

Central Natl. Bank sold to Indiana group

William J. Buescher, president of Central National Bank of St. Johns, has announced the sale of that firm to a group of Indiana businessmen. Officials of the bank indicate that aside from attendant exchange of director seats, functions of the firm will continue as in the past. According to Brandon C. White Jr., executive vice-president of Central National Bank, the four Indiana businessmen are George E. Manis of Huntington, Harold Wellman of Syracuse, Gordon McCormick of Syracuse and Richard Mynsberge of Mishawaka. Wellman will replace Buescher as president of the firm but all other officers presently serving will retain their positions.

The quartet of businessmen purchasing the bank will continue to maintain residences in their respective cities and implementation of policies and routine affairs will be directed, as in the past, by the local staff.

Effective date of the sale has been tentatively set for Jan. 10, 1969.

Brief resumes of the new owners indicate all have varied business experience. Manis is the founder of Memcor Corp., an electronics manufacturing firm which recently merged with Ling Temco Vaught of Dallas, Tex. Memcor has plants in Huntington, Boyne City, Mich., and Salt Lake City, Utah. Manis is a director of Ling Temco Vaught and acts as consultant for the company.

Wellman, the new president-

to-be, is presently chairman of the board of Syracuse Bank at Syracuse, Ind., and is formerly vice president and commercial loan officer of Citizens Bank, Michigan City, Ind. He is a Northwestern University graduate and has worked with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

McCormick, currently president and chairman of the board of Comfo Corp., a manufacturer of furniture and bedding, is also owner of an auto agency in Syracuse. He has varied interests in a real estate holding company and directs gravel processing plants in various locations throughout Indiana.

Mynsberge holds a CPA degree in accounting and is presently secretary and treasurer of Monarch Industries, manufacturers of mobile and modular homes. Monarch operates plants in Middleburg, Syracuse and LaGrange, Ind. and Valdosta, Ga.



PAUL A. MAPLES

Paul Maples new city attorney as commission splits

Paul A. Maples has been named St. Johns city attorney but on an appointment that did not get the unanimous consent of all the city commissioners.

At a special meeting last Wednesday afternoon, Commissioners Charles Coletta and Mrs. Jeanne Rand voted in opposition to the appointment, while Commissioners Herb Oatley, John Hannah and Mayor Robert Wood approved.

It was the same lineup of votes a couple of weeks ago when the commission accepted by a 3-2 vote the resignation of William Kemper as city attorney and Richard Wells as deputy city attorney.

Maple agreed to accept the job as city attorney for a retainer fee of \$7,500 a year, plus court costs, but it was over the definition of "retainer fee" that most of the debate between the commissioners took place last Wednesday.

Commissioner Coletta said he

had studied the letters from Maples and attorney Jim Moore in bidding for the job, and he said he thought Maples' "retainer" was indefinite. He said he interpreted the court costs as including the attorney's fees in court, which would kick the total cost up to between \$15,000 and \$17,000 a year.

MAYOR WOOD, HIMSELF an attorney, said his interpretation of court costs would be service fees, filing fees, entry fees and the like. He said the attorney's time in court would be classed as a legal fee and this would be included in the retainer.

Maples said the same thing when questioned Friday. He said the retainer fee included all trials in district court and circuit court, attendance at commission meetings, legal advice to the city and drafting of most ordinances.

The exceptions, he said, would be the drafting of a new zoning ordinance if one is necessary, codifying of all city ordinances, the appeal of any cases to appellate or state supreme court and the redrafting of the city charter if necessary.

These, Maples said, would all be done only at the specific direction of the city commission and then it would be at an hourly rate.

Maples confirmed Wood's interpretation of the court costs and said that those are only incidental items that may run between \$50 and \$100 a year.

He said he expected this interpretation to be repeated at the city commission meeting held Monday night in an effort to clear the problem up.

AT THE MEETING last Wednesday, Coletta had favored the appointment of Moore as attorney. Moore had bid to do the job for \$12,500, which Coletta termed as a salary to do all the city's legal work except appellate cases and writing of a zoning ordinance. Dr. Oatley said he thought "retainer" and "salary" were synonymous terms.

It was commissioner John Hannah who made the motion to appoint Maples as city attorney and after much discussion and some clarification of the motion, Oatley supported it. It passed 3-2 on a roll call vote.

Lighting winners named

Winners in the St. Johns Christmas home decorating contest sponsored by the Jaycees were announced by Paul Maples, chairman, and co-chairman Rev. Hugh Banninga. In the non-religious group first prize went to Gale Anderson of 511 S. Lansing Street, second prize to Floyd Bullock of 5183 S. US-27 and third prize to Richard Kerr at 404 Wight Street.

Winners in the religious category were Dr. James Groat of 804 Park Street, first prize; Leonard Campbell of 109 N. Morton Street, second prize; and Russ Doty of 1006 S. Oakland Street, third prize.

The judging was held Thursday evening, Dec. 19. All first-place winners will receive \$25, second prizes are \$15, and third place winners get \$10. Judges for the St. Johns contest were from out of the area.

Flu not rampant here yet

The Hong Kong flu and its several varieties sweeping the nation have not left Clinton County untouched, but so far there's no epidemic here that would cause any un-due alarm.

Clinton Memorial Hospital has asked that only the immediate families of patients there come in to visit and that others avoid visitations for the present because of the flu problem.

Schools in the county seem to be affected to varying degrees, although not seriously yet. Mrs. Luella Canfield, county nurse with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, said reports that she has received tell of absenteeism no higher than 20 to 25 percent.

She said it appeared there was more flu in the immediate St. Johns area than in the other towns of the county. But Mrs. Princess Parker, nurse with the St. Johns

Public Schools, said there has been little actual absenteeism in the St. Johns schools up to the present time. Friday there were no flu absences from the high school and she had not received reports of any from the other schools.

So far the incidences of flu have been spotty.

Harold Reed, administrator at Clinton Memorial Hospital, said the restrictions on visitors were a precautionary measure and would be kept in force until the incidence of flu drops off. He said the hospital has had a higher-than-normal occupancy in the last week or so. There has been some flu sickness among employees there.

ANYONE INTERESTED in being appointed as Bingham Township supervisor, contact Wilbur Brandt, R-6, St. Johns, on or before Dec. 31.

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YEAR: 12

Post offices say 'Thanks'

Clinton County postmasters and post office employees today expressed grateful thanks for the cooperation of the mailing public during the holiday rush.

"Without our customers' help, we might still be sorting and delivering holiday mail," St. Johns' Postmaster J. D. Robinson said.

No backlogs were noted in post offices through the area.

An old-fashioned Christmas

Yule tree at Gunnisonville home decorated with items of another era

By MRS SHIRLEY KARBER
News Staff Writer

Some people think about it, most of us dream about, but here's a family that will do it this year. Mr and Mrs Ernie Fritz of Bolchof Road, are having Christmas a little different this year—1900 style.

Because of accident last April, when Mr Fritz fell and broke both of his wrists, he has been unable to drive the car (Mrs Fritz never did drive). They were consequently at home more hours than they usually are this time of the year. "I started thinking about the Christmases I'd had as a child and that's what gave us

the idea for our tree."

Their full size fresh green tree stands in one corner of the family living room, decorated with hand strung ropes of popcorn, cranberries, bright colored paper chains, candy canes, and some ornaments that have been passed down from one generation to another. There are also real candles on the tree but Mrs Fritz says they never light them, because she remembers as a child her father was afraid they might start a fire.

Under the tree they placed some of their family treasures, items they hauled out of attic storage and spruced up for a

real 1900—type Christmas. Mrs Fritz says "Once we got started with it, the idea seemed to grow and grow, and one thing led to another, and now the whole family, including all the grandchildren are real enthused with it."

FOR GIFTS UNDER the tree she "hunted out" some of her antique treasures, including an old china doll from 1880 dressed in a red dress and sitting in a red chair. The bisque "Dream Baby" doll sleeps in a cradle that her great uncle Jude McQuiston made for her mother down at McQuiston's mill near Ashley the Christmas of 1885. Then there are the patch work quilts on the cradle and doll bed that were made by her mother many Christmases ago (she died in 1912), and the dishes she got about 1908. There's also a little black iron play stove, a bisque dog, a sea shell that was a gift from her grandfather in 1907, a doll rocking chair and high chair complete the items for the small fry.

For the father of the house under the tree there's a mustache cup, and some books. For the grandparents, there's a Bible dated 1872, and a pewter cream and sugar bowl. There's a coffee mill for mother, and a kerosene lamp dated Sept. 20, 1870. All these things and more make up the old fashioned Christmas tree of yesterday.

Mrs Fritz says they never used to have pretty wrapping paper, so the gifts were always placed under the tree unwrapped. This year as a gift for her husband Mrs Fritz bought him an antique string of sleigh bells, and they have planned many happy occasions throughout the holiday season when the bells will be put to good use.

Mrs Fritz collects and repairs old dolls in her spare time, as well as collecting antiques. She says, "I just love Christmas, and this one may be the best one yet."



MRS FRITZ, DOLLS AND OLD-FASHIONED TREE



The Christmas Story

"The Christmas Story" is told simply and graphically by Debbie Butler and Steven Showers during the Christmas program Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in St. Johns. The birth of Christ changed the world less than 2,000 years ago, and this Wednesday that event will be commemorated. Debbie, 11, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs William W. French, and Steven, 10, is the son of Mr and Mrs Nelson Showers.

189 pints given here

Blood donors rise above flu

St. Johns area residents rose above the flu and cold virus last week to donate 189 pints of blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile visit on Wednesday.

Volunteer bloodmobile leaders here were extremely happy over the turnout. In addition to the 189 pints of blood actually collected, 41 other persons offered to give blood but were rejected for medical reasons.

