Lands

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

☆ America gave the world its most Beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. The plant is a native of tropical America.

☆ Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

☆ The story is told that over a hundred years ago, a parish priest in Salzburg, Austria, returning late one night from administering last rites to a dying woman, was awed by the particular majesty of the still, sparkled-with-stars night; he went home, wrote the lovely, haunting words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." With his organist, Franz Gruber, playing the great music on his guitar, the Father, Joseph Mohr, first introduced the strains of this popular hymn to a small congregation in Austria.




Who's Supporting Whom?

DHIA RECORDS FOR NOVEMBER 1969

Owner	No. Cows	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. B'Fat	% Cows. in test
Ervin Marten	44	1356	55	95
Jerome Spitzley	39	1421	54	91
Don Witt and Son	45	1378	54	93
Marvin Simon	45	1488	53	90
Harry Sanborn	39	1426	53	101
Joseph Wing	36	1420	52	96
Warren Swanson	32	1396	52	93
Mervin Chamberlain	30	1357	51	89
Ron Spitzley	77	1342	50	100
Robert Borton and Sons	60	1306	50	89
William Mayers	37	1257	50	91
Ed DeLamater	34	873	50	94
Rostan Mehney and Son	28	1279	48	91
Russell Ormsby	28	1284	47	93
Robert Nurenburg	43	1148	46	87
Dennis Thelen	81	1176	45	90
Kenneth Thelen	43	1159	44	88
Frank Rivest	106	1117	44	91
Darwin Smith and Sons	44	1111	44	94
A. W. Cobb and Son	44	1084	44	93
Carl Burk	32	1037	44	94
Lynn Fickies	24	854	43	94
Ernest Jackson	49	1179	42	87
Woodard Dunkel	25	1090	42	80
Fred Mayers	25	1084	42	87
Wyrick Bros.	33	1071	42	85
William Knight	31	1022	41	91
Becker Bros.	56	1164	40	76
Robert Wilcox	31	1090	40	82
S and H Farms	81	1024	39	86
Duane and Velmar Green	1269	1016	39	82
Raymond Mayers	115	961	38	86
Paul Nobis	80	977	36	83
Dale Anderson	38	631	36	73
Zeebs Dairy Farm	102	1023	35	89
Don Swagart	29	958	35	88
Darrell Martin	34	943	35	85
Ed Grams and Sons	179	917	35	77
James George	34	853	35	79
Francis Motz	33	880	34	78
Peter Kurncz	122	847	34	77
George Smith	27	581	34	78
George Jorae	29	851	33	88
E. A. Livingston	39	552	31	83
Gene Pettigrew	36	784	29	87
Leon Miller	33	736	29	87
George J. Hazle	12	655	28	80.
Frank Prochazka	26	754	27	83

D. and V. Green	Holstein	18150	731
Russell Ormsby	Holstein	21627	729
Becker Bros.	Holstein	17900	729
Jerome Spitzley	Holstein	18449	710
D. and V. Green	Holstein	17839	706
D. and V. Green	Holstein	18857	700
Dale Anderson	Guernsey	12873	697
Robert Nurenburg	Holstein	18848	696
Zeebs Dairy Farm	Holstein	16649	695
Ed Grams and Sons	Holstein	18720	694
Becker Bros.	Holstein	17519	694
Dale Anderson	Guernsey	13626	694
D. and V. Green	Holstein	18613	684
Robert Wilcox	Holstein	18836	682
Ed DeLamater	Guernsey	14485	682
Dale Anderson	Guernsey	12832	680
Zeebs Dairy Farm	Holstein	18610	679
Francis Motz	Holstein	16463	678
Frank Prochazka	Holstein	21414	671
Dale Anderson	Guernsey	13440	669
Fred Mayers	Holstein	20523	663
Rostan Mehney	Holstein	19664	663
A. W. Cobb and Son	Holstein	18864	662
D. and V. Green	Holstein	18700	660
D. and V. Green	Holstein	19596	658
D. and V. Green	Holstein	14414	656
D. and V. Green	Holstein	15230	655
D. and V. Green	Holstein	15521	654
Becker Bros.	Holstein	20154	653
Fred Mayers	Holstein	18048	653
Zeebs Dairy Farm	Holstein	16627	653
D. and V. Green	Holstein	16803	650



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☆ A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.

☆ The number of mince pies you taste at Christmas indicates the number of happy months you'll have during the coming year, according to an old English belief.

☆ For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated at various times in January, March, April, May, September, and October by Christian groups.

Galloway completes course

Albert "Al" Galloway, St. Johns used farm implement dealer, has just completed an auctioneering course at Reisch American College of Auctioneering at Mason City, Iowa. Galloway says he will continue his used implement business and he feels that his experience in this business will be helpful in his new auction service. Machinery and inventory appraisal before the sale will be offered by Galloway. Galloway's Auction Service will deal primarily with farm sales. His office will be located at his home on US-27 North of St. Johns.

Low cost control is seen for nematodes

Granular compounds may soon replace soil fumigation as the cheapest and most effective means of controlling soil nematodes on Michigan vegetable farms.

Presently, soil fumigation is the only effective means available to Michigan farmers of killing nematodes, says Arthur Wells, Michigan State University entomologist.

"Vegetable growers in the southern and western U.S. have been using granular nematocides for several years, but due to Michigan's weather, and soil conditions, these chemicals are not effective here," says Wells.

The new granular compounds offer several advantages over the standard method of soil fumigation. They can be applied at planting time in the spring, thus saving the cost and time of preparing the field for fumigation after harvesting in the fall.

With granular nematocides farmers would not have to leave fields bare during the winter—as necessary in fumigation—and would avoid wind erosion which is a serious problem on many Michigan farms.

According to Wells, in heavily infested soils the new granular materials might be used in conjunction with a reduced fumigation program to give better control of soil nematodes.

Wells is currently testing compounds produced by several U.S. agricultural chemical companies for possible labeling and marketing in the future. His research includes the study of how various application methods and rates affect yields and marketability.

He feels that one, or more of the chemicals he is working with may be released for use in the near future. Release of the chemicals depends on further studies of toxicity and the ability of the compounds to be used for nematode and soil insect control on a wide range of crops.

305 DAY LACTATION PRODUCTION RECORDS
NOVEMBER 1969

Owner	Breed	Milk	B'FAT
Becker Bros.	Holstein	26980	930
Don Witt and Sons	Holstein	21563	878
Don Witt and Sons	Holstein	22127	714
Zeebs Dairy Farm	Holstein	22688	805
William Knight	Holstein	16996	782
Ed Grams and Son	Holstein	19974	773
Frank Rivest	Holstein	19942	765
Warren Swanson	Holstein	20809	756
William Knight	Holstein	18287	756
D. and V. Green	Holstein	23930	746
Becker Bros.	Holstein	24984	740
Becker Bros.	Holstein	22851	739
Becker Bros.	Holstein	21760	735
Robert Nurenburg	Holstein	20523	734

Kincaid District
Mrs Porter C. Parks

Jill Hoerner three and one-half year old, daughter of Harvey Hoerner, was on the TV program, "Santa Says Hello" Saturday.

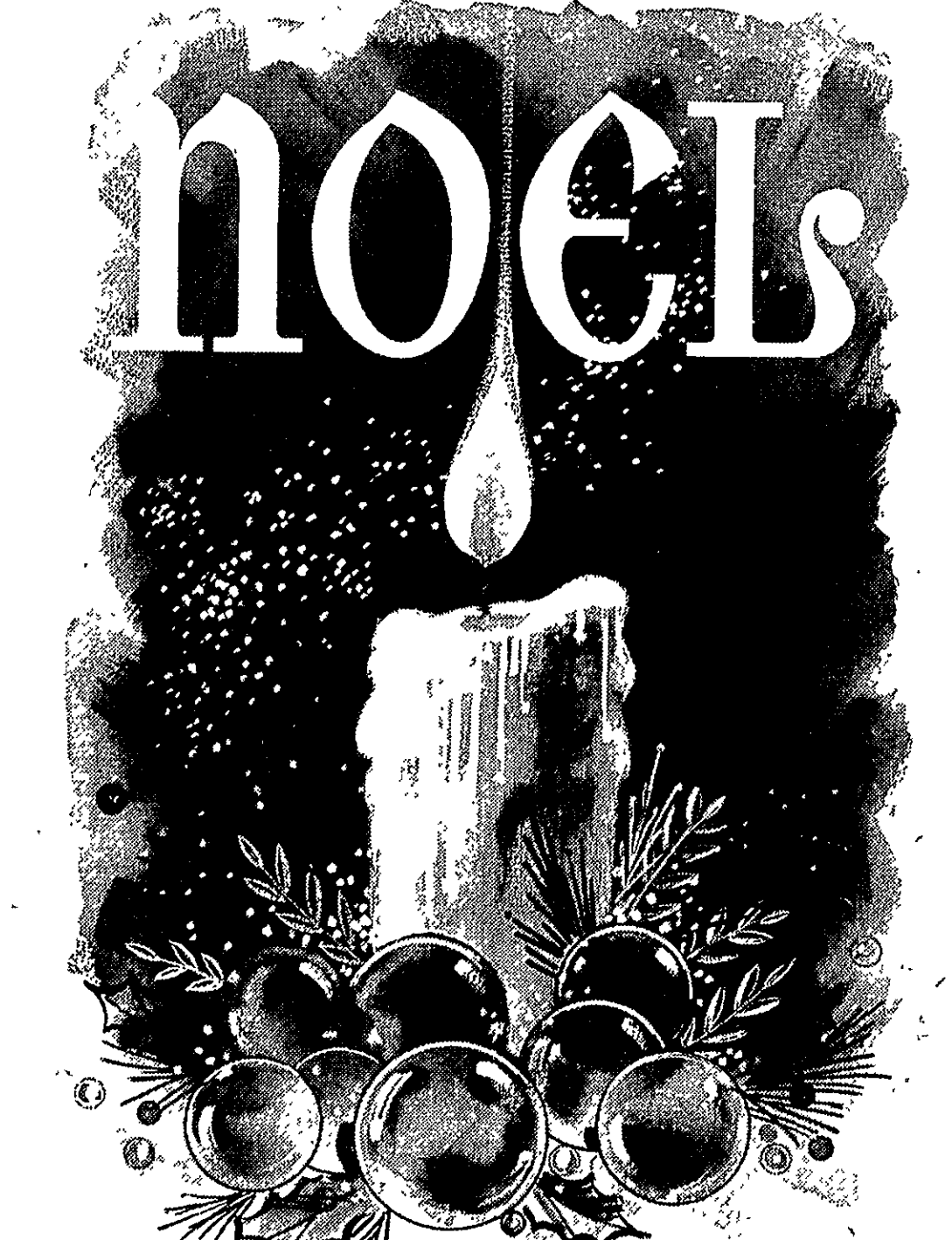
Karen Rothstein is in Sparrow Hospital for a tonsillectomy.

Mr and Mrs Stu Hebner, Mr and Mrs Franklin Wells and family, Mr. and Mrs Raymond Smith and family, visited Mr and Mrs Don DuMond and Roy.

Sp. 5 Charles Fisher of Fort Hood, Texas is home on leave until Dec. 23.

Stuart Hardenburg and Mrs Elmer Hardenburg visited Mrs Harold Hoerner Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Don Potts and Mike visited Mrs Porter Parks Friday. Harvey Hoerner, Jill and Valerie visited Mrs Harold Hoerner Saturday night and Sunday.



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Auto Club offers some cold-weather starting tips

Nearly 60,000 Michigan motorists will be unable to start their cars the first day the temperature drops to the five degrees above zero mark, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

When thermometers hit below that mark last January, approximately 58,000 drivers called for assistance in getting their vehicles started. Two-thirds of the calls were from individuals who couldn't spin their engines because of either battery or starter failure.

Since the key to successful winter driving is a strong battery, any motorist who begins the winter with a weak battery has two strikes against him even before he turns the ignition switch.

Yet, not only do many motorists attempt to get through Michigan's coldest months with a weak battery, but they do not take the proper steps to safeguard against winter driving troubles, says the Auto Club.

To help drivers get their cars started and keep them moving even under the worst conditions, the Auto Club has devised, "The

10 Commandments to Cold Weather Car Care":

1. Make sure your car battery is strong enough to meet the demands of winter.
2. Change to a light-weight oil.
3. Install snow tires.
4. Have antifreeze tested.
5. Check the ignition system.
6. Check the exhaust system.
7. Have your car lubricated.
8. Park the car in garage or carport.
9. Check heater, windshield wipers and other accessories.
10. Get a safety check.

When temperatures fall near the zero mark, the power output of the battery is greatly reduced. Since more power is needed in colder weather to spin the engine, a strong battery is a must.

Proper battery care includes deeping the battery cells filled with fluid and checking the terminals and cable clamps for dirt, corrosion and proper contact.

A light-weight oil reduces engine friction and makes the engine easier to turn over on cold

mornings. The thermostat, radiator and heater hoses also should be examined.

A check of the ignition system and an engine tune up may be necessary. The alternator and carburetor should be examined, and points and the condenser should be replaced if needed. The automatic choke should be cleaned and adjusted for winter driving.

A faulty exhaust system can be dangerous since it is no secret that carbon monoxide kills, the Auto Club says. A good lubrication prevents dust, dirt and moisture from moving parts.

Accessories such as windshield wipers, defrosters, turn signals, lights and the horn all should be working properly. A final inspection by a qualified service station attendant or mechanic can locate other possible trouble spots.

The brief that your car won't start because it is too cold is a myth because on the same day your car won't budge, you will find many autos of the same make and age being driven.

Your Christmas tree speaks well for man

By LLOYD B. CAMPBELL
District Conservationist
U.S. Soil Conservation Service

Now is the time to deck the halls with boughs of holly—and get the family to agree on the size and shape of your Christmas tree. Many families have gone or will be going to a tree farm to cut their own tree. Others will select their tree from the small forests of balsams, spruce, and Scotch pines that are appearing outside supermarkets, and on shopping plazas. As you select your Christmas tree, it displays a tale of events that speak well for man.

Most of the Christmas trees in use this season have been harvested from land recently

converted to Christmas tree production.

Large acreages of marginal cropland have been converted to Christmas tree production. Land not suited to cropland due to steepness of slope, droughtiness or severe erosion are ideal sites for trees. The fact that you were able to purchase a nice tree this year was due to the foresight of a true conservationist some six to ten years ago.

He carefully selected the site. He planted the tree. He nursed it through insect and other violences of nature. He carefully trimmed it so it grew straight and dense. He has spent a great deal of time and money to insure your approval of the tree.

Chances are very good the tree you are decorating for your home was grown by a Clinton County Soil Conservation District Cooperator. Each year additional Clinton District cooperators are retiring odd areas and converting cropland and pasture fields to Christmas tree production.

Decisions such as these are a normal part of many cooperators' soil and water conservation plan. These plans reflect the cooperator's choice of land use. They reflect how he will make productive the use he has planned for his property. In most cases he will have received suggested alternatives, and conservation treatments from trained SCS personnel in arriving at his decisions.

Your tree didn't just grow. It was planned that way by some far-sighted conservationist making a good productive use of his soil.

Peace on Earth



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Men This Christmas

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Playthings should stimulate creativity

Children need playthings that stimulate creativity and imagination.

Wind up toys are cute, but children get more fun out of working with such things as crayons, paper, glue and blocks. These "make do" toys are not only fun, but important in teaching habits that will carry over into adulthood.

Encourage your child to enjoy make-believe. He'll develop his imagination, something he'll need all his life. Accept him in

the part he's playing. When he's playing mailman, invite him to lunch as the mailman, rather than say, "Let's quite pretending and eat our lunch."

Keep a few ideas up your sleeve for when your child does run out of ideas. For instance, mix starch and water and furnish a brush to paint the fence. Water will wash it off. Or give him a hat, a badge and the garden hose. He can pretend the flowers are on fire, and he's the fireman. Or give him some string to wrap around the legs of an overturned card table. With a couple of stuffed animals, he'll have a "zoo" — cage and all.

If you want to develop your child's ability, avoid showing him how to draw or paint. Instead, help him to notice things around him for himself. Encourage him to put on paper his experiences of going to the store, or circus. This sort of thing helps him to ease his frustrations.

If you think of your child's play as being really important you'll be able to give many opportunities for learning, and you'll have more fun watching him grow and develop.

A toy is what every child wants for Christmas. It should be selected with care to be sure it's safe, sturdily made and well designed, because toys are a child's world, his work as well as his play.

'Adeste Fidelis' Translated Into 120 Languages!

"Adeste Fidelis" (O Come, All Ye Faithful) is one of the best-known Christmas carols in the world. It has been translated into more than 120 languages and dialects.

Some scholars believe it may have been known to Francis of Assisi and that it might have been sung while the people gathered around the first creches.

Be that as it may, it is affirmed that the carol changed through the years, and was popular in Germany and France as early as the 17th century.

The earliest recorded words and melody of "Adeste Fidelis" are found in "Cantus Diversi", a collection of hymns (1750) by John Francis Wade.



The carols, hymns and songs that so enrich our Christmas season today are the products of many countries and many centuries.

Still others say that the great carol was written by St. Bonaventure, a contemporary of St. Francis, in the 13th century.

The Germans brought Luther's hymn for children, "Away In A Manger." "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" came from England. The French gave us "Cantique de Noel" or "O, Holy Night."

American composers began early to fill the roster of Christmas favorites.

In 1730, Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" was composed in 1849 by Edmund H. Sears.

Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Christmas: Better Safe Than Sorry

Fall and Winter mean holidays and holidays mean parties, decorations and Christmas trees. To keep your holidays joyous, the Insurance Information Institute offers these fire safety tips:

Keep the tree away from fire places, radiators and heaters. Place it in a water stand and water it daily.

Use only flameproof decorations. Don't set up electric trains or similar equipment around or near the tree.

Check sockets and wires of tree lights to see that they are in good condition.

Place the tree so that its lights can be turned on and off from a switch located away from the tree.

Don't leave tree lights burning while away from home.

Don't overload electrical outlets.

When putting up decorations and lights, use a balanced ladder — never a box, bench or chair.

Teach your children the importance of observing these safety precautions.

Christmas Cheer

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Merry Christmas

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Next Sunday In Clinton County Churches

All Churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Clinton County News. They must reach us by 10 a.m. Monday to insure publication in the current week's issue.

St. Johns Area

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Averill M. Carson, Minister
Wed., Dec. 24-7:30, Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service.
Sat., Dec. 27-12:30, Junior Choir
rehearsal; 1:00, Children's Choir
rehearsal.
Sun., Dec. 28-9:45, Church School;
11:00, Morning Worship; Sermon:
"Time on My Hands."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Harold E. Homer, Minister
10 a.m.—Morning Worship
11 a.m.—Coffee Fellowship
11:15 a.m.—Church School
7 p.m.—Junior High Youth Fellow-
ship.
Wed., Dec. 17-3:30, Girl Scouts
meet; 7:00, Chancel Choir rehearsal.
Tues., Dec. 23-3:15, Carol Choir re-
hearsal; 8:30, Chancel Choir rehearsal;
7:00, Boy Scouts.
Wed., Christmas Eve-7 to 9 p.m.,
Communion.

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10:15 a.m.—Divine Worship
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month.
Church Nursery during services.
6 and 7:30 p.m.—Instruction Clas-
ses, Mondays.
6:30 p.m.—Junior Choir, Wednesday
night.
7:30 p.m.—Senior Choir, Wednesday
night.
8:30-11:30 a.m.—Confirmation In-
struction, Saturdays.
First Tuesday each month, Ladies'
Guild, 8 p.m.
Second Tuesday each month, Men's
Club, 8 p.m.
Third Tuesday each month, Lu-
theran Women's Missionary League,
7:30 p.m.
Adult information classes held at
the convenience of the interested
parties. Phone 224-7490 (parsonage)
or 224-3544 (office) for specific in-
formation.
Church office hours: Monday, Wed-
nesday, Thursday, Friday-9 to 12
a.m.

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Rectory—109 Linden St., Ph. 224-3313
Convent—110 S. Oakland—Ph. 224-3789
School—201 E. Cass—Ph. 224-2421
Mass Schedule
Saturday Evening-7 p.m. Sunday-
7:30, 9, 10:30 and 12:30
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7:15 p.m.
Sacrament of Penance—Saturdays,
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Baptisms—Each Sunday at 1:30 by
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Rev Hugh E. Banning, Pastor
Rectory 224-2800 Office 224-2885
1st Sunday of Month-8 a.m. Holy
Communion; 10:30 a.m. Holy Com-
munion and Sermon.
Other Sundays-8 a.m. Holy Com-
munion; 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
and Sermon.
Fall Schedule
10:30 a.m.—Church School, kindergarten
to 6th grade

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
South US-27
10 a.m.—Sunday School, Willard
Goldman, Supt.
11 a.m.—Worship Service on WRBZ,
1580 kc.
11:30 a.m.—Children's Churches
8 p.m.—Omega Club for Teens
7 p.m.—Evening Service
Each Wed., 7 p.m.—Family Night
Service—Hour of Power, Whirlwind
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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS
688 North Lansing Street
Elder, E. F. Herzog, Pastor
Services held on Saturday
9:15 a.m.—Church Service
10:30 a.m.—Sabbath School Service

Church of the Nazarene

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
515 North Lansing Street
Rev Wesley Manker
Phone 224-7950
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
8:15 p.m.—Young People's Service
7:10 p.m.—Evening Worship
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.—Caravan.
7:45 p.m.—Bible Study and prayer
hour.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
303 Church Street
E. E. Couse, Minister
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship
Thursday, 7:45 p.m.—Prayer service
8:00 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thursdays)
Free Methodist Youth meeting

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
S. US-27 & E. Baldwin
Joseph F. Egan, Jr., Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
8:30 a.m.—Youth Service
7:30 p.m.—Sunday Evening
7 p.m.—Wednesday, second and
fourth Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday evening
service

CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. C. A. Stone, Pastor
Whittmore and Railroad on US-27
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship
7 p.m.—Evening Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meet-
ing; choir rehearsal, 8:45 p.m.

PILGRIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Formerly EUB Church)
Eugene W. Friesen, Minister
Brian K. Sheen, Assistant Minister
W. Pilgrim (formerly Bengal EUB)
Corner of Parks and Grove Roads
E. Pilgrim (formerly Bingham EUB)
Corner of Tait and County Farm Rds.
8:30 a.m.—Worship service at the
West Church (Bengal).
10:30 a.m.—Church School at the
West Church (Bengal).
11 a.m.—Worship Service at the
East Church (Bingham).
Combined Junior M.Y.F. will be held
at the parsonage (located at Parks
and DeWitt Roads) at 6:30 p.m. Com-
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St. Paul Lutheran Church

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fowler, Michigan
E. Rosow, Pastor
9:30 a.m.—Worship
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible
Class.

Riley Township

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD
4 1/2 miles west of St. Johns on M-21
5 1/2 miles south on Francis road
2 miles west on Church road
Marvin L. Barz, Pastor

Gunnisonville Area

GUNNISONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Clark and Wood Roads
Edward F. Otto, Minister
8:45 a.m.—Sunday School
9:30 a.m.—Church Service

Maple Rapids Area

GREENBUSH METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Robert Boyer
10:30 a.m.—Church School
11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship

MAPLE RAPIDS METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Robert Boyer
9 a.m.—Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.—Sunday School
7 p.m.—Worship
Tuesday
1:30 p.m.—WCS, first Tuesday of
month.
7 p.m.—Chapel Choir rehearsal
8 p.m.—Official Board meets on
second Tuesday of month.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Maple Rapids, Michigan
Rev Robert E. Myers, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—C.Y.M. meets on al-
ternate Sundays
8:45 p.m.—Thursday, Cherub and
junior choir.
8 p.m.—Thursday, Chapel choir.
1:30 p.m.—Third Friday, Women's
Fellowship, church basement.
8:30 p.m.—Service meeting

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION - CHURCHMOBILE
122 S. Maple
Rev Richard Anderson, Pastor
Services every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Matherton Area

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
Matherton Michigan
Rev Jessie Powell, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Worship Service
10:45 a.m.—Sunday School
8:00 p.m.—Wednesday, Midweek
Prayer meeting
We welcome you to the fellowship
of our services. Our desire is that you
may find the warmth of welcome and
the assistance in your worship of
Christ.
First and third Sundays Matherton
Church, second and fourth at Fenwick
Church

MATHERTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School
3:00 p.m.—Worship service

Fulton Area

FULTON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
1/2 mile east of Perrinton on M-57,
1/2 mile south.
Rev. Fred Wingo, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
7:45 p.m.—Thursday, Prayer and
praise service

Eureka Area

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Eureka, Michigan
Rev William D. Moore
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship

Bath Area

BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Alpha Grottel
Telephone 641-6687
10 a.m.—Worship
11 a.m.—Church School

BATH BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. James L. Burleigh, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
8:30 p.m.—Evening Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday 7:30
Midweek service on Wednesday 7:30

ROSE LAKE CHURCH
Reorganized L.D.S.
Elder Jack Hodge, Pastor
Corner of Upton and Soil Roads
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, evening serv-
ice

Valley Farms Area

VALLEY FARMS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. LaVern Bretz, Pastor
9:45-10:45 a.m.—Church School
There is a class for everyone from
the youngest to the oldest. The Bible
is our textbook.
11 a.m.—12 Noon—Morning Worship,
Junior Choir or children through 6th
grade.
6:30 p.m.—BYF for both Juniors and
Seniors.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
8:00 p.m.—Worship
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—Mid-week
Prayer Service; 8:00 p.m.—Morning
Choir practice
Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Choir practice
1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.—Woman's
Mission Society
2nd Saturday 8:00 p.m.—Ann Judson
Guild for Jr. Hts.
3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.—Men's Fel-
lowship

Fowler Area

MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Rev. Fr. Albert J. Schmidt, Pastor
Sunday Masses-8:30, 9:30 and 10:30
Weekdays—During school year, 7
a.m. and 8:15 a.m.
Holy Days-5:30, 7:30 a.m. and 8
p.m.
Sororvival Mother Novena—Friday,
7:30 p.m.
Saturdays-7:30 a.m.

ELSIE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
115 E. Main St.
Roy F. LaDuke, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
7 p.m.—Evening Service
7 p.m.—Wednesday Bible Study

DUPLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
3 miles west Ovid-Elsie High School
863 S. Colony Road
Justin Shepard, Minister
Jack Schwarz, S.S. Supt.
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Worship Hour
7 p.m.—Junior and Youth Fellow-
ship
7:45 p.m.—Evening Service
7 p.m., Wednesday—Prayer Meet-
ing

ST. CYRIL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev Fr. E. J. Konieczka, Pastor
Rectory—Sanctuary, Phone 825-520
Sunday Masses-8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass-7:30 a.m.; First Fri-
day, 8 a.m.
Holy Days—Masses 7 a.m. and 8
p.m.
Confessions-4 to 5 and 7:30 to
8:30 p.m. every Saturday and before
Mass on Sundays, Holy Days and
First Fridays.

Eagle Area

EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev William W. Cox, Pastor
1424 Michigan Avenue
Telephone 423-6333
10 a.m.—Morning Worship
11:10 a.m.—Church School
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
7 p.m.—Wednesday, Bible Study
and Prayer meeting

EAGLE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH
Rev. and Mrs. Royal Burnett, Pastor.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday Prayer
meeting

Ovid Area

OVID FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Main at Oak Street
Rev Earl C. Copelan, Pastor
Myron Woodruff, Church School Supt.
10:30 a.m.—Church School
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Senior Choir
Wednesday, 8 p.m., Prayer

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Ovid, Michigan
Robert E. Hoch, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
8 p.m.—Sunday evening singing for
boys and girls.
7 p.m.—Sunday evening services,
Wednesday evening prayer meeting
at 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
Ovid, Michigan
Rev. L. Sanders, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, Bible Study;
8:45 p.m.—Choir practice

UNITED CHURCH OF OVID
141 West Front Street
Walter A. Karvas III, Minister
Vera Tremblay, Church School Supt.
9:45 a.m.—Church School, 4th thru
8th grades
10 a.m.—Adult Class
11 a.m.—Worship Service, Nursery,
babies through year olds, Church
School, 3 year olds through 3rd grade.
7 p.m.—United Church Youth
Each Wednesday choir rehearsal,
4 p.m., Children's Choir and Junior
Choir; 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir.
2nd Wednesday—Women's Fel-
lowship.
3rd Monday—United Men's Club.

OVID FREE METHODIST CHURCH
W. William St.
Rev. Richard Gleason, Pastor
Telephone 634-2473
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Church services-11:00 a.m.
Evening services-7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting—Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Ovid, Michigan
Rev Fr. Cummings, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Sunday Mass
7 p.m.—Evening Mass on Thursday,
Confessions following evening Mass.

Pewamo Area

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pewamo, Michigan
Rt Rev Msgr Thomas J. Bolger, M.A.,
Pastor
Sunday Masses-8 a.m., 8 a.m. and
10 a.m.
Mass-7:30 a.m.
Holy Baptism—Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sacred Confession—Saturday, 3:30
and 7:30 p.m.
Family Hour for Peace—Sat-
urday, 7:15 p.m.

Victor Township

GROVE BIBLE CHURCH
Rev Robert F. Taylor, Pastor
Price and Sheppardville roads
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school, Classes
for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Young People
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
7:30 p.m.—Wednesday, prayer meet-
ing
Ladies Missionary circle meets 4th
Thursday
Couples Club meets 4th Saturday in
month

Wacousta Area

WACOUSTA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Dale Spoor, Pastor
Phone 627-2618
10 a.m.—Morning Worship
11 a.m.—Sunday School
6:30 p.m.—Senior and Junior Youth
Fellowship
Thursday, 3 p.m.—Children's Choir
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Senior Adult
Choir
Official Board meeting at 8 p.m. on
4th Monday of each month.
Methodist Men's Club Meetings—
Potluck at church at 8:30 p.m. on
1st Wednesdays of Sept., Dec., Feb.
and April—Sunday 7:30 a.m. breakfast
on 1st Sunday morning of Oct., Nov.,
Jan., March and May at 8 a.m.

Westphalia Area

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Rev Fr. Aloysius H. Miller, Pastor
Rev Walter L. Spillane
Assistant Pastor
Sunday Masses-8, 9 and 10 a.m.
Weekdays—During school year 7:00,
7:45 and 11:15 a.m.
Saturdays-8:45 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and
8 p.m.
Evening Mass—Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Lansing

KIMBERLY CHURCH OF CHRIST
1007 Kimberly Drive
Lansing, Michigan
John Halla
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
10 a.m.—Bible Study
8 p.m.—Evening Worship
Midweek service 7:30 p.m. Wednes-
day night.

Elsie Area

ELSIE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Gordon Showers, Minister
8:30 a.m.—Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Supt.
Merle Baese
11 a.m.—Worship service

DUPLAIN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev Gordon Showers, Minister
10 a.m.—Sunday School, Supt. Ken-
neth Kieker
11 a.m.—Worship service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev Lonnie Thompson, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Worship School
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Paul
Brown, Supt.
8 p.m.—Junior and Senior BYF
7 p.m.—Evening Service
8:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Junior and
Senior Choir practice.
7 p.m., Wednesday—Prayer and
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The Little Match Girl

A CHRISTMAS STORY

One December day, a poor little girl trudged along a busy city street through cold, deep snow. She wore no shoes but on one foot she wore one man's large slipper which she had found in a trash-can. Her feet were red and raw in the bitter cold.

In her apron she carried many boxes of matches which she tried to sell to passersby.

The little girl was not having any luck, but she was afraid to go home, for her father had said he would beat her if she came home without money.

Now it was getting colder, the snow was coming down harder, a wind was whipping her threadbare scarf against her cheek.

She huddled in a corner between two buildings, trying to get warm.

She took a match from her apron and lighted it, to warm her numb fingers. How brightly it sputtered! In its light she seemed to see a big warm stove with pots bubbling happily.

But when the match burned out the beautiful scene disappeared.

She struck another match . . . and another,

and each time another lovely scene took shape before her eyes... tall taper candles which seemed to grow longer, rising higher.

The candles rose higher, until they became stars in the sky; then one of them fell.

"Oh!" she said to herself, "that falling star means someone is dying."

She struggled to light another match, then another . . . and suddenly, right in the midst of the bright glow was her dear mother who had died when the little girl was just a 3-year-old.

"Mother!" the little girl cried. "Mother! Please take me with you!"

Her mother gathered her into her arms, and together they rose high up to the sky, so high, there were angels hovering near, and the little girl sighed with joy.