"We were all very happy about this," Mrs. James Crosby, bloodmobile chairman, said last Thursday, "and I know the blood center in Lansing was real happy with us. We were told that if we got 175 pints of blood it would be real good, because all the counties they (the Red Cross) had done recently were down. They figured Fisher Body would be down, too, so we really needed it."

Twenty-eight of the donors gave blood for the first time. Mrs Crosby said this was high but probably was due to the fact that many college students were home for the holidays and learned of the bloodmobile and its needs. Some of the new donors also came with groups of fellow workers.

MRS. CROSBY SAID that with cooperation from the public, two special requests for comparatively rare A-negative and O-negative blood were filled at the St. Johns bloodmobile. Seventeen pints of A-negative blood had been

collected and were on their way to Lansing and special preparation for open heart surgery by 3 p.m. Seven pints of O-negative blood for a similar purpose also

went with the courier, although only five pints had been requested.

The 41 rejections of donors (Story continued on Page 2-A)



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189 pints donated at bloodmobile

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were much higher than normal, due mainly to the flu epidemic and related ailments. Many of those persons either were coming down with colds or had recently taken medication that prohibited the donating of blood.

Mrs Crosby said one man wanted to give blood but had to be refused when a check of his temperature showed he had a fever of 102 degrees. He said he felt fine.

"I think these men and women and young kids who came down should feel pretty proud of themselves," Mrs Crosby said in extending thanks for the bloodmobile support. "Without them St. Johns couldn't hold on to this bloodmobile program.

The bloodmobile was held from noon to 6 p.m. in the basement of the First Congregational Church.

Persons who volunteered to give blood last Wednesday were: Harold Shane, Florence M. Marten

Yvonne Asher
Ladd Bartholomew
Norbert B. Mueller
Robert Cartwright
James C. Fox
Noel F. Smith
Betty Geller
Linda Bryant
Douglas S. Carpenter
Sybil Glowacki
Gladys E. Baker
Larry Crosby
Edna W. Flegler
Richard Smith
Ray Warner
Donald I. Bast
Gerald Bast
Richard L. Brock
Jack Downing
Lowell G. Rinker
Lloyd Bensinger
James F. Willette
Katherine Aylsworth
Thomas P. Bishop
Charles B. Huntington
Patricia Fox
Shirley E. Spencer
Robert W. Spencer
Linda K. Walling
Marie H. Fox

Gale B. Walling
Donna M. Latimer
Mildred Pocus
Reva Stevens
Gerald B. Latimer
Alan E. Kramer
Sandra Fongers
Richard Mead
Diane Hazle
Adeline Feldpausch
Nancy L. Chmiko
Margaret Feeman
Ardath R. Snitgen
Nancy George
Richard L. Wilson
Bill J. Bartholomew
Mrs Betty L. Gregory
William E. Chalmers
Dee Cartwright
Michael Robertson
Frederick R. Barnes
Bernadette Pung
Wilma Paradise
Arthur A. Wainwright
Mark Wirth
Jeffrey W. Nobis
Vianna Bond
Eldon Baese
Melvin Warren
Geraldine M. Workman
Esther J. Rutter
Willard C. Goldman
Robert A. Harris
Wayne Beaufore
Mrs Margaret Bontrager
James B. Cerny
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Patrick Kelly
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Richard Gillespie
Bernard Neller
Clayton Sharick
John Anderson

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Leo D. Bensinger
Robert Leatherman
Charles Mueller
Mildred Bakita
Nicholas J. Dunay
John P. Fakis
Robert J. Paski
Marcia Parr
Robert E. Peck
William Brasington
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Clinton National promotes 3 to assistant manager

Promotions were announced this week for three youthful staff members of Clinton National Bank by W.S. Lusk, president of the bank. Those advanced to new positions in the organization are:

Beebe, who becomes assistant manager at Valley Farms, has been associated with Clinton National since August 1966. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Beebe of 111 S. Whittemore

Street, St. Johns. He is a graduate of St. Johns High School and has been attending Lansing Community College. He is a member of the St. Johns Jaycees.

John Rademacher, 23, named assistant manager of the Fowler office;

Michael Everts, 24, named assistant manager of the Elsie office; and

Roger Beebe, 21, named assistant manager of the Valley Farms office.

Rademacher, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard P. Rademacher, is a native of Fowler and was graduated from Fowler High School. He has also attended Lansing Community College, has completed several courses with the American Institute of Banking and is a graduate of the University of Michigan Graduate School of Banking.

He is treasurer of the Village of Fowler, vice president of the Fowler Jaycees and secretary-treasurer of the Fowler Bowling Assn. He is married to the former Catherine Heyer and they are the parents of two sons, Steven and Daniel. The Rademachers live at 442 S. Main Street in Fowler.

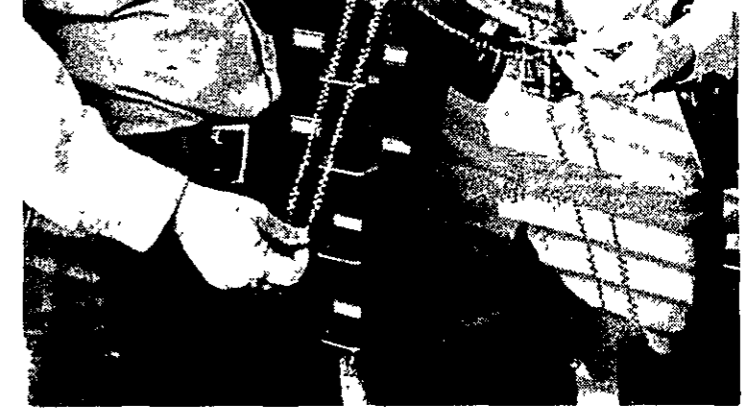
EVERTS IS A SON OF Mr and Mrs Irwin Everts of 225 High Street in Ovid. He has been associated with Clinton National since October 1967. He is a 1963 graduate of Ovid High School, attended Lansing Business University and has completed several American Institute of Banking courses. He has also served two years with the U.S. armed forces. He is a member of the Ovid-Elsie Jaycees.

2 local Jaycees resign positions

County officers to take oath Dec. 31

Two Jaycee members in the St. Johns chapter recently resigned high offices prior to moving from the city. Gary Quigley of East Sturgis Street has resigned as District 11 vice president while making preparations to move his family to Jackson, where he will be employed. Robert Yager resigned as internal vice president of the St. Johns Jaycees and has moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where he will start work Jan. 1. Tom Peacock has been appointed to fill Yager's position on the Jaycee board of directors.

Elected officials of Clinton County, including the 11 new district supervisors, will all be sworn in with their oath of office in special ceremonies in circuit court on the morning of Dec. 31. Circuit Judge Leo Corbin will conduct the ceremony, slated for 10 a.m. in the courtroom.



Toxic beans turned in

Police Chief Everett Glazier and Officer Lyle French examine a pair of necklaces fashioned from highly toxic beans which have been turned up in the area. The necklaces were part of a cache of the beans turned in to police by Mrs Floyd Gardner. Other beans were surrendered by Dr Albert Nelson and Robert Chant. Both St. Johns police officers and members of the Clinton County sheriff's department have retrieved numbers of the poisonous beans in recent days at the call of citizens. The beans collected by local officers are predominantly red with small tips of black at one end. Chief Glazier explained that a display of the confiscated beans will be arranged at the Clinton National Bank for area residents to view. They will be kept under lock throughout the period of display to preclude accidental poisoning.

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News About Clinton County - Service Personnel -



F. A. JOSEPH J. SPOUSTA

F. A. Joseph J. Spousta, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Spousta of 408 E. Steel Street, is now spending a 30 day leave with his parents.

Spousta graduated Nov. 15 from shipfitters school at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif. He graduated in the top 10 of his class and is now eligible to return to the school for 12 weeks more training at the C school.

Army Pvt. ROGER S. GENDRON, 20, son of Mrs Evelyn Loy of Negaunee, fired expert with the M-14 rifle near the



RICHARD L. TAYLOR

Pfc Richard L. Taylor, son of Mrs Richard D. Taylor of 110 E. Lincoln, St. Johns, appeared

completion of basic combat training at Ft. Campbell Nov. 22. The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve on his weapons qualification test. His father, Ernest Gendron, lives at 7761 Chandler Road, St. Johns.

on television Dec. 13. Taylor was at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., when Operation Entertainment was taped there, and those who watched the show Dec. 13 got a good close-up of Taylor. Robert Farrier was there at the time, too.

Taylor is now stationed at Long Binh Air Base at Bien Hoa, Viet Nam. His address is: Pfc Richard L. Taylor RA 6802-1641, 9th Trans. Co. (Car) (ABN Corps), APO San Francisco, Calif. 96266.

Army Pvt. THOMAS D. FELTON, 19, son of Mr and Mrs Claud C. Felton of Mason Road, Ashley, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Dec. 6 at Ft. Polk, La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises.

Army Pvt. GAIL D. BALL, son of Mr and Mrs Carl D. Ball of 126 Franklin Street, Maple Rapids, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Nov. 27 at Ft. Polk, La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises.



RICHARD O. CARMACK

Richard O. Carmack, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Orin D. Carmack of 509 E. State Street, St. Johns, is now studying nuclear power submarine work at Mare Island, Calif. He had previously studied electronics at Great Lakes, Ill., for 13 months.

His address is: Richard O. Carmack ETR 3 B 52 25 52, Class 68-4-6, U.S. Nav. NucPwr School, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif. 94592.

BIG PROBLEM

Today an income is an essential that most people find they cannot live within or without.



JOHN D. CARMACK

John D. Carmack, 19, son of Mr and Mrs Orin D. Carmack of 509 E. State Street, St. Johns, recently returned to Balboa Hospital in San Diego, Calif., for 14 weeks of schooling for hospital corpsman. Carmack enlisted in the U.S. Navy Aug. 6 and completed boot camp in October. He belonged to the Bluejacket Choir while in boot camp.

His address is: John D. Carmack HA B54 87 38, Company No. 26, U.S.N.H. Hosp. Corp. School, San Diego, Calif. 92133.

Many a fellow has been saved by the hard work that he firmly believes is killing him.



CAPT. F. G. ELDRIDGE

Capt. Fredrick G. Eldridge and his family are spending a holiday leave with their parents, Mr and Mrs Byron Kissane of rural St. Johns, and Mr and Mrs Hugh L. Eldridge of 412 Meadowview Drive.

Capt. Eldridge has recently completed bombardier-navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif., and at termination of his leave will spend a short period at Tucson, Ariz., before taking up further duties at Homestead AFB, Fla.

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Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!" Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.



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JAMES L. RADEMACHER and his wife Mary Ann are new residents at 901 N. Lansing Street, Apartment 4; they are also newlyweds. They are both formerly from Fowler, and Rademacher is presently employed by Westphalia Builders. Mrs Rademacher works as a typist for the State Department in the treasurer's office in Lansing. He just finished two years in the Army returning from Viet Nam and Okinawa in October where he was injured.

HAROLD G. PHILLIPS and his wife Elisabeth (Beth) are now living in their new home at 1009 S. Swegles Street. They were previous residents of rural Elsie. Phillips has been employed at Federal Mogul for the past 18 years.

ROBERT SHELDON and his wife Sandra are buying a home at 1210S, Lansing Street. They have two children Rhonda Lynne age two, and Jina Louise one year. Sheldon is employed as a truck driver at the St. Johns egg station. They were previous residents of Henderson, but Mrs Sheldon is formerly from St. Johns.



EUNICE E. GRAFF Engaged

The engagement of Eunice E. Graff, daughter of Paul Graff and the late Mrs Graff, to Alan K. Steffe, son of Mrs Rudolph Steffe and the late Mr Steffe of Reese, Mich., has been announced by her father.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Miss Graff is presently a staff nurse at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé received his BS degree in electrical engineering from General Motors Institute where he was a member of Alpha Tau Iota and his master's degree in science engineering degree from the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Eta Kappa Nu. Steffe is presently employed by Central Foundry Division of General Motors Corp. in Saginaw.

A June 7 wedding is being planned.

Mary Ann Simon wed to James Rademacher

Miss Mary Ann Simon, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gilbert A. Simon of Townsend Road, Fowler, and James Rademacher, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard P. Rademacher of Tallman Road, Fowler, were united in marriage Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. The marriage took place at Most Holy Trinity Church, Fowler, with Rev Albert Schmitt officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The double-ring service was performed before an altar decorated with pink carnations and white mums.

Miss Simon selected for her wedding a white satin gown featuring a scoop neckline and high waist line. The skirt was a modified A-line with a detachable train. The traditional sleeves were cut out and set with re-embroidered alencon lace complemented with seed pearls and crystals. Her bouquet was red sweetheart roses with white baby mums.

Miss Susie Simon served as maid of honor, and Miss Diane Simon, Miss Susie Rademacher, and Mrs William Wirth were bridesmaids. They wore floor-length gowns of royal blue velvet, with empire waists. They featured a stand-up collar and elbow length sleeves. The empire line and collar was adorned with royal blue satin. The satin was also used in the back with a row of covered buttons. Their veils were held in place with a cluster of loops and petals centered with pearls. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and white mums.

The bride's mother selected a navy blue dress with navy accessories. The groom's mother chose a forest green dress with brown accessories.

Clare Armbrustmacher served as best man, Brian Feldpausch was groomsman and William Wirth and John Rademacher were ushers.

The reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the church hall for 350 guests. Mrs Robert Plowman and Mrs Richard Knoop served the cake, and Teresa Smith, Diane Bergans and Joan Koenigs knecht served at the bride's table.



MRS JAMES RADEMACHER

The bride selected a red knitted A-line dress with beige trim on the collar and sleeves for her going-away outfit. After a wedding trip to Pennsylvania, the couple will reside at 901 N. Lansing Street in St. Johns.

Mr and Mrs Rademacher are both graduates of Fowler High School with the class of 1965.

Orweller-Dershem vows said at Ovid

On Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Miss Sharon Kay Orweller of R-2, Ovid, became the bride of Richard George Dershem of R-3, St. Johns. Miss Orweller is the daughter of Mrs Alice Orweller and the late Paul Orweller. The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs Harold Dershem.

The marriage was solemnized in the First Baptist Church of Ovid by Rev Earl Copeland. The double-ring service was held before an altar decorated with pink and white mums and carnations.

The bride selected a white lace full-length gown with a long lace train. Her veil was waist length held in place with orange blossom crown. She carried a bouquet of white mums and baby pink roses with cascading ivy over a white Bible.

Matron of honor was Mrs Sandra Fivecoat, and bridesmaids were Miss Janice Orweller and Miss Debra Woodhams. They wore pink floor length lace dresses with matching headpieces. They each carried a bouquet of pink and white mums and carnations.

MRS ORWELLER selected a three-piece knit dress suit of grey and white with matching accessories, for her daughter's wedding. Mrs Dershem chose a three-piece suit knitted in blue heather tones with matching accessories. Each mother wore matching corsages of pink and white mums.

Dennis LaBar served as best man. Groomsman were William A. McDunnell, and Eugene Dunkel. Ushers were Terry Speer and Gary Orweller.

The reception for 300 guests was held immediately after the wedding in the basement of the First Baptist Church. Those serving at the reception included Mrs M. Orweller, Mrs L. Curry, Mrs D. LaBar, Mrs D. Orweller, Mrs J. Woodhams, Miss P. Dershem, Mrs O. Squires, and Miss S. Squires.

Special guests present for the wedding were Mr and Mrs Harold Dershem of St. Johns, grandparents of the groom. It was also their 58th wedding anniversary.

For her going away outfit the bride selected a brown and white two-piece jacket dress with matching accessories. After a trip through some of the southern states, the newlyweds will be at home at R-1, Lowe Road, St. Johns.

Mr and Mrs Dershem are both graduates of Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1959.

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MARY SIMON

Graduates

Miss Mary Simon, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roman Simon of West Second Street, Fowler, has recently completed the practical nursing program at Lansing Community College. Miss Simon is a 1967 graduate of Fowler High School. She plans to begin work at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Jan. 6.



JANICE THELEN

Engaged

Mr and Mrs Edmond Thelen of Westphalia announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice, to Marvin Weber, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Weber of Portland.

The bride-elect is employed at Michigan Bankard of Lansing. The prospective bridegroom is employed by Oldsmobile.

The wedding will take place on April 12.

GREETINGS
Have a wonderful season full of joy. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

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Births

Clinton's Citizens of Tomorrow

BENSINGER—A girl, Deborah Sue, was born to Mr and Mrs Richard Bensinger of 612 S. Traver, Dec. 5 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces. The baby has two brothers. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs C.F. Bensinger of St. Johns and Mrs B. H. Taylor of Marion, Ohio. The mother is the former Jan Taylor.

WALKER—A girl, Cheryl Marie, was born to Mr and Mrs Jerry J. Walker of R-1, Elsie, Dec. 15 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds. The baby has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Glen

Walker and Mrs Gerald Schulze. The mother is the former Carole Schulze.

BOND—A boy, Russell Wayne, was born to Mr and Mrs Bruce Bond of 407 S. Prospect Street, St. Johns, Dec. 15, at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Lloyd Hopp and Mr and Mrs Arthur Bond. The mother is the former Kathleen Hopp.

The \$2,400,000 recently paid for one painting, "Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer" by Rembrandt, is more than \$800 per square inch.

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MR and MRS CARL HAMMOND

Golden anniversary

WATERTOWN—Mr and Mrs Carl Hammond will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

Hammond and the former Gertrude Taylor were married in St. Johns by Rev Armstrong on Jan. 1, 1919. They have spent most of their married life in and near St. Johns.

They moved to Higgins Lake 11 years ago and now spend their winters in Zephyrhills, Florida.

They have one daughter, Betty Shoup, and two grandsons, David and Denny of Wisconsin. Their address is 17 Pearl Street, Zephyrhills, Fla. 33599.

GREETINGS

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HOBBY CLUB MEETS
The Hobby Club met recently with Mrs. J. D. Washburn for a potluck dinner at noon.

GLEC CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The Great Lakes Bible College Christmas concert was held Dec. 14 at the Church of Christ, F. Elmer Nicholson, professor of music, directed the choir for the concert, accompanied by Mrs. Kathryn Stehle at the piano.

CAROLING
Women's Fellowship group went caroling Tuesday evening to various homes in the Ovid-Elsie area. On Thursday evening the young people of the church of Christ had their evening of caroling, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Justin Shepard.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED
Congregational singing of Christmas hymns set the theme for the Christmas program Dec. 22 at the Church of Christ, Narrator for the Christmas story was Justin Shepard, minister. Scripture was read by Carol Buck and the young people acted out the scenes in pantomime while the choir sang. Pianist for the program was Coni Burnham.

SUNDAY RALLY PLANNED
Fifth Sunday rally of the Churches of Christ is set for Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Easton Church of Christ. Five area churches will unite for this service held at the various churches.

Mr and Mrs James Burnham called Dec. 18 on Mr and Mrs Dale Anderson of Auburn, Mr and Mrs Gerald Stowe of Zilwaukee and Mr and Mrs Bernard Rockafellow of Midland.

Mr and Mrs Dale Schultheiss traveled to Edinburg, Ill. Dec. 14 when Mrs Ronald (Carol) Dow and Steven returned home.

Mr and Mrs Henry Hinsman and daughter, Laura, were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs James Burnham. They attended the Christmas concert at St. Johns High School in the afternoon.

Failure to signal killed or injured almost 55,000 persons in 1964.