In the morning, when busy shoppers hurried by they saw the little match girl huddled on the hard sidewalk, burned matches about her. She seemed to be sleeping, and a smile was on her lips.

ADAPTED FROM THE TALE BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

CANDLES LIGHT UP MAN'S CELEBRATIONS THROUGH HISTORY

It is difficult to imagine Christmastime without candles.

Long before Christ, man associated the light of the candle with his spiritual longings. The Old Testament refers to the candle often.

As civilization dawned, man came to guard the flames he discovered he could make by friction of sticks or flint. Crude torches let him hold the light a little longer and to lengthen his days so that he might pursue his labor and his quest for knowledge.

The Romans were probably the first to make candles, which they burned before the altars of their gods, to light their banquet rooms, and to light their pageants and carnivals. It is interesting to note that while pagan Rome used the candle for merry-making, the Christian martyrs used it to light the catacombs.

It was natural for Christians to adapt the candle to their way of life, for Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the world. More, He had assured them that each Christian was a light.

The Middle Ages found the candle at its zenith. Made of tallow, by the dipping process, the candle was widely used for light, on up till the 19th century.

The Medieval church made sure that candles were made of beeswax . . . an idea founded in the belief that bees came to earth directly from heaven. Throughout the Middle Ages it was common for swarms of bees to be cared for near religious establishments.

Shoppers Urged: Don't Play Santa to Thieves

Be sure all windows are closed. When you leave the car, put your packages in the trunk and be sure it is locked. Don't tempt thieves by putting your parcels on display inside the car.

Assuming that personal belongings — and Christmas gifts would fall into this category — are stolen from your car, your loss may be covered if you carry a personal property floater insurance policy or if

you have a homeowners "package" policy.

But keep in mind that depending on the type of insurance purchased, thefts of personal property from a motor vehicle or trailer — other than a public conveyance such as a bus or a taxicab — may be covered only if the thief forces the vehicle open while all doors, windows and other openings in the car are closed and locked.

Christmas shopping often entails driving from one shopping area to another, making purchases at each stop. Since a car loaded with packages in the front or back seats is in effect an open invitation to roving thieves, the Insurance Information Institute offers these hints to insure that the right person gets your Christmas gifts.

Always lock your door even if you'll only be away from the car for a few minutes.



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South Watertown

By Mrs Bruce Hodges

Mr and Mrs Robert Doxtader of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Don Cobb. Mrs Gladys Bowlin entertained the Suburban Bridge Club at a luncheon and gift exchange Dec. 2.

The Starr Aid Society members will meet at Don's Restaurant Thursday Dec. 18 at 11:30 for dinner and Christmas gift exchange.

Mr and Mrs John Cook attended the wedding of Mrs Dorothy Tanner to Edward Strong at Chapel Hill Methodist Church Saturday.

The Lookingglass Valley Farm Bureau Group will meet with Mr and Mrs Don Miller Monday, Dec. 15 for a 7:30 p.m. supper. Mr Rollin Noble will show pictures of his trip to Alaska. Mrs Dewey Berryhill entertained

sixteen little girls Saturday afternoon to honor her daughter Debbie on her tenth birthday. A pink and aqua color scheme was used. Games gifts and refreshments filled a happy afternoon.

The Hobby Club members entertained their husbands at a holiday party Dec. 2 at Windmere View. A potluck supper and gift exchange was followed by an evening of bingo.

Mr and Mrs John Cook are announcing the birth of their great-grand son born to Mr and Mrs Roger Clark of Lansing Sunday Dec. 7.

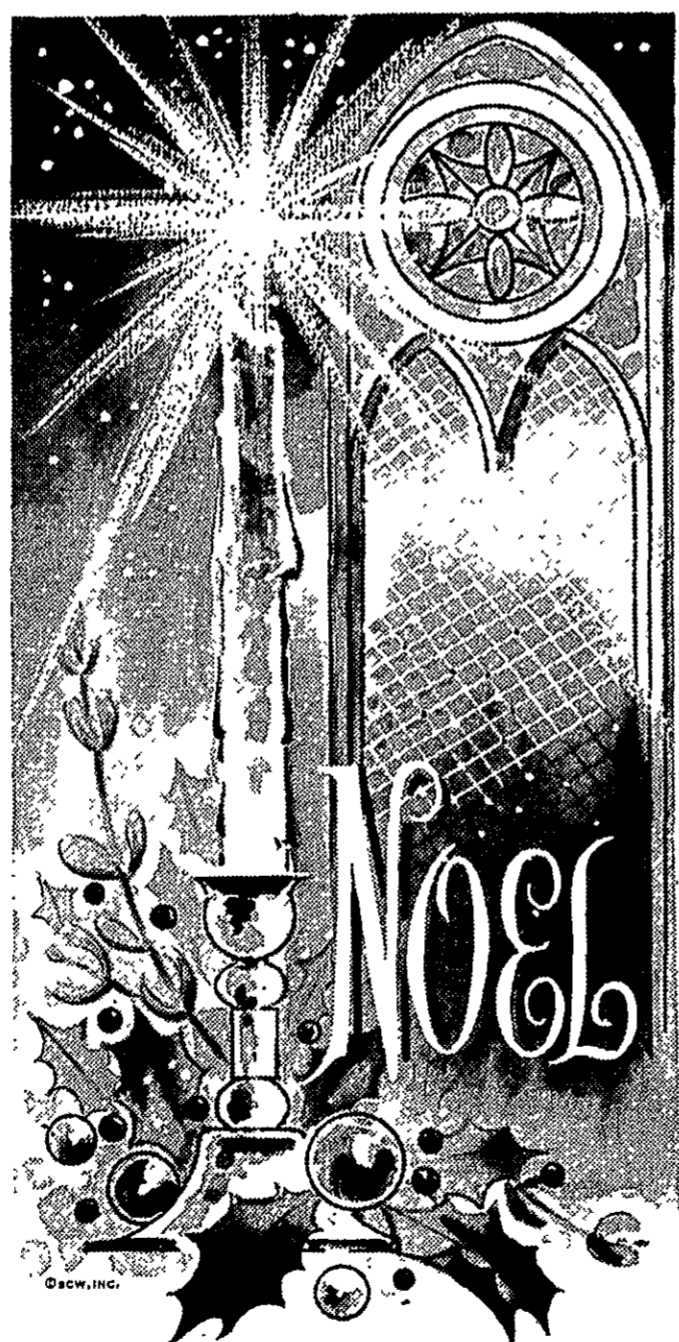
Mrs Bess Pearson and Miss Marian Pearson visited Mrs Luella Benjamin at the Livingston County Hospital Howell, Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Lewis Lonier and Mr and Mrs Romuald Lonier attended the wedding of Miss Pamela Weissinger to Gary Trimmer at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Dec. 6.

Young learners

In the United States, the minimum age for entry into apprenticeship is usually 18, but no less than 16, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. In Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, few apprentices start later than 16, and some begin their training as early as 14.

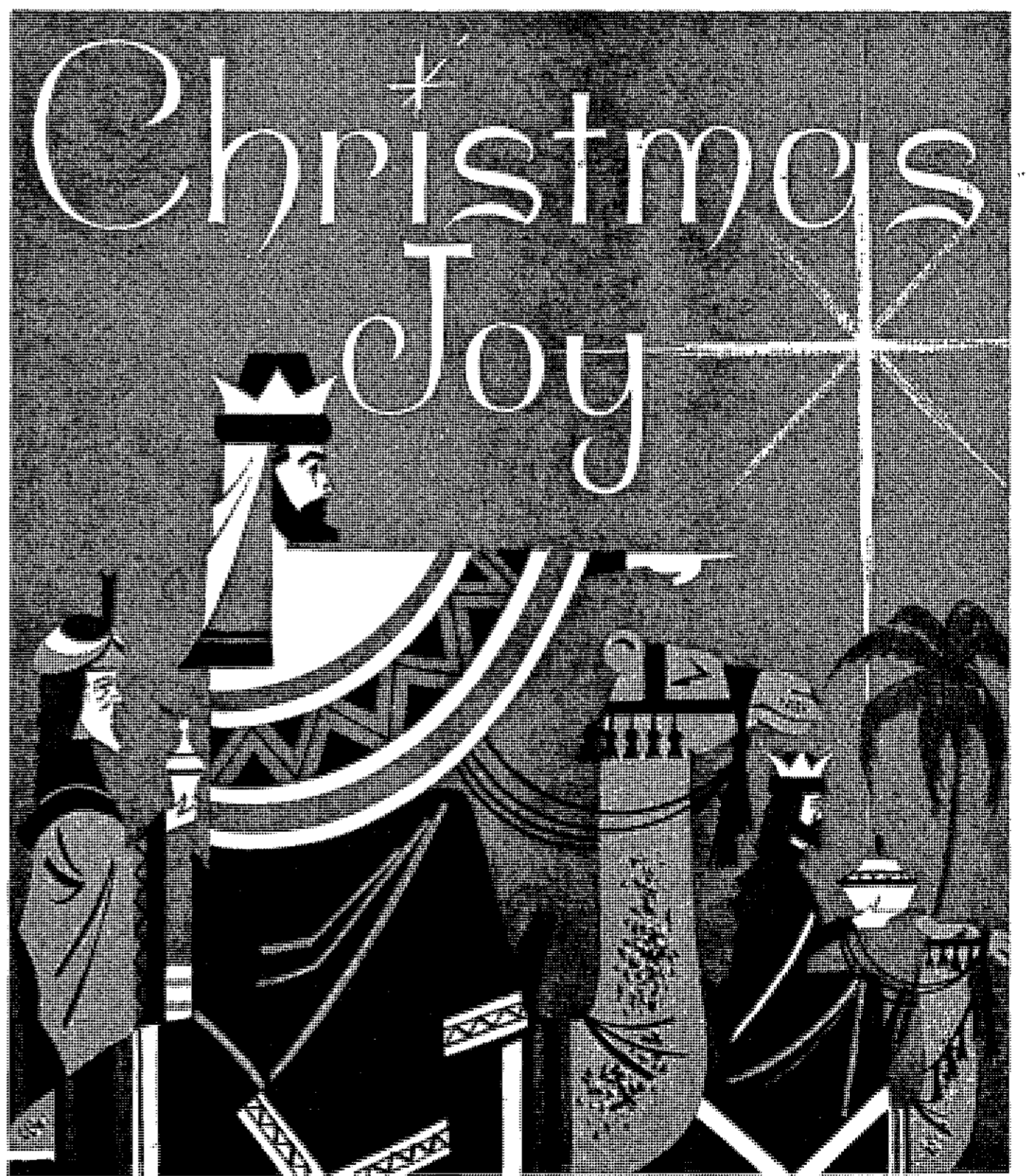
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The neighbors gave a birthday party at the home of Mr and Mrs Reynold Goerge Saturday evening. It was Mr Goerge's birthday. Mr and Mrs Sylvester Thelen, Mr and Mrs Bob Trierweiler, Mr and Mrs Charles Wirth, Mr and Mrs Stanley Schafer, and Mr and Mrs Gerold Thelen were visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Eugene Martin on Wednesday evening. Mrs Lula Boak called on her

son, Mr and Mrs Carl Boak, Sunday afternoon. David Thurston, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Thurston, received his discharge from the Navy last week. Thomas Feldpausch, son of Kenneth Feldpausch, is a patient at Carson City where he underwent surgery. Mrs Rose Rademacher of Westphalia spent a couple of days with her sister, Mrs Nora Braun. Mrs Nora Braun attended the funeral of Mrs Olivia Trierweiler of Portland Tuesday morning. Hilary Goerge of Alma spent

the weekend with his parents, Mr and Mrs Reynold Goerge and family. Mr and Mrs Joseph Fedewa of Westphalia spent Sunday afternoon with Mr and Mrs Clare Thelen and family. The children of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Weber had their Christmas party at the K of C Hall. There was a six o'clock potluck supper and an exchange of gifts and the evening was spent playing euchre. There were 70 present.

Mrs Frances Patterson and Mrs Etha Lyons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Gordon Patterson in Ashley. Mr and Mrs Otto York of Flint were evening visitors.

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Mr and Mrs Carl Fox entertained Mrs Fox's mother Mrs Marie Mulnix and brothers and sisters at a Christmas dinner Sunday Dec. 14.

Miss Maude Doane and Ralph Doane spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Alvin Waldorf at Greenville.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Schofer spent Sunday at St. Helen enjoying winter sports.

Mrs Mary Alberts of St. Johns called on her mother Mrs Barbara Alexander Sunday. Mrs Alberts recently escaped injury when two deer crossed in front of her car. She missed the first one but struck the second one doing damage to the front of her new car.

South Watertown

By Mrs Bruce Hodges

Mr and Mrs John Cook attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Howard Caffee of Eagle Dec. 14.

Mr and Mrs John Buckmaster visited Mrs Nora Buckmaster at the Ovid Convalescent Home, Saturday.

Mr and Mrs John Ryan spent the past week with their grandchildren in East Lansing while the parents, the George Posters, were in Florida.

Miss Marian Pearson attended a holiday dinner party at the home of Mrs Dottie Anderson of Holt Dec. 13.

Little Laurie Foster, 7, daughter of the Richard Posters in again in the University of Michigan Medical Center where she underwent surgery for the removal of her kidney. Following the holidays she will receive a kidney from her mother. Meanwhile she is using the kidney machine. Schooling is provided at the center so she can keep up with her second grade studies.

Mr and Mrs Bruce Hodges were Friday supper guests of Mr and Mrs Earl Stoll.

Mrs Grove Keith of Lansing was a Saturday luncheon guest of Miss Helen Lowell.

Mrs Charles Lonter with Mrs Urban Hengesbaugh as co-hostess entertained 28 ladies at a bridal shower Wednesday evening honoring Miss Kathleen Van Buren who will become the bride of Marvin Hengesbaugh Jan. 17. A wedding bell decorated the gift table.

East Victor

By Mrs Ray Ketchum

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The children grandchildren and great-grandchildren spent Sunday afternoon with Mr and Mrs Jesse Perkins to help them celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. They received several cards and other gifts.

Mr and Mrs Orval White, Mr and Mrs Darvin Smith, Mr and Mrs Elmo Giffels and Elmer Smith of this vicinity attended the NFO convention in Louisville, Ky. last week.

Mr and Mrs Nelson Ketchum and sons of Wacousta were recent guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Ray Ketchum.

Mr and Mrs Gerald Barrett and Mr and Mrs Ray Ketchum called on Herbert Stickler of rural Haslett recently.

Proper planning can avoid Christmas tragedy

By LORRAINE SPRAGUE
Extension Home Economist

Christmas, one of the happiest seasons of the year, deserves a little time, thought and effort to keep it safe. Let no tragedy due to ignorance or carelessness mar your Holidays. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Electrification Administration has some fine clues to Christmas Safety. They include the following:

Check all strings of lights before putting them on the tree. Throw away any showing damaged or frayed sockets and connections. If you must use a string of lights with slightly frayed cords, tape each wire separately with electricians tape.

Artificial trees with built in electrical systems should carry the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label to show they have been inspected for electrical safety.

Newly purchased strings of light should carry this same UL label. They may cost a little more, but their safety feature makes the cost worthwhile.

Each socket in the string should contain a working bulb before the string is placed in the tree branches. Bulbs should be placed so they touch no foilage, paper or cotton.

Only fireproof decorations should be placed on a tree.

Check the tree often to be sure the foliage has not dried or turned brown. If this has happened, relocate the position of the bulb.

Replace worn out bulbs never leaving an empty socket for inquisitive fingers to investigate.

Warn young children to keep away from lights, both inside and outside the house.

Disconnect lights from wall outlets when not in use or when family is away.

Select a spot away from radiators, the fireplace, T.V. set or other sources of heat to set up the tree.

Keep the tree in water at all times. Dry evergreens burn easily. Take down the tree when needles dry and fall.

Lay electric train tracks away from the tree. Such toys can throw sparks.

No strings of lights should be used on metal trees. Spot or flood lights illuminate such decorative trees.

All cords, plugs, sockets and bulbs used outdoors should be weatherproofed. Connections can be made water tight by wrapping them with electricians tape.

Bulbs used out of doors should be arranged to hang downward and insulated staples used to hold strings of light or other electric cords both inside and out.

Dietitians puncture myths about vitamins

Starve a fever and feed a cold.

These and other time-honored food myths have been punctured by dietitians at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

During a fever, the body cells require more food-energy, say the dietitians. Lack of food during a fever means body tissue will be burned as fuel.

Celery and fish are commonly known as brain foods. It is a fact, say U-M dietitians, that one particular food is not sufficient to build such specialized tissue as the brain.

Take gelatin to strengthen fingernails. The U-M food specialists explain that gelatin is an incomplete protein. Milk, meat or eggs all contain more complete protein and would have a more beneficial effect on nails.

The vitamin myth. Vitamin concentrates cannot take the place of food. People who rely on them may lack protein, minerals, or other nutrients. An adequate diet provides all the vitamins needed by the body. In case of deficiency, advise U-M dietitians, a physician is the one who should prescribe a diet supplement.

Many morning skirmishes between mother and child could be avoided by puncturing the breakfast myth. What Johnny likes to eat and what mother wants him to eat are often nutritionally

equal, say dietitians. His breakfast of a hot dog, bun, milk shake, and an orange is nutritionally the same as mother's orange juice, egg, cereal and milk.

Blended citrus juice, a custard topped with peaches, and two graham crackers, is an attractive nutritional substitute for grapefruit, egg, toast and milk.

Since Johnny is more likely to eat what he likes, U-M dietitians advise mothers to prepare a breakfast that will be eaten. What is left on the plate, after the breakfast battle, is worthless.

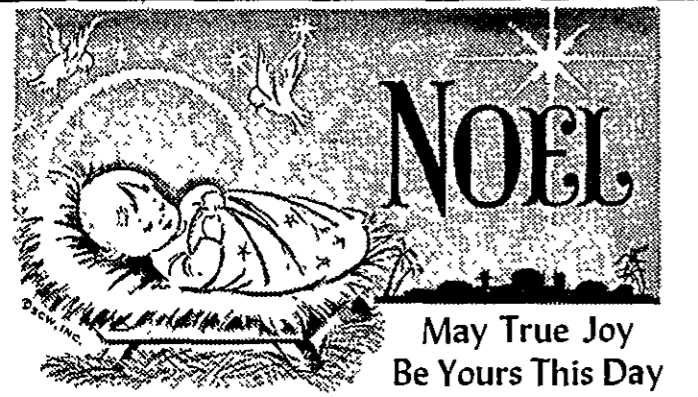
Carland News

By Mrs Archie Moore
Phone 834-2383

The Carland Literary Club had their Christmas party at the Carland church house with 18 members and guests present. Games were played with Mrs Glen Race winning the door prize.

The Morning Star Chapter had a pot luck supper and also enjoyed a gift exchange at the Masonic Hall, before going into their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Mrs Christine Snyder of Ovid, Ruth Scarborough of Elsie and Mildred Loynes and Mrs Archie Moore of Carland attended the funeral service of Wieber Inman at Midland on Monday. He passed away at Cortez, Fla. where he and his wife Eva were at their winter home.



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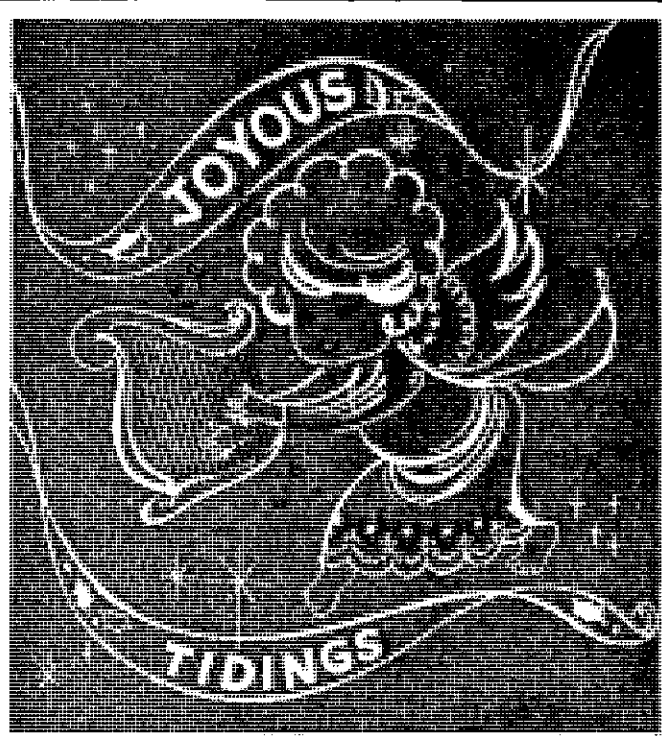
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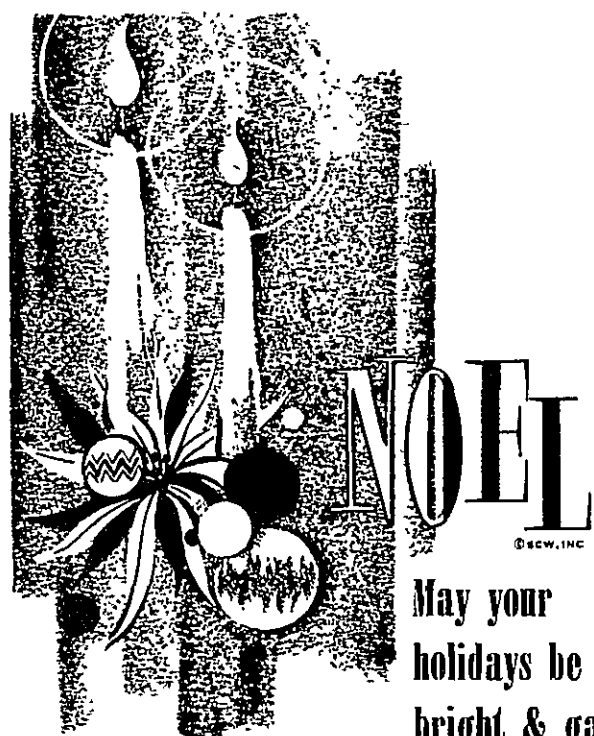


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Christmas toys - - do they hold peril or pleasure?