Keep a record in 1969

By LORRAINE SPRAGUE Extension Home Economist

The pages of a new year are about to open wide for us. This also means the pages of a new family account book should be ready for us to record household expenses.

Record books for family living expenses have long been made available through the Cooperative Extension Service for both rural and urban families.

Family expense accounts or records serve two main purposes: 1) they help families plan realistic and usable budgets by showing where money is spent, both the "necessary" expenses, and those that might not be so important; and 2) they are valuable at income tax time in separating living from business expenses.

If you are in the habit of keeping expense records you know the value of a well organized account book. If you have yet to experience this household task, I can only say "try it for a year."

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 starlit sky, inspired by a wish to reproduce the heavenly scene for his family.



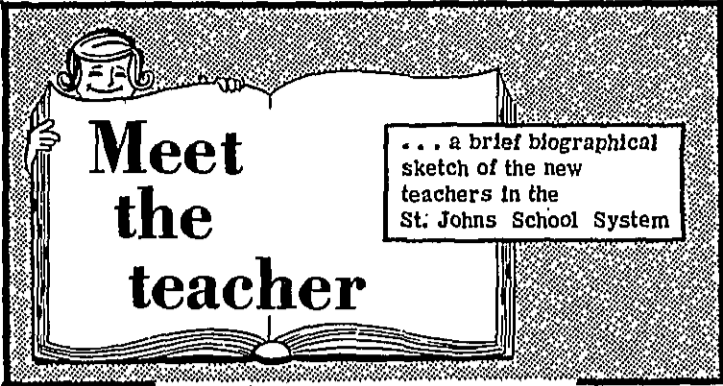
THOMAS C. WILSON



ROBERT L. KOGER



LYNN THERESA RAINEY KOGER



Thomas C. Wilson

Thomas C. Wilson, is in his first year of teaching at Rodney B. Wilson High School where he teaches American history II, and government 12. He and his wife, Joyce Elaine, live at 608 W. Cass Street; they have three children, Mike 7, Pat 6, and Jenni 3. Mrs. Wilson is a registered nurse.

Robert L. Koger

Robert L. Koger, is the new speech and English teacher at Rodney B. Wilson High School. He has been a teacher for the past five years and formerly taught at Cosmos, Minn. and Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born in Fairbault, Minn.

Janet Longenecker

Janet Lorraine Longenecker, is the new music teacher for grades one through eight. This is her fourth year as a teacher and she formerly taught at the Acedemia Menonita School in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

He is a member of the SJE, MEA, and NEA. He was also co-chairman of a special survey committee for the Hawaii Education Association on cultural and educational advancement for the island of Molokai. They are also members of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Lynn T. R. Koger

Mrs Lynn Koger, is a new teacher at Central School where she teaches second grade. This is her fifth year of teaching and she formerly taught at White Bear Lake, Minn., and Barber's Point and Ewa Beach in Hawaii.

Wedding

The deadline for wedding information for publication in the Clinton County News is 5 p.m. on the Thursday preceding publication. The News cannot guarantee immediate use of stories submitted after that time.

Mrs Koger attended Mankato State College in Minn. and the University of Hawaii. She has a BS degree from Mankato State in elementary education.

She is a member of the MEA, NEA and SJE; she also is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Faculty Wives. Her hobbies include sewing, traveling and music.

Grant H. Hosford

Grant Herbert Hosford, is the new ninth grade shop teacher at Rodney B. Wilson High School. Hosford has been teaching for the past two years and formerly was a teacher at Corona, Calif.

He attended Andrews University in Michigan, and Loma Linda University in California; he has a BA degree in industrial arts and history. His graduate work was done at Loma Linda University where he has an MA degree in guidance. He is a member of the NEA, MEA, SJE, and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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She attended EMC, Madison, and Goshen college and Central Michigan University. She has a BA degree in music from Goshen. She is a member of the MEA and NEA and attends the Bethel Menonite Church in Ashley. She is also a member of the Lansymonic Choir.

Births

Clinton's Citizens of Tomorrow

RADEMACHER-A girl, Jennifer Lynn, was born to Mr and Mrs David E. Rademacher of St. Johns on Dec. 14, at Carson City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. The baby has 2 brothers. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Fred J. Rademacher and Mr and Mrs Donald W. Rice. The mother is the former Judith Kay Rice.

McKERIHAN - A girl, Lisa Michele, was born to Mr and Mrs Phillip McKerihan of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on Dec. 13, at University of Alberta Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Carroll Ramsay, Ralph Ball from Sunfield, Mich., and Mr and Mrs Robert McKerihan of Kitscoty, Canada. The mother is the former Lavonne Ball.

A fellow who weighs his words usually retains his balance.



GRANT H. HOSFORD



JANET LORRAINE LONGENECKER

Carland News

By Mrs Archie Moore Phone 834-2383

The Carland Literary Club had their Christmas party at the Carland church with 11 members and two guests present.

A dinner, prepared by the ladies of the church, including turkey, chicken and all the trimmings, was served. Games were played with Lorraine Wortman winning the grand prize, and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The Mead Extension group enjoyed a salad supper at the home of Mrs Dorothy Kadolph on Carland Road last Thursday.

Mrs Mae Snyder of West Juddville Road fell a few days ago in her home and fractured her hip. She will be 94 years old in January.

Over 150,000 deaths occur each year in the United States with a respiratory disease as the cause. The control of communicable diseases has added 20 years to man's life span since 1900.

Little Known of Wise Men

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary. St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were. It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana. In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar or Caspar, and Balthasar. The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic. By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

GREETINGS
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GREETINGS
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Christmas Eve service set

Members and friends of First Congregational Church are looking forward to one of their most beautiful and best attended services of the year. They will hold their Christmas Eve service Tuesday evening at 7:30. Again this year, appropriate readings and music by the senior choir will be featured, culminating in the spreading of the light. Lighting will progress from almost complete darkness during which Dr. Manning Gross will sing "Darkness Shall Cover the Earth," from the Messiah, to full light when the congregation sings "Joy to the World." Visitors are welcome.

First in U.S. . .

First Christmas carol composed in the United States was the work of an 18th century leather worker named William Billings, reports The Book of Knowledge. A tanner by trade but a tunesmith by inclination, Billings composed the carol, "A Virgin Unspotted."

The song isn't one that is still sung, and few hymnals now include it, but carol singers today owe William Billings a considerable debt of gratitude.

During Puritan times in England, the singing of carols and, indeed, the whole celebration of Christmas, was banned. The Puritan-minded American colonies followed suit.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
Mrs Huldah Rice of 1101 S. Swegles Street was very pleased Wednesday afternoon when 10' friends and neighbors gathered at her home for a surprise birthday party. Mrs Rice is a spry 98 years old. She was born at 8 a.m. (Sunday morning) Dec. 18, 1870, in Courtsville, Ohio. She has lived the past 50 years in St. Johns and is the oldest lifetime member of the United Methodist Church. Mrs Stanley Pocus baked a special birthday cake.

Michigan has new laws for snowmobilers

The Department of State Highways reminds the operators of snowmobiles that a new Michigan law is now in effect governing use of the popular recreational vehicles along state highways.

Snowmobiling is one of the fastest growing winter sports in North America, especially in the Great Lakes region, and the law is designed to minimize hazards for motorist and snowmobilers.

The law prohibits use of the vehicles within the right of way of limited access highways. Operators must use over or underpasses to get from one side to the other.

However, snowmobilers can use the right of way of other state highways, provided they stay at least 10 feet from the roadway. When crossing these highways, it is the operator's responsibility to see that it is done safely without interfering with highway traffic.

The new law also provides for registration of snowmobiles by Jan. 1 and only properly registered snowmobiles will be permitted along state highways.

It is estimated there are some 500,000 snowmobiles now in use, a majority of them in Michigan and neighboring Great Lakes states.

Jaycettes busy club all through the year

Mrs Roger (Pat) Hammontree, president of the Jaycettes, has been a member of the club for the past four years, and served as president for six months. They have a membership of 23, and any wife of a Jaycee member is eligible to join.

The club is relatively new in St. Johns. They have been active here for the past five years. During this time they have accomplished many projects to benefit both the adults and children in the area. This year for the first time they nominated an "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year" to give recognition for outstanding works of charity and help to the community. They recently purchased a new television set and some games for the children's home, and they work with the school social worker to help underprivileged children who need medical aid.

The club has purchased playground equipment for the various play areas around St. Johns, and also helped the athletic program in the high school. This year they will again sponsor the "Baby Sitting" program. This program has in the past been beneficial to the children, parents, and the teenage girls that volunteer for the course. During the session



MRS ROGER HAMMONTREE

the girls receive professional advice in child care, emergency first aid, and numerous other areas. When they complete the course they are given a certificate.

To raise funds, the club runs a concession stand at the park, sponsors the lunch with Santa program, sells cookbooks and candles, and has money canisters placed in the stores at Soap Box Derby time.

Other officers serving in the club are Mrs Paul Maples as vice president, Mrs Lowell Rinker as secretary, Mrs Michael O'Conner

as treasurer, and directors are Mrs John Aylsworth, Mrs Tom Peacock, Mrs Ralph Wycoff, and Mrs Barry Dean.

Mr and Mrs Hammontree live at 3387 Scott Road (South US-27). They have one daughter, Cynthia Sue, 3 1/2 years old, and have resided in St. Johns for the past four years. They were formerly from the Crystal Lake area.

Mrs Hammontree likes to sew, knit, and do needlepoint. For sports she prefers bowling and roller skating. Mr Hammontree is a pharmacist and manages Glaspie's Store.

Christmas Ball set for Dec. 21

By GAIL COTTER
P-W High School

PEWAMO - WESTPHALIA - On Dec. 21 a Christmas ball will be held at the P-W High School. The band featured will be "Our Generation." The dance is sponsored by all classes and the FHA. Everyone is working to make the ball a success and there is hope that it may become an annual affair.