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness predicts that from Christmas 1969 to Christmas 1970 approximately 19,000 children will have been killed by accidents caused by toys and 40,000 to 50,000 permanently crippled.

In all, during 1970, two million youngsters will require medical treatment because of such accidents. Of these, thousands will incur eye injuries or even blindness needlessly because of a defective or inappropriate toy, or one handled without caution or supervision.

Among the worst offenders hiding under the Christmas tree are bows and arrows, missile-type toys with explosive caps, pellet, pop and blow guns, sling shots, darts and bean shooters.

Dr Wilfred D. David, executive director of the Society, cautions parents to "make sure that one of your child's eyes or that of a playmate doesn't become the 'bull's eye' of an archery game. When the rubber suction tip on the arrow's point is removed or falls off," he says, "play arrows can become as deadly as those of frontier days."

A potential Nobel prize winner in chemistry may never achieve fame if his toy chemistry set blows up in his face because he is too young to handle it prudently according to instructions. Authorities recommend that he should be at least 11 years old before he receives his first set. He should be instructed to lock it up out of the reach of younger brothers and sisters.

His sister may never see to become a real cook if her electric play stove or iron using 110-volt house current explodes in flames because of excessive heat or defective wiring.

Christmas tree lights can be literally blinding, the Society warns. Defective wiring can cause shorts resulting in sparks and flames. Decorations should be unbreakable and nonflamma-

ble, and the tree should be kept away from radiators and fireplaces.

Although, last month, President Nixon signed a toy safety bill to ban toys presenting electrical, mechanical or heat hazards, the major responsibility for the grim toll of toy-caused injuries, including loss of sight, rests with parents.

Reputable toy manufacturers pre-test toys, but it is not their fault if their toys fall into the

hands of a child too young to handle them intelligently and safely.

Despite these legislative and manufacturing safeguards, Dr David urges parents and family friends to select safe and appropriate playthings and to avoid toys with sharp or protruding edges, or those made of flammable materials or plastic, easily shattered materials. A broken toy can be a lethal weapon.

North Victor

By Mrs Elzie Exelby

The Christmas meeting of the Victor Missionary Society was held on Thursday at the Charles Swender home in Middlebury with a good attendance. Following the chicken dinner the business meeting was held and a short program. Mrs Ben Walker had charge of the devotionals and prayer was given by Mrs Exelby. During the business meeting it was voted to send Christmas gifts to several shut-ins, five dollars to Salvation Army, ten dollars for fruit for boys in B.V.S. in Lansing, five dollars to Retired Ministers fund and five dollars each to three boys in the Service. A gift exchange was enjoyed by all members attending.

Horton Grange met on Friday evening at the Exelby home with supper served before the business meeting. A gift exchange was enjoyed and twenty dollars was voted to Victor Missionary Society toward Insurance on Grove Congregational Church.

A very nice program was put on at the Price United Methodist Church by the Sunday School on Sunday evening.

The Sunday School program of the Grove Bible Church will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

Sunday guests in the Exelby home were Mr and Mrs Clarence Bauerle of DeWitt and Mr and Mrs Leon Exelby of St. Johns. Funeral services for Mrs Alton Dennis were held at Scarlett Funeral Home in Owosso on Monday afternoon. Mrs Dennis passed away in Owosso Memorial Hospital Thursday. She was well known by several people here.

Mr and Mrs Richard Byam and three children of Bancroft were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Merriel Balcam.

Riley and Olive

By Mrs Goldie Moore

The Friendly Farmers Community Farm Bureau Group met with Mr and Mrs Arnold Blizzard, Norris Road on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 8:30 with ten families represented. Business was conducted by the chairman, Dick Wood. Letters were read by the secretary, Richard Howe; and reports were given by Mrs Ray Moore and Myron Howe. Earl Barks, a delegate to the American Farm Bureau Meet last week at Washington, D.C. gave a report on the proceedings of the meeting. David Conklin led the group on the discussion of the topic "Truth and Lending Law". Refreshments were served by the host and hostess. The group was invited to the home of Mr and Mrs Stanley Fedewa for their January meeting.

Mr and Mrs Valentine Stoy and family and Mr and Mrs Clyde Peck were Sunday visi-

Bannister

Mrs Robert Valentine
Phone 862-4342

The Junior and Senior United Methodist Youths of Bannister joined together Sunday evening to decorate a Christmas tree for the sanctuary. They also decorated Wesley Center for the WSCS program to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 17.

Several from this area attended the Christmas concert at the Ovid-Elsie High School Sunday afternoon.

Friends of J. E. Bartshe, who lived with Ray Ferralls, may be interested to know that he is now stationed in Vietnam. His address is Cpl. J.E. Bartshe, VM-SA-542 MAG-11, 1st MAW materials, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602. Cpl Bartshe attended Elsie High School for two years and graduated from St. Johns High School in 1966.

The senior choir of the Bannister Methodist Church assisted Rev Wayne Sparks in conducting a worship service Sunday afternoon for the patients of the Maple Valley Nursing Home.

The Bannister United Methodist Sunday School will hold their Christmas program Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30.

North Bengal

By Mrs Wm. Ernst

Mr and Mrs Clare Moritz of rural Grand Ledge were Sunday, Dec. 14 visitors of his parents, Mr and Mrs Louis Moritz and family.

Mr and Mrs Fred W. Pasch attended the Pasch family Christmas gathering on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the home of Mr and Mrs J. T. Jackson and son, Duane. Mr Arthur Martens of St. Johns and Mrs Edmund Falk spent Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11 with their aunt, Mrs John Ernst of rural St. Johns.

Lisa and Christine Eldridge of Midland are spending the week of Dec. 14 with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Robert Eldridge and sons. The little girls parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Eldridge, Jr. are in Calif. where they are house hunting in the San Francisco area. They will soon be moving.

Mrs Edwin Mohnke of S. Bengal and Miss Maxine Ernst ate supper Thursday, Dec. 11 with Mr and Mrs Clare Moritz of rural Grand Ledge.

Jay Bancroft, of S. W. Dallas spent Saturday night, Dec. 13 with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Fred W. Pasch.



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William H. Patton, Campaign Chairman of the Clinton County Communities Chest was invited to attend from St. Johns.

Campaign Chairmen from local United Fund, Community Chest, Red Feather, and Torch Drives in Michigan were honored with award plaques presented by Richard G. Cotton, Senior Vice President, Personnel & Public Relations, Wickes Corporation and President of Michigan United Fund. He was assisted by Miss Michigan, 1969, Sandy Gillespie of Hastings.

Heading the program was Willis H. Edmund, nationally known speaker on human relations.

Those attending were guests of Consumers Power Co., the Detroit Edison Co., General Telephone Co., the J. L. Hudson Co., Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

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Ah! The Mistletoe Churches Echo With Yule Tale

In Europe it is quite common for men to kiss each other on the cheek as a sign of salute, or as part of a special ceremony.

Back in the days of the Roman legionnaires it was the custom, also. Sometimes it was linked with the plant mistletoe, which had always been regarded with great respect by the ancients.



A soldier in the Roman legion gave mistletoe some reverence. If he met an enemy under a tree upon which mistletoe was growing, both men would drop their weapons, kiss each other and call a truce. Mistletoe was honored as a symbol of hope and peace.

By the time this kissing custom worked its way down through the ages, habits changed. For in early English history it was noted that young lovers must pick a berry each time a kiss was stolen from a maid. When the berries were gone, so were the kisses.



The ancient druids regarded the mistletoe as a plant of mystery and gave it sacred respect. It was believed to have the powers of fertility, but also of national disaster if it was ever to touch the earth. So the mistletoe was always hung high. Many tied boughs of it above the doors of their barns and houses to ward off evil spirits.

At our modern houses at Christmastime we find this custom still with us, more from habit than from any apprehension, probably.

Christmas Creche Has Age-Old Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

GREENS FORBIDDEN
Until about 565 A.D., the use of evergreens for decorations at Christmas was forbidden by church authorities.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angels singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child:

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

The words, as simple as the scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the moment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"Because there no room for them in the inn."

In the glory, there is poignancy, too.

"No room in the inn." The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bitterness. That — as in the words of the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," — "the little Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianity.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of Easter. It is Christmas, and Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Of St. Nicholas

Long before Santa traveled by sleigh, St. Nicholas, special guardian of children, set forth on foot, or rode by horse or donkey, to bring gifts to European homes.

The good saint's day is December 6th, and "on the eve of his festival day," writes an Encyclopedia Americana authority, "St. Nicholas makes his tour, visiting palace and cottage."

"The children place receptacles for the gifts, which St. Nicholas is expected to let fall down the chimney. . . . Sometimes shoes are neatly polished for the purpose, at other times plates, or baskets, or stockings, or specially made shoes of porcelain.

"St. Nicholas' steed . . . is not forgotten. For him the children put water and hay, or carrot or potato peeling, or a piece of bread in the shoe, or basket, or stocking."

"In the morning from the tipped-over chairs and general disarray in the room it is evident that St. Nicholas has been present."

"Replacing the oats, or hay, or carrot are found sweets and playthings for children who have been good. For bad children, rods are left, and the fodder is untouched."

History of Christmas Carols

Called *noels* in France, *le pastorelli* in Italy and *Weihnachtslieder* in German, carols are the welcome sound of Christmas everywhere.

But did you know that originally carols were not songs but dances? It's a fact! These "round" dances were part of early Christian worship, and one of the first "carollers" was St. Francis of Assisi, back in the 12th century.

When was the first carol sung? Probably as an accompaniment to early nativity plays. And one of the earliest of the choruses of praise, *gloria in excelsis deo* (glory to God in the highest), can be heard in church services to this day.

The custom of outdoor carol singing is many hundreds of years old. According to researchers at the Aeolian Music Foun-

dition, it seems to have started in the Middle-Ages when groups of people went from house to house singing by torchlight.

Yet despite these joyous beginnings, the Christmas carol eventually ran into rough going. As a Puritan influence grew, carols became gloomy and grim; finally the Puritans made it a crime to print or sing carols publicly!

But the carol — which plays so large a part in giving Christmas a spirit of gaiety — couldn't be suppressed for long, and many great writers such as Martin Luther and Charles Wesley and composers including Felix Mendelssohn and Friedrich Handel began to take an interest in this form of music.

In the England of Charles

Dickens' time, the practice of "wassailing" or group singing of carols from house to house at Christmastime was popularized.

At the turn of the century, Americans added their own contribution to Christmas caroling as singers gathered around the family player-piano. With the recent revival of the player-piano, this delightful scene is being recreated all across the country. Most popular of the modern players is the Pianola, both a regular piano and a player-piano that encourages family togetherness during the holiday season or any time of the year.