The junior and senior FHA members sponsored a party at the Ionia State Hospital for the men and women there. The girls played cards, pool, sang and danced with them. The freshmen and sophomore members visited the St. Vincent de Paul Home, where they sang and had other forms of entertainment for the 31 children living there.

Truth may be mighty, but a great deal of it is suppressed.

Road crews ready for snow and ice

Ten million dollars seems like a lot to spend to get rid of something that will eventually go away by itself. But when that something is snow and ice on state highways, it is a sound investment.

The Michigan Highway Department spent just under \$10 million for winter maintenance on 9,207 miles of state highways in 1967-68 and has budgeted \$10.1 million for this winter. This is about average, although the cost has ranged in recent years from \$8 million during a mild season to \$13.5 million in the severe winter of 1966-67.

To justify the expense, one has only to consider the jolt to the state's economy if winter's snow and ice were not removed.

For example, the combined payroll at Lansing's Oldsmobile and Fisher Body plants in 1967 was about \$490,000 a day. Retail sales in the greater Lansing area during the same year averaged \$1.7 million a day.

At these rates, stoppage of traffic in the Lansing area would cost at least \$2.1 million a day. In five days, the loss in the Lansing area alone would be greater than the cost of winter maintenance on state highways throughout Michigan.

A COMPLETE paralysis of highways in a given area is unlikely. The blizzard of late January 1967 was a supreme test, but highway crews, working 'round the clock, were equal to the task.

From the Upper Peninsula—where natives joke about nine months of winter and three months of poor sledding—to southern Michigan, highway crews are ready to go at the first sign of snow and ice.

Plows and sanders are gassed and tuned, salt is stockpiled, and road patrols, making their rounds in wee hours of the morning, are ready to rouse workers at the first sign of trouble.

Michigan has long been recognized nationally for its progressive winter maintenance program, now approaching its 51st year. It's expensive, but in terms of the state's economy, as well as safety and convenience, the investment is certainly worthwhile.

In Italy

Santa Claus is gaining favor with Italian children, but the traditional gift-giver, especially south of Rome, is Befana. Usually represented as a gray-haired witch who rides a broomstick, she brings toys for good children, but a stocking full of coal or ashes for naughty ones.

Cooking Corner

WHITE FRUIT CAKE

- 5 eggs
- 1/2 pound of butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1-3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 teas. baking powder
- 3/4 pound of candied cherries
- 1 pound candied pineapple
- 4 cups shelled pecans
- 1/2 ounce vanilla
- 1/2 ounce of lemon flavoring

Chop nuts and fruit and dredge with 1/4 cup of the flour. Cream butter and sugar, and add the well beaten eggs, blend together. Sift remaining flour and baking powder, and fold into the egg and butter mixture. Add vanilla and lemon flavorings and mix well, then add nuts and fruit, and blend well.

Bake about three hours (if all in one tin), or one hour and 15 minutes if in smaller tins. Start in cold oven, and set temperature at 300 degrees to 350 degrees depending on the depth of the pans.



THINK ON THESE THINGS

A devotional message written each week by a pastor of a Clinton County church

By JUSTIN SHEPARD
Duplain Church of Christ

Do you observe Christmas or keep it?
Are you willing
To forget what you have done for others and remember what others have done for you.
To ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe to the world.
To put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle, and your chances to do more than duty in the foreground.
To see that your fellow men are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces to their hearts hungry for joy.
To own that the only reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life but what you are going to give.
To close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness.

ARE YOU WILLING TO DO THESE things? Then you can keep Christmas.
Are you willing
To stoop down and consider the needs of little children.
To remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old.
To stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough.
To bear in mind the things other people have to bear in their hearts.
To try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you.
To trim your lamp (life) so it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so your shadow (sorrow) will fall behind you.
To make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your good thoughts with the gate open.

THEN YOU CAN KEEP Christmas. Are you willing to believe that love is the most powerful thing in the world—stronger than hate, evil, or death, or anything; and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is God's love personified and God's salvation to be accepted? Then you can keep Christmas—not for a day, but for always. But you can't keep it alone. May God's Son mean something to you. May the blessings and joys of this "holiday" be yours.

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Readers Still Loyal to Dickens Favorite

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits—Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come—became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose— "There never was such a



"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!" said Tiny Tim. Since Tiny Tim first spoke these words at the Cratchit's Christmas feast, Charles Dickens' famous "A Christmas Carol" has become one of the best known and loved of holiday stories. Illustration above is from The Book of Knowledge.

goose — and a pudding — "Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchit's crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

Congregational Church plans College Sunday

Young people who will be home from college will participate in the morning worship service at the Congregational Church next Sunday morning at 11.

Jack Guthrie, a student at Northwestern Community College at Traverse City, will speak on the subject, "What Christ Asks of Us." Linda Spousta, a student at Central Michigan University, will serve as organist, and Kathy Pierson, a freshman at Olivet College, will play a flute solo. Other young people will serve as ushers and greeters.

The Rev. Harold Homer, minister of the United Methodist Church, will preside in the absence of the Rev. Gerald Churchill.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

DECEMBER 17, 1968

Minutes of the special township board meeting of December 14 and 16.

The board met Saturday the 14th to study the many problems and review the letters received about the appointment of a fire chief to replace Abbot Nelson. The board discussed the health of some of the members of the fire department with our insurance agent, who was present to guide the board on insurance problems.

The board moved that all employees of the fire department, police department and workers in the cemeteries be required to have a statement from their doctors that their health is good enough to perform the duties as to their respective employment for the township.

The board rescinded a motion of November 19, 1968, appointing James Bell as fire chief and asked him to submit a doctor's report on his health. Wayne Loomis to continue as acting chief until an appointment is made by the board.

The board appointed Harold Burnett, Bernard Ballentine and Edwin Hoar to the Township Board of Review. The board also appointed Clinton Fitch, Kenneth Munison and Walter Kyes of the township planning commission for a term of three years.

Board approved the rezoning and reclassification of that portion of the Kreager development west of the Park Lake Road. Also approved the special use permit for same property.

Board has interviewed Duane L. Smith of 9985 E. Saginaw Road for the office of supervisor and are awaiting his answer.

Board approved the reclassification from tavern to Class C licenses of the Park Lake Tavern and the Hill Top Tavern. (Class C is the Liquor by the Glass as approved by the residents of the township in November.)

Board accepted the resignation of Abbot Nelson as Fire Chief with regret. Firemen and board members to visit the American Marsh factory in Battle Creek Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1968, to see their fire equipment.

LEE D. REASONER, Clerk

Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or plunking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare

their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas captoni, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U. S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South

Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers



Week end Specials!

Features and Coupon Strip good Thurs., Fri. & Sat. only Dec. 26, 27, & 28, 1968.

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Obituaries

Vernon Pung

FOWLER — Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 23, at 10 a.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church for Vernon J. Pung, 44, of 10874 N. Drive, Fowler, who died at 9 a.m. Friday in Lansing.

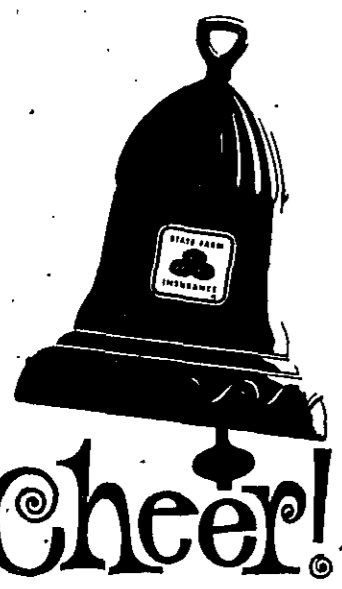
Fr. Albert Schmitt officiated at the funeral, and burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Rosary was recited daily at 3 and 8 p.m. at the George Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home in Fowler.

Mr Pung was a press operator at Federal-Mogul Corp. in St. Johns. He was born July 12, 1924, at Fowler, the son of Howard and Eleanor Simon Pung. He graduated from the Fowler schools and lived all his life in the Fowler area.

He married Joan Witgen at Fowler April 1, 1967. He was a veteran of World War-II and was a member of Most Holy Trinity Church, VFW, Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; two stepsons, David Schaefer and Kenneth Schaefer; three stepdaughters, Linda Schaefer, Diana Schaefer and Mary Ann Schaefer; his parents, Mr and Mrs Howard Pung of Fowler; three brothers, Raymond of Huntington Woods, Donald W. of St. Johns and Roy N. of Fowler; and one sister, Mrs Dorothy Ann Jandernoa of St. Johns.

PICK A PEAR
Michigan's pear production in 1967 was 18,000 tons worth \$2.3 million to growers. The commonest variety is the choice old-fashioned Bartlett that is popular with both the fresh fruit trade and processors. Cannery take most of the state's crop.



That magic time is here again... and our wish is that you and your loved ones may enjoy the happiest holidays ever. If your plans include some driving, remember that the spirit of good will applies on the highways too. Help make it a safe and happy season for everyone.

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Charles Purvis

Charles E. Purvis, 46, of 1001 S. Scott Road, died Dec. 19 at Clinton Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 21, at Osgood Funeral Home at 3 p.m. with Rev Robert Prange of the Grove Bible Church officiating. Burial was at Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mr Purvis was born in Lansing Nov. 4, 1922, the son of Winifred Twichell and Sherman Purvis. He lived most of his life in St. Johns and the last 12 years at the present address.

He was a member of Owosso Loyal Order of the Moose and VFW Post 4113 of St. Johns. He was employed at Motor Wheel Corp. in Lansing where he was a set-up man.

Survivors include one son, Gary; one daughter, Sherry; two brothers, Howard and Richard of St. Johns; and one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Good of St. Johns.

Byron D. Pease

Byron D. Pease, 92, of 907 W. State Street, St. Johns died Wednesday Dec. 18 at Carson City Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 p.m. with Rev Robert Prange officiating. Burial was at DeWitt Cemetery.

Mr Pease was born in Grover Hill, Ohio, on July 3, 1876, the son of William and Elizabeth Pease. He resided most of his life in Clinton County. He married Ida May Atkinson in Grover Hill on Nov. 26, 1896. His life work was farming.

Survivors include two sons, Bert and Harold Pease of St. Johns; four daughters, Mrs. Floella Woodhams of St. Johns, Mrs. Nellie Waltz of Lansing, Mrs. Luetta Vaughn of Perrinton, and Mrs. Ruth Werdell of Lansing; 25 grandchildren; 81 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

It is estimated that the first alphabet was developed by the North Semitic people about 2000 B.C. Its "O" has remained unchanged, making this letter the oldest of all letters.

Open Letter from VAN W. HOAG

Dear friends,
There are increasing signs that nations are at long last growing weary of war and strife and are turning toward Christ's hope of Peace on Earth... Good Will to All Men. Let us hope and pray this Christmas Day that the balm of tolerance and charity is truly extending across the earth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Van W. Hoag
Hoag Funeral Home
ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN

Mrs Pitchford

Mrs Margaret A. Pitchford, 57, of R-1, Eagle, died Dec. 18 while shopping in Lansing. Funeral services were held at the Peeters-Murray Funeral Home Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. with Rev William W. Cox of the Eagle United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in North Eagle Cemetery.

Mrs Pitchford was born in Westphalia Township in Clinton County May 4, 1911, the daughter of Joseph and Avis Wells. She resided all of her life in Eagle.

Survivors include her husband, Frank; three sons, Billie and Leon of R-1, Eagle, and Robert of Lansing; one daughter, Mrs. Rosaline Elston of Grand Ledge; five brothers, David Wells of Higgins Lake, Nathan and George of Grand Ledge, Leo of St. Johns, and Floyd of Charlotte; and nine grandchildren.

Hospital gets gifts from Paul Automotive

"Surprises" for both nurses and young patients are being delivered this week to hospitals in St. Johns, Hastings and Lansing.

The gifts, a large old fashioned rocking chair, a "Baby Bear" rocker and a shiny red wagon, are gifts to the pediatric wards from Paul Automotive, Inc., a Lansing wholesale automotive supply house. (The wagon, with special side bars, has special appeal to the young fry, and is used as a wheel chair.) The firm, according to Don Phillips, president, presents equipment to the hospitals in the name of their clients in those areas the firm services.

"By donations to the hospitals we feel the entire community benefits more than if we gave individual Christmas gifts to our customers," said Phillips.

He made the presentations to hospital representatives at a Christmas luncheon at Walnut Hills Country Club. Hospitals represented were Clinton Memorial, St. Johns.

Peace on Earth

The Wise Men found the Wonder of that Holy Night. May you and your loved ones find its Peace.

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SKIS AND POLES, \$25.00. Kenneth Wohlert, 7746 Airport Road, phone 869-9957. 34-3dh

BOY SCOUT Christmas trees, now on sale at Shell Gas Station, downtown or 4 blocks south of Nick's Fruit Market on Scott Road. 33-3p

2 RED DACHSHUND puppies, 3 months old. Would make nice Christmas presents. Phone 224-7242. 34-3p

FOR SALE - Living room suite, Brown 3-piece sectional, Phone Westphalia 587-3682. 34-3dh.

APPLES, homemade Donuts and fresh-pressed cider, potatoes, squash, honey, and popcorn. NELSON'S WELCOME ORCHARD AND CIDER MILL, 1/2 mile north of Ionia on M-66. Open daily 'til 6 p.m. 30-1f

RAT & MOUSE Killer. See our complete selection. FARMERS CO-OP ELEVATOR, FOWLER. 35-1

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Paint Service Center Downtown St. Johns 31-1f

RAT & MOUSE Killer; See our complete selection. Farmer's Co-Op Elevator, Fowler 34-1

★ FOR SALE REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: Barn and out buildings to be torn down or moved. Contact any member of Fowler Board of Education or call 582-2221; Dead-line is Jan. 9th. 35-3p

COUNTRY LIVING

\$150 down payment buys a new 3-bedroom home on a large country lot.

As low as \$14,650

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Ovid Phone 834-2288 24-tf

FOR SALE Office Building: 206 W. Walker Street; available for occupancy March 1, 1969. Contact Dr Robert E. Benson, 350 Lagoon Beach Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706. Phone 517-684-7462. 28-8

FLOWER FRESH cleaning for your carpeting, rugs and upholstery by the exclusive Duraclean absorption process, no soaking or harsh scrubbing. Call us for a FREE estimate. DURACLEAN SERVICE by Keith Rosekrans, phone 224-2786. 33-tf

ALL CASH—For contracts. We will buy your land contract for cash or take it in trade on other property. For a fast transaction, call the "House of Action" Furniture-Plant, 393-2400, 51-ft

FOR SALE: New Home under construction in Westphalia. Three bedroom, one and one-half bath. Small down payment can move young couple in. Close to Church and School. Fedewa Builders, Inc. Phone: 587-3811. 1-tf

FOR SALE: School and Site; corner of Hall and Chandler Road. Can be converted to make nice home; furnace and plumbing in building. 3/4 acre lot and will discuss larger acreage. Cash or will discuss terms. Contact: Robert J. Houska, St. Clare Road, Elsie; phone for appointment, 862-5492, after 5 p.m. week days. 33-3p

County area. Contact Donald Lindner, Hubbardston. 33-3p

1 1/2 ACRE PLOT WITH 4 bedroom modern home. Located on Clintonia Road; Clinton-Ionia County line, south of Pewamo (just south of Dexter Trail). Reasonably priced. Phone Sunday noon through Wednesday evening after 7 p.m.; Westphalia 587-3143, other times call 587-4201. 33-3p

Men who beat around the bush take the long road to nowhere.

★ FOR RENT

5-ROOM HEATED Apartment; stove and refrigerator furnished; no pets allowed; phone 224-7051 after 5; phone 224-4654, 4 to 5. 33-3p

FOR RENT: FURNISHED apartment close to downtown; adults; phone 224-4463. 33-3p

FOR RENT: Boat or Camper Storage; contact Winchell Brown. 35-1

NICE 4-ROOM upstairs apartment. Private entrance. Stove and refrigerator furnished; all utilities paid. 207 S. Clinton Avenue, St. Johns. 35-3p

IF CARPETS look dull and drear, remove the spots as they appear with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer, \$1 from Alan R. Dean Hardware, St. Johns. 35-1

LARGE UPSTAIRS, 2-bedroom furnished apartment; water and heat furnished. References required. Elmer Marten, phone 224-4694. 33-tf

FOR RENT - Air hammer for breaking up cement, etc. We have two available. Randolph's Ready-Mix Plant, North US-27, phone 224-3766. 18-tf

★ NOTICES

NOTICE: St. Johns Realty—Now taking listing for home and farms; For information phone 224-2479. 15-tf

NOTICE: I HAVE AN opening for 1 elderly lady in my rest home. Phone Agnes Schlarf at 224-7436 or 224-2237. 27-tf

\$50.00 REWARD FOR information leading to the apprehension of the person who backed into my car 12-7-68 at 602 S. Kibbee. Roy Ebert, 602 S. Kibbee, phone 224-3646. 35-1p

NOTICE: Mobile TV service will be closed from Dec. 19th through Jan 1, 1969. 35-1p

★ CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Dennis Schultheiss "gives thanks" to all who shared their bereavement by their many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness. They were very much appreciated and will be long remembered.—Dale Schultheiss. 35-1dh

The family of Prudence DeLaere wishes to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother; we wish to thank Drs Russell and Grost, nurses and nurses' aides and all help at the Clinton Memorial Hospital. Thanks for the flowers, cards, and Mass Cards; also the food that was brought in by neighbors and friends. Special thanks to Adam and Shirley Bailey, who opened their home to our family and friends. To Father Hanker and Father Labiak, also Bob and Dorothy Sirrine of the Osgood Funeral Home.—The family of Prudence DeLaere. 35-1p

The family of Arline Vesta Cross wish to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors, friends and relatives for their many cards, floral gifts, words of sympathy and many other acts of kindness shown to us during the weeks of illness and at the passing of our loved one. Also our appreciation to Dr Russell and Dr Grost, the nurses and staff of Memorial Hospital, St. Johns, for their wonderful care. To Estes-Leadey Chapel and Rev. Maines for their services and comforting words. Your kind deeds and words will always be remembered. 35-1dh

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A new home is a lifetime investment. Let us help you secure this investment with the best basement wall possible—a poured concrete wall. We are equipped to do the complete job or any part of it. Bring your prints over or call for an appointment 587-3811.

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★ LEGAL NOTICES

WOLF—Mar. 5 STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Clinton. LEWIS W. WOLF, Deceased. It is Ordered that on Wednesday, March 5, 1969, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom in St. Johns, Michigan a hearing be held at which all creditors of said decedent are required to prove their claims and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Clinton National Bank & Trust Company, Executor, St. Johns, Michigan, prior to said hearing. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and a Court Rule. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate. Dated: December 11, 1968. Walker & Moore, Attorneys for Executor Clinton National Bank Bldg., St. Johns, Michigan 34-3

HALL—Jan. 29 STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Clinton. FRANK B. HALL, Deceased. It is Ordered that on Wednesday, January 29, 1969, at 9:30 A.M. in the Probate Courtroom in St. Johns, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Francis C. Hall, to determine the heirs at law of said decedent. Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and a Court Rule. TIMOTHY M. GREEN, Judge of Probate. Dated: December 13, 1968. Walker & Moore, Attorneys for Petitioner Clinton National Bank Bldg., St. Johns, Michigan 34-3

IN A RUT The main trouble is that too many people expected to make this year better by following last year's formula. A asthma is a respiratory disease affecting over 4,500,000 Americans.