Family gatherings for carol singing should be better than ever this season with more

Christmas music available on music rolls than before. Among a selection of almost 50 popular Christmas tunes and traditional carols, several rare and beautiful Scottish and Welsh carols are being put out on Aeolian player-piano rolls for the first time.

The happy memories that are revived each Christmas are composed of many ingredients — the smell of the fir tree, the glitter of tinsel, the taste of a Yuletide treat — but of all of them, perhaps the most evocative is the sound of carol playing and singing in the home.

When a man starts yawning in your presence it's time for you to change the subject.



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Your character is showing when you decorate the tree

Regardless of your hangups or personality quirks, you'll find there are only three basic ways to go about trimming a Christmas tree.

1. Take plenty of time to do the job right. Be a fusspot. And when you've finished placing lights, ornaments, icicles, novelties and garlands, all positioned with precise regard for esthetic spacing and color balance, photograph your masterpiece immediately. Its absolute perfection will diminish as soon as the kids begin the laying on of hands and right after the family dog begins nosing around.

2. Get the job over with in a hurry. Lead the light strings around the tree, letting the bulbs come to rest where they will. Hang the ornaments two at a time, using both hands. Now stand back approximately 4 feet and hurl the icicles—plus whatever other soft decorations are left—in the general direction of the tree. You're through. Sit down, elevate feet to hassock or coffee table, and apply cup to wassail bowl.

3. Delegate the job. Let the kids do it all—they say they really want to. While they're at it, walk around the block a few times to spare your nerves the tinkly sounds of breakage.

Whichever approach is habitually yours—and maybe you'd rather not say—it's a matter of indifference in at least one quarter. According to the trade association, Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc., its member-producers of decorations, artificial trees and giftwraps are very fond of you. And why shouldn't they be? After all, the total spent on such items this year by you and the rest of the nation's tree-trimmers and present-wrappers will come to almost \$700,000,000.

The trees, flame-proof or flame-resistant, account for a significant portion of that total. You can opt for a plastic (polyvinyl-chloride or polyethylene) or aluminum model 2 to 18 feet tall in light green, natural green, blue-green, or silver-white (the last is most preferred by people in parts of the U.S. that never get snowed on). Among the "species" are pine, fir, balsam and spruce, with hard, demure or soft needles.

Ornaments used to be exclusively glass; most still are, but plastic equivalents are finding

increasing favor. Both kinds are sold in a variety of styles: clear, translucent, opaque, and veined. Best selling colors continue to be the reds, golds, silvers and greens, with "hot" decorator colors coming on strong.

The big change in lights took place 15-20 years ago, with the advent of the midgets—tiny twinklers and flashers now sold 35-50 to a string. Sunburst types with tinsel-like reflector shields are especially popular.

For the presents under the

tree that complete the Christmas morning tableau, you have a choice of giftwraps that are a design blend of the old and the modern. They come in various surfaces (foll, velour or embossed), and in a host of colors ranging from traditional to high fashion.

Finally, for heavy-fingered fathers, there's good news indeed—ready-made bows that clip on to ribbons, and stick-on (instead of tie-on) to-and-from tags.

Ceremonies Thru'out World Celebrate Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born.

During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time for revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was probably presented in a com-

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner. Families often go to the seashore or the hills for a picnic.

Ancient Romans Hailed Dec. 25 As Sun's Birthday; Christians, As Son of God's

The sun has always had special significance for man through the ages.

It is no coincidence, therefore, that the sun figures in the selection of December 25th as the birthdate of the Christ.

It is common knowledge that the true date of Christ's birth has not yet been determined... but have you wondered why the 25th of December was selected to celebrate Christ's birth?

For a long time the 6th of January was celebrated as the day of the Nativity, and was not changed to the earlier date until about 375 A.D.

According to the Roman

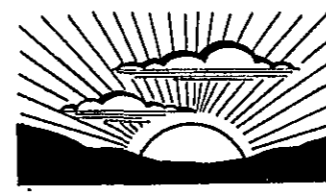


Julian calendar, the 25th of December was reckoned the winter solstice, and the birthday of the sun!

This was the day that the light lengthened and the powers of the sun once again grew strong.

It was a symbolic promise that once again the heat of the sun would make the grass grow, the cattle thrive, and all crops flourish.

The Christian Church felt that by turning the 25th of December sun festival into a Holy Day, they could convert many non-believers from their worship of the sun to Him who is called the "Son of Righteousness."



And Other 'Santas'

Though Santa Claus is today's most popular Christmas-season gifts giver, he still has plenty of help.

In Northern Europe, many children await the arrival of St. Nicholas, on the Eve of December 5th. In Spain and Latin America, the "Three Kings" traditionally bring gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

People Plus Problems Add Holiday Lore

Friends who visited the Robert Kelly home last December got a real Christmas surprise. In this Grants Pass, Ore., household, the Christmas tree "grew" out of the ceiling—or at least, was suspended there, upside down.

Will it start a trend? Will more and more families hang their Christmas trees from the ceiling? Only time can tell! Christmas customs start with people and, often, with problems. In the case of the upside-down Christmas tree, the problem was, "Where to put the tree?" and the humorous solution was reached when the family just couldn't decide.

Creating Pudding

Many well-established traditions had their legendary beginnings in the inventive reaction of people to problems, large or small.

Take plum pudding, for example—as many people do at Christmastime! The very first plum pudding was an answer to adversity, so legend says. An English king and his

hunting party were lost in the forest on Christmas Eve. Commanded by the king, the cook prepared dinner, using the foods he had on hand—some meat from a stag, some bits of wild game, flour, birds' eggs, sugar, dried plums, ale and brandy.

The cook not only created a delicious emergency dish, he also invented plum pudding, which tradition says must contain these same ingredients if it is to be the "real thing."

Lighting the Tree

A pleasant problem with a happy solution led to the custom of decorating the Christmas tree with lights.

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, returned from a Christmas Eve walk under a starlit sky, inspired by a wish to reproduce the heavenly scene for his family.

How to show some small reflection of the glory of the heavens on the first Holy Night? Luther solved the problem by lighting candles and placing them on the boughs of an evergreen.



mand performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.

Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

Joy to the World

May the spirit of His birth warm your hearts with joyous love.

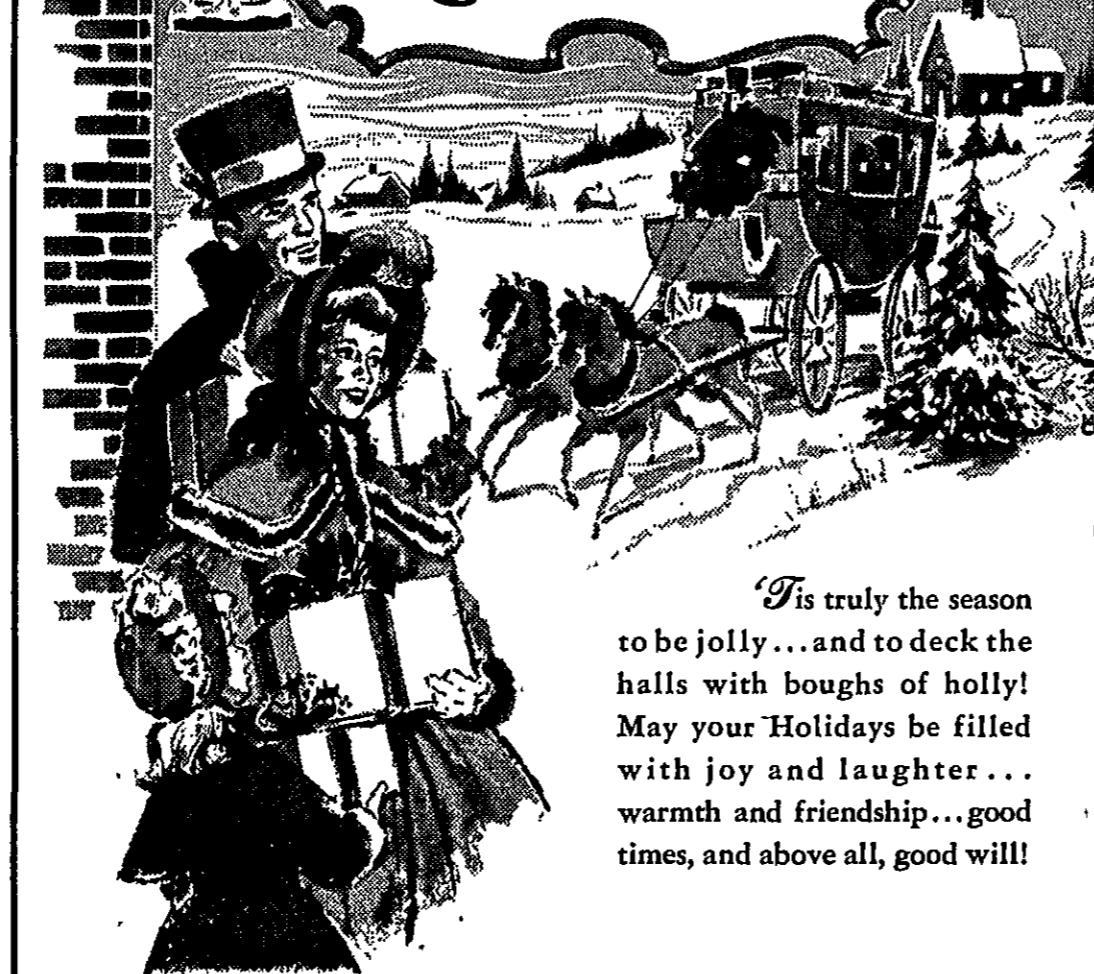


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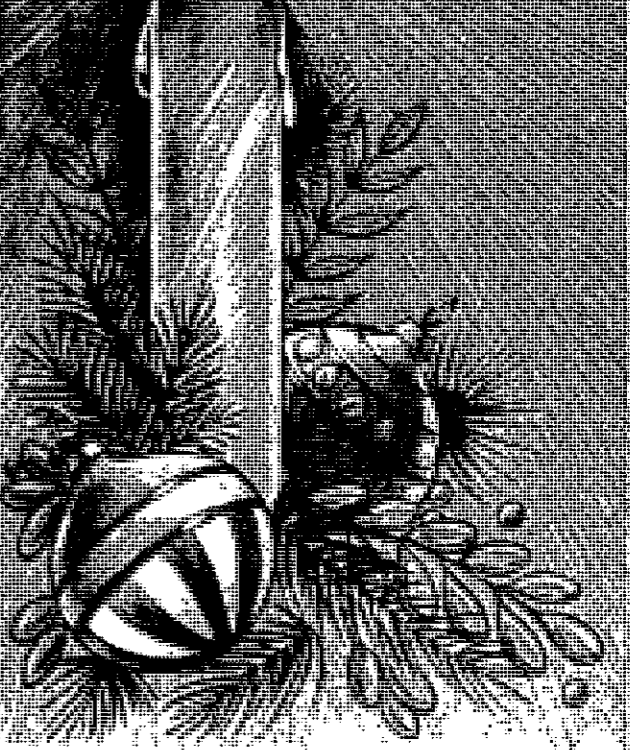
Just take jewel-colored cellophane and cut into many shapes. Apply to a clear glass door or window.