The Viet Nam honor roll

They serve our nation

Names and mailing addresses of Clinton County men serving in the Armed Forces in Viet Nam will be published in this column on a periodic basis. Parents and friends of soldiers serving there are invited to send us their names and addresses so that they may be published. The listings will be repeated periodically, so this newspaper should be alerted to any changes of address. We do reserve this listing for only those members of our armed services actually serving in Viet Nam.

- REWERTS - SPMFN Thomas Rewerts, B 535066 USN, Box 375 CRF R-1 Div., U.S. Naval Support Activity, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96365.
PUNG - Pvt. Michael A. Pung, US 5496263, C. Battery 1st Bn. 83rd Artillery, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96308.
BALLARD - Pfc. Raymond E. Ballard RA 54977907, HHC 212th Aun Bn, Drawer 15, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96337.
ESCH - Pfc. James A. Esch US 54980609, Co. B 1st Bn. 46th Inf., 198th Inf. Bde., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96219.
BENSINGER - A. I. C. Gale G. Bensinger, AF16880512, Box 1048, 14th Field Maintenance Sgdn, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96205.
BAXTER - SSG James W. Baxter RA1659379, 15th Admin. Co. (APO), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), APO San Francisco, Calif. 96490.
SHIPLEY - Gordon C. Shipley, ENFA, B 52-40-47, Box 37, U.S. Naval Support Activity, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96365.
COX - Spec. 4 Eric G. Cox US 54973414, Co. B, 46 Engr., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96491.
LEONARD - Pfc. Lyle J. Leonard US 54976849, Co. A 1st Bn. 28th Inf., 1st Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
PURVIS - George Purvis, FA B-54-03-18, USS Pam Blg Bee AAC-11, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
SLEIGHT - Pfc. Richard A. Sleight, US 67156676, HHT1/1CAV Americal Division, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96374.
BORDUA - Kenneth J. Bordua, RA16931071, 1st Admin. Co. (Repl), 1st Inf. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.

Clinton's Civic Calendar

Officers of these organizations are advised to notify The Clinton County News at least one week in advance of the date of publication of the issue in which any change in the regular schedule should appear.

St. Johns

- American Legion—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall
American Legion Auxiliary—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Legion Hall
Banner Rebekah Lodge—1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., I.O.O.F. Hall
Blue Star Mothers—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., American Legion Hall
Brownie Bldg. Study Group—3rd Tuesday evening in homes of members
Child Study Club—4th Monday evening, home of members
Clinton County Farm Bureau—Committee women meet the 1st Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. at Farm Bureau office room.
Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary—Board meets the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., in the hospital sewing room
DAR—2nd Tuesday, in homes of members
Disabled American Veterans—1st Friday, 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall
Exchange Club—2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m., Walker's Hall
Fading Roses Tops Club—Meets Tuesday afternoons, 1:30, at nurses lounge of nurses home adjacent to Clinton Memorial Hospital.
Grisson WRC—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2 p.m. in homes of members
IOOF—Every Wednesday, 8 p.m., IOOF Hall
Jaycees—2nd Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., L & L Restaurant
Jaycee Auxiliary—4th Thursday, 8 p.m. in members' homes.
Knights of Columbus—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m.—K of C Hall
Knights Templar—1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple
Lions Club—2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m., IOOF Hall
Masonic Lodge—1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple
Morning Musicals—2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8:45 a.m. in homes of members
Order of Eastern Star—1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
Royal Arch Masons—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
Royal Neighbors of America—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m., in homes of members.
Senior Citizens—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, every month, in basement of the Episcopal church.
St. Johns Woman's Club—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., in homes of members
St. Johns Honor Guard—2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., VFW hall
Tops Club—Every Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Senior Citizens' Drop-In Center
VFW Auxiliary—1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8 p.m., VFW Hall
VFW—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m., VFW Hall
WCUU—Smith Union—Third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in homes of members

Bath

- American Legion—2nd and 4th Thursdays, Memorial Hall
American Legion Auxiliary—2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday, Memorial Hall
Bath Shootin' Stars Square Dance Club—Club dances the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. during regular dancing season at the Jan. Cousins Gym
Club Scout Committee—1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at James Couzens Building
Club Scout Pack—4th Thursday, 8:30 p.m. school
Firemen's Auxiliary—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., home of members
Pawnee Lake Improvement League—4th Wednesday, 8 p.m., Improvement League Hall
Past Grand Club—4th Thursday, home of members
PTA—2nd Thursday, 8 p.m., Junior high gym
PTA Executive Board—Monday before Thursday PTA meeting, 8 to 9 p.m. at school
Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge No. 185—1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month starting 8 p.m. at the community hall on Main Street in Bath
Volunteer Firemen—2nd Monday, 8 p.m., fire hall
WSSC—General meeting 4th Tuesday, 8 p.m., Methodist church

Fowler

- Boy Scouts—Every Wednesday, 7 p.m., Holy Trinity gym
Catholic Order of Foresters—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity church
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Fowler Conservation Club—1st Monday, 8 p.m., Conservation Park
Jaycees—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Fire hall
Knights of Columbus—Monday after the 2nd Sunday, 8 p.m., K of C Hall
Lions Club—3rd Monday, 8:30 p.m., Fowler Hotel
VFW—4th Thursday, 8 p.m. VFW hall
VFW Auxiliary—Last Wednesday 8 p.m., VFW hall

Maple Rapids

- Amica Club—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., home of members
Band Parents—2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m., students commons
Baseball Boosters—3rd Wednesday 8 p.m. at the school
Blue Star Mothers—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., homes of members
Duo Decum Club—1st Saturday, 8 p.m., homes of members
High School PTA—1st Monday, 8 p.m., students commons
IOOF—Every Thursday 8 p.m., IOOF hall
Maple Rapids Improvement Association—4th Monday, 8 p.m. in Municipal building
Maple Rapids Twirlers—Meet the 2nd and 4th Friday night of each month at the Maple Rapids school gym

- Cub Scouts—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Memorial building
DeWitt Grange—2nd and 4th Fridays 8:30 p.m., Legion Hall
Girl Scouts—Every Thursday 3:30 p.m., Memorial building
Jays—1st and 3rd Monday evenings, Masonic Temple
Lions Club—3rd Tuesday evening, Memorial building
Masonic Lodge—2nd Wednesday evening, Masonic Temple
Merry-Mixers Square Dance—2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:30 to 11 p.m., at DeWitt Junior High
Order of Eastern Star—1st Friday evening, Masonic Temple
PTA—3rd Wednesday, at high school, 8 p.m., Memorial building
Royal Neighbors—1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., Memorial building
St. Francis Club—1st Monday, 8:30 p.m., Memorial building
Thursday Afternoon Club—Last Thursday in homes members
Veteran's Club—2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Memorial building
Volunteer Firemen—2nd Tuesday evening, fire hall
Woman's Society of Christian Service—1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle—2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Mary-Martha Circle—3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Elizabeth Circle—2nd Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Ruth Circle—3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
Goodwill Circle—2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., in the homes of members
American Legion—The DeWitt American Legion post holds regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 8:30 p.m., DeWitt Memorial Building.

Eagle

- Helping Hand Club—4th Tuesday evening, home of members
Niles Cemetery Society—2nd Thursday, in homes of members
North Eagle Cemetery Society—Last Thursday, 7 p.m., Town hall
WSSC—1st Wednesday, Methodist Church basement.

Elsie

- American Legion—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m., Legion hall
American Legion Auxiliary—2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m., Legion hall
Band Boosters—1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. alternate months, Band room
B.V.C.S.—2nd Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., in homes of members
Lions Club—1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Legion hall
Masonic Lodge—2nd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., Masonic hall
Wendy's Club—1st Wednesday 8:00 p.m., homes of members
Order of Eastern Star—1st Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Masonic hall
PTA—2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., school
Woman's Literary Club—Alternate Tuesdays, 8 p.m., homes of members

Fowler

- Altar Society—4th Tuesday, 8 p.m., Parish hall
Band Boosters—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., high school
Blue Star Mothers—3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m., elementary school
Lions Club—3rd Tuesday, elementary school
Masonic Lodge—3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m., Masonic hall
Order of Eastern Star—1st Wednesday 8 p.m., Masonic hall
21 Club—3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at club house
WSSC—3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., home of members

Wacousta

- Breakfast Club—Last Thursday, 8 p.m., in homes of members
Child Study Club—2nd Tuesday evening, in homes of members
Masonic Order No. 335—Regular meeting 8:00 p.m. at Temple
Methodist Men's Club—First Wednesday of each month, potluck at 8:30 p.m. Wacousta Methodist church
Neighborhood Society—3rd Thursday, in homes of members
Order of Eastern Star—1st Tuesday evening, Masonic Temple

Westphalia

- Catholic Order of Foresters—2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m., St. Mary's parish hall
Daughters of Isabella—3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Mary's parish hall
Knights of Columbus—1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., K of C rooms
Young Ladies Socially—3rd Sunday afternoon, every 2 months, St. Mary's parish hall
Success always comes to those people who know what to expect and when to expect it.