Let your imagination wander with the subject and shapes that please you. The materials are

very inexpensive and if you make a mistake, just start over again!

By crinkling the cellophane you get a textured look of pebbled glass!

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May the radiance of love and friendship brighten each day of the yuletide season!

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More blessed to give - - if gift is returnable

By ESTHER K. SHAPIRO
Consumer Education Specialist
Michigan Credit Union League

Last October as I walked through the large shopping mall, I saw workmen stringing colored lights through the branches of trees which had not yet lost their autumn leaves.

Halloween decorations were still up, a few tentative Thanksgiving symbols were in the shop windows, adding a garish touch to the green and red Christmas bulbs, and the people who stopped to watch were mumbling, "What's their hurry?"

This isn't going to be a sermonette on putting the meaning back into Christmas—hopefully, you'll get that in your church. My concern is with the consumer aspects of the pressure to buy now, buy early, buy often.

Never has so much been offered. Motorized toys whirr across television screens, hypnotizing toddlers. There are battery-operated ballerina dolls for the girls. Astronauts drive plexiglass bubble cars across the moon for well-heeled little boys. Temptations for adults as well can be found with a turn of the TV dial. Wet-lipped beauties hint at enticements to reward those males who come across with the right perfume—a "mod" interpretation of peace on earth to men of goodwill.

These goodies may not be necessary, you tell me, but they're fun—maybe even useful. A consumer specialist is paid to be a fulltime sourpuss, but can't you lay off during Christmas?

No. Especially not during Christmas.

Let's start with costs. Naturally, prices are at their peak, consumer resistance at its lowest. Everyone spends more than they had planned, and frequently with a sense of desperation.

Stop any shopper in your town, and he'll admit he really doesn't approve of all this commercialism, but Aunt Emma will probably send him a tie, so he has to get her the gold embroidered knee warmers.

And while he thinks his kid is a little young for a motor scooter, the other kids on the block are getting them, so of course his kid. The sad thing is that garnishments hit their peak in February, long after the toys have lost their batteries and the warrandees on the kitchen gadgets expired.

Hardest hit are people in the lowest income bracket, whose Christmas spending is out of all proportion to income.

And what about all those walking, talking toys? Don't they stimulate, educate, train a child to adapt to computerized life? Not according to experts. These toys do things for a child, not with him; the child's role is to wind it up and watch. Little wonder they get bored and toss them aside quickly; even the ballerina doll mentioned earlier can only kick and turn a few times, and after that, what can she do for an encore?

The best toys are those which stretch the imagination and allow a child to create and form his own concepts. Any mother can tell you her toddler would rather bang on a kitchen pot with a clothes pin than try to master the complicated "educational" sets preferred by doting grandparents.

There is also the matter of safety. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness has warned that 19,000 children will

be killed between Christmas this year and Christmas, 1970 — by toys. Another 40,000 to 50,000 will be permanently crippled. Of course you want to gladden your child's heart on Christmas morn. Just make sure you don't also break his arm. Check toys for safety and sturdiness, and leave a little to the imagination.

What are you going to get the rest of us? My concept of the ideal gift combines luxury with utility. It should be something that I can live without, would never dream of buying

for myself, and would love to have.

For example, I can get along without my electric can opener, but how nice to have one. On the other hand, the red velvet hostess gown my children gave me one extravagant year simply hangs in its cellophane bag, a reminder each time I open the closet door that my life is not built around hostess gowns.

With Cassandra warnings in mind, try to remember that it's more blessed to give than to receive — providing all gifts are returnable.

Wacousta

By MRS. EDWARD KRAFT, Correspondent—Phone 626-6944

Mrs Charles Phillips and Van Phillips called on Ion Phillips in Mason General Hospital, Sunday. Ion suffered a heart attack Saturday night.

Mrs Lester Garlock Sr entertained her bridge club Tuesday evening following a dinner at Cellintio's.

Mr and Mrs Edward Kraft entertained their staff for dinner and a Christmas party Thursday evening.

Mr and Mrs David Chamberlin were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Fuller in Eaton Rapids. Marlene Chamberlin flew to Iowa Thursday to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs Tom Hammer and husband. The girls will both return after Christmas when Sue will visit her parents, Mr and Mrs Lya Chamberlin and family.

Mr and Mrs Frank Kubis of Traverse City spent a few days last week with their daughter Mrs Joyce Jones and son, Billy.

Mr and Mrs Vaughn Montgomery entertained their bridge club for dinner and cards Saturday evening.

Richard Rosier flew to Goldsboro, N.C. last week and accompanied his daughter, Mrs Derion Preidis, back to the Rosier home. Mr Preidis left for his second tour of duty overseas.

James Lowell was taken by ambulance to the Capital City Convalescent Home on Mary Street in Lansing, Monday.

Mr and Mrs Robert Fuller of Eaton Rapids and Mr and Mrs Lya Chamberlin will be Christmas dinner guests of Mr and Mrs David Chamberlin.

Mr and Mrs Richard Rosier and family attended the Rosier family Christmas dinner at the Sveden House in Lansing, Sunday. Later they all went to the home of Mr and Mrs Morris in Grand Ledge.

Mrs Robert Cramer a former Wacousta resident, fell last Friday night, breaking her knee cap. She is in St. Lawrence Hospital.

Mr and Mrs David Cotton will spend Christmas day with their parents, Mr and Mrs Bernard Cotton and family in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Stuart Openlander of Ohio were callers of Mr and Mrs David Cotton, Mr and Mrs Herman Openlander and Mr and Mrs Don Morrow and family during the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Don Miller hosted thirty members and guests of their Farm Bureau Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs Paul Chamberlin and family will entertain the Chamberlin family for their Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts Christmas night.

Pfc. Paul Wesseler returned last week to Fort Dix and expects to be sent to Germany soon.

Mr and Mrs Frank Balluff and family will host the Balluff family Christmas Day for dinner.

Mr and Mrs Earl Beagle and Mr and Mrs Chester Beagle attended the Beagle Christmas dinner Sunday at Mrs Byrl Garlock's in Sir Kings Court.

Pfc. Russell Rosier or N. C. arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Richard Rosier and family.

Mrs Ed Rose, who suffered neck and back injuries in a fall at her home three weeks ago, is still confined.

Mr Donald McMichael, who had back surgery the Tuesday

Eagle

Mrs Charles Higbee
Phone 626-6531

The newlywed couple, Mr and Mrs Daryl Katalenick, are living in the home of their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Clifford Leonard, while the grandparents are in Florida for the winter.

Mr and Mrs Frank Hicks were pleasantly surprised Saturday night by 30 people who came to help them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. The party was planned by their children, Gerry Hicks, Mrs Vera Koepen of St. Johns, Mrs Joyce Hogan of Lansing. The evening was spent playing cards, an anniversary cake and lunch were served. Guests were present from Eagle, St. Johns, Okemos, Woodland and Lansing.

Ruth Stiffler will entertain a group of friends and neighbors at a stork shower in honor of Mrs Ronald Cooper Tuesday night. The baby was born Dec. 3 and has been named Beth Allison.

The Cub Scouts held their annual Christmas party at the Wacousta Church Friday night. The Eagle group will take a Christmas tree loaded with hand-made decorations to Gladys Shaddock in Grand Ledge this year. The decorations were all made by the little boys. Pack 260 will have an all boy choir and will go Christmas caroling Dec. 22 and after that they will go to Dr Brown's for a party.

The United Foursquare women will have their Christmas breakfast and secret pal gift exchange at the home of Mrs Lary Burnett Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The Four Square Church will have its Christmas program at 11 Dec. 21.

The Eagle Methodist Church will have its program Sunday, Dec. 21 in the evening.

The 4-H supper and Christmas party will be held Dec. 18 at the town hall. Entertainment will follow the supper.

Mrs Ed Rose, who suffered neck and back injuries in a fall at her home three weeks ago, is still confined.

Mr Donald McMichael, who had back surgery the Tuesday

before Thanksgiving, is allowed to be up two hours out of each day now.

Mayme Smith had the misfortune to slip on a patch of ice when walking home from the post office Dec. 15. She injured her back and wrist.

Mr and Mrs Herbert Patrick spent Sunday visiting two cousins, Mrs Thelma West and Mrs Orma Hovey in Mulliken.

Bridgeville

By Mrs Thelma Woodbury

Mr and Mrs John Woodbury, Mr and Mrs Douglas Hulbert, Mr and Mrs Bruce Hulbert and Mrs Lianne Van Horn and their families attended the wedding of their nephew and cousin, Robert Schmid and Sue Pendel, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6 at the Church of the Brethren near Middleton.

Mr and Mrs John Woodbury spent Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5 at Harrison with Mr and Mrs Charles Woodbury and also called on Mr and Mrs Orval Woodbury of Beaverton.

Michael LeRoy, the infant son of Mr and Mrs LeRoy Simmons is a patient in the St. Johns hospital at this writing.

Your correspondent wishes everyone in the community a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A group of archaeologists discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

Kris Kringle is not a German term for Santa Claus. The name is a modification of "Kristkind," which according to German legend, is a white-robed angel — a messenger of the infant Jesus, bringing gifts to children.

Oldest Christian Church Looks Like a Fortress

The oldest church in Christianity is reputed to be the Church of the Nativity, built upon the spot where the stable stood. It was erected by Emperor Constantine the Great, in 330 A.D.

The church looks like a fortress. Its original stately portal has been walled up and replaced by a low and narrow entrance. There was a reason for this. In the first place, it compels the many pilgrims to bow before they enter. In the

second place it was designed to keep the infidels from riding in on horseback or camel.

The interior of the church is dignified and simple, set off by beautiful Corinthian columns of native red sandstone. The roof is of massive oak. Silver lamps burning olive oil are suspended from gold and silver chains from the beams.

to a simple altar with silver nails, marks the exact spot where the infant Jesus was born.

Three steps lead down to a small cave-like recess, the Chapel of the Manger. Beautiful tapestries and rugs are draped across the walls. Fifteen silver lamps are kept burning eternally in honor of Him, Who Christians believe, even today, is the light of the world.

Stocking Is Just Legend?

Did a spinster hang up the first Christmas stocking? Legend says yes, but history says no — or at most, "Maybe."

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. His method was to toss the gold down a chimney by night, at Christmas.

On one occasion, so legend says, the gift landed in a stocking, hung by the fireplace to dry.

History casts a dubious eye on this "origin" of the Christmas stocking custom. The spinster probably didn't have a stocking — not in the fourth century.

Knitted form-fitting hosiery was unknown until the thirteenth century. Earlier, people wrapped cloth or rags around their feet as substitute for modern stockings.

Even after William Lee invented the stocking frame, a more efficient method of production, in the late 1500's, it was some time before the poor could afford to buy stockings.

History makes one concession to the legend tellers. Paintings from Pompeii show that early Romans did wear some form of stockings, even before the birth of Christ.

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