- AVERY - Pfc. Gerald L. Avery US 54973434 Co. C 2nd Bn. 12th Cav. 1st Cav. Div. (Air) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96490.
THELEN - Spec. 4 Jon M. Thelen US 54958341, Co. B 1/50th Infantry, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96250.
WILCOX - Pfc. Jeffrey T. Wilcox, US 54975572, Light Horse Btry, 8th Bn. 6th Arty, Infantry Division, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
BOICHOT - Steven Boichot EOH2, CBMU 302, Cam Rahn Bay, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
GELLER - Pfc. Allen R. Geller, A. Btry. 8th BN. 6th Arty. 1st Infantry Division APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
WILSON - Pfc. John E. Wilson, US 54977923, 199th Light Inf. Brigade Co. C 3rd Bat. 7th Inf. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96279.
BROWN - Pfc. Terry L. Brown, RA 16943156, Co. B, 7th Sup. BN, 99th Inf. BDE, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96279.
RICE - Spec. 5 Jon Rice US 54965639; 15th Admin. Co. (AG-ASD (F)) 1st Air Cav. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96490.
SLEIGHT - Pfc. Richard A. Sleight, US 156676 Americal Division, HHT1/1 Cav., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96374.
CRAUN - S. Sgt. Ronald E. Craun, AF13649736, 460 T.R.W. Dept. 1, Box 7017, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96307.
SCHAFER - Spec. 4 Robert Schaffer H.H.C., 1/8th First Cavalry Division, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96490.
HALITSKY - Spec. 4 Theodore K. Halitsky, US 54971313, 191st Assault Helicopter Co., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96370.
KEEHN - Spec. 4 John W. Keehn, US 54973417, Co. B, 1st Batt. 18th Inf., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
TAYLOR - Pfc. Richard L. Taylor, RA 68021641, 9th Trans. Co. (car) Airborne Corps, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96266.
JENSEN - Spec. 5 Paul Jensen, RA 16-828-852, HHC USA ICCVN, APO San Francisco, Calif.
CARTER - Lt. Thomas E. Carter 05430445, HHB 7/13 Arty., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96368.
ANDERSEN - Pfc. Gary Andersen US 54980728, 1 Bn. 14th Inf. 81 M.M., 3 B. D.E. 4th Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96355.
SMITH - Spec. 4 Charles C. Smith US 54962423, 199th Aviation Company, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96357.
MONTAGUE - Lance Corp. Ronald Lee Montague 2285638, 7th M.T. Bn. Transport Co. FLC, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96992.
PARKHOUSE - Spec. 4 David Parkhouse, RA 54962410, H.H.C. 22nd. Aviation Bn. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96291.
PRICE - Spec. 5 James A. Price, US 54969123, Trp. A1/11 ACT, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96257.
LEMKE - Gordon W. Lemke, ANB 512981 V4 Div. U.S.S. Coral Sea (CVA43) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
LEWIS - FW Michael W. Lewis, B52 3916, USS Blandy (DD943) FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
ABBOTT - Capt. Donald L. Abbott, USAF/ALO/1st. Air Cav. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96940.
PIERCE - Pfc. Lawrence Pierce, US 54973416, 228 Signal Co. APO San Francisco, Calif.
DOWNING - Pfc. Duane A. Downing, US 54976860, D-4-3, 11th. Bdg. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96217.
NISSE - Sp. 4 Maurice O. Nisse, USS 4902460, Co. A, 8th. Eng. Bn. C.A. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96370.
NISSE - Russ G. Nisse, B. 587883, 2nd. Division, USS Navasota (AO-106), FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
HALFMANN - Spec. 4 James Halfmann, Co. A 716th. MP Bn. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96243.
VEJCIK - Danle L. Vejck, AIC 16879488, 31 FMS. Box 871. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96316.
PRICE - Gary J. Price SBN-511075, USS Colleton (APB-36), 3rd. Division, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
JORAE - Pfc. Stanley P. Jorae US 54968692, E 4/7 9th Inf. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96372.
McDOWELL - Spec. 4 Edward McDowell US 54960402, USA ECV (P) Admn. Headquarters 921st. Engineers, Long Binh, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96491.
GARDNER - Spec. 4 Billy L. Gardner US 5492417, 513th Eng. Co. (D.T.) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96238.
WAGER - Sgt. Larry W. Wager 1963108, Company "L" 3rd. Battery, 1st. Marines, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602.
MEAD - Spec. 4 Barry Mead, US 54958421, U.S. Army Trans. Comd. (Prov), APO San Francisco, Calif. 96312.
THELEN - Pvt. Charles D. Thelen, US 54969122, 1st. Sgd. 4th Cav. B Troop, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
ZIGLER - Michael L. Zigler, CEW 3, B 533257, USN, M.B.C. 8, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
TEEMS - Pfc. Charles Teems, US 67153148, 561 St. Transportation, GTS, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96375.

- BLAKELY - Norman D. Blakely, IE3, B51-02-76, "E" Division, U.S.S. Ticonderoga (CVA-14) FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
CROWELL - Kenneth E. Crowell B50-22-83, 3rd NCB N4-E, c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96955.
HAWK - Spec. 4 Ronald Hawk US 54964227, 458 Trans. Co. PBR, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96291.
HOWARD - Spec. 4 Bert Howard US 54973413, A Co. 801st Maintenance Battalion, 101st Airborne, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96383.
PATTERSON - Cpl. Perry Patterson, 2245953 H.Q. Btry, 1-13 MAR COMM. c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.
CLISE - Spec. 4 D. Burton Clise, RA 54958346, HHD, 39th Sig. Bn. APO San Francisco, 96241.
CAIN - E-4 James Cain, 870th Transportation Co., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96312.
SMITH - R. John Smith, ATN 2, AM (V) FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96638.
STODDARD - Pfc. Michael J. Stoddard US 54971375, Co. A 87th Engr. Bn. (const.) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96312.
MICHELIS - Pfc. Douglas M. Michels US 54973415, Co. C 1st Bn. 118th Infantry Division APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.
PULLING - J.D. Pulling Jr. 779-40-38, NAF, AM (V) FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96363.
CHRISTMAS - Deward G. Christmas, US 54962383, 88th Trans. Co. (MED. TRK) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96316.
GILLSON - AIC Robert W. Gillson Jr. AF 16935006, 366 MMS, Drawer 16, Box 154, San Francisco, Calif. 96337.

- CHAMBERLAIN - R. Chamberlain 2146888, SU-No. 1, Serv. Co. Hq. Bn. 1st. Mar. Div. (Rein) FMF, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602.
VanEthen - Spec. 4 Thomas VanEthen, US 54988716, D-2nd. 47th. Inf. 9th Inf. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96372.
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STRONG - Pfc. Jon L. Strong RA 54965684, 260 Sig. Det. (AVEL), APO San Francisco, Calif. 96238.
BISHOP - Spec. 4 Terry L. Bishop, US 54960397, 19th Maint. Co. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96491.
HOWE - Robert P. Howe Sn, B51-09-70, Operations Div. USS Regulus (AF-57), FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.
MESH - Pfc. David Mesh US 54968717, HQT Svc Btry, 2nd. Bn. 9th Arty, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96355.
ZIEGS - Edward A. Ziegs, HM 3, B50-36-46 "B" Co. 5th Med. Batt. 1st. Marine Div. c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. 96802.
SIMON - Spec. 5 James R. Simon 16927402, USARU Advisory School, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96289.
COFFEY - Spec. 4 Billy Coffey RA 16938617, 282nd. Aslt. Hel. Co. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96337 Dr. No. 15.
BOAK - Pfc. Allen C. Boak, US 54962395, HHSB 8/6th Arty. 1st. Inf. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345.

- ZELINSKI - Pfc. Carlton P. Zelinski RA 16928890, H.H.C. 1st. Bde. 4th Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96262.
WAGGAS - Almon W. Waggar AF 16967170, 554th. CSE (FAOAF), Box 509, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96921.
MORRILL - Spec. 5 Dennis Morrill, RA 16877376, 91st F.D.S. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96491.
CARTWRIGHT - Spec. 4 Leonard Cartwright US 54962391, 25th MP Co. 25th Infantry Division, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225.

Yule Legends Span Many Years and Many Lands

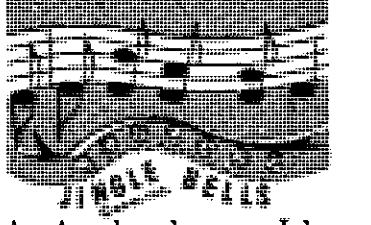
Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

★ 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.



★ 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.

People Plus Problems Add Holiday Lore

Friends who visited the Robert Reilly 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 Christmas! 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 food 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."

Merry Christmas. May you enjoy warmth and cheer, friendships dear... and every joy of the holiday season!

Jessie M. Conley Broker. 108, Ottawa 224-2465. SALESMEN: Jessie M. Conley, Edgar Conley, 224-7090, Ralph Green, 224-7047, William Bellant, 224-7581, Cecil Smith, Dewitt 689-9125 35-1

Greater protection in new food law

A new state food law that ensures added protection to the consumer will become effective on New Year's day as a result of action by the 1968 Legislature, and support of the governor.

Director D. Dale Ball of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, which has charge of enforcement of food laws, says passage of the act is in the interest of uniformity of food laws throughout the nation.

The new statute replaces the General Food Law of Michigan of 1895, once regarded as the nation's best food law. It was adopted 73 years ago, 25 years ahead of the first federal food legislation. But some sections became outmoded.

The new act is nearly identical to the statute in effect in several other states. It was developed by the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the United States in response to the need of uniformity of food laws between states. Much of the model law was taken directly from Michigan's original statute.

The new act among other things places emphasis on honesty in labeling. An important requirement is the complete listing of ingredients in a food product in order of their descending prominence. An exception is those food products already standardized by state or federal law.

In food products there is increasing prevalence of food additives, preservatives and artificial color. The new law provides for a system of permits for any industry that could become involved in producing a product that might later be found harmful to health. This is an added safeguard.

It also gives the Michigan Department of Agriculture authority to use tolerances set up for the many chemicals used in food crop production. These tolerances have been established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration following exhaustive laboratory tests to determine their safety.

Over 50,000 screaming spectators in ancient Rome sat for hours on tiers of stone watching gladiators fight bloody battles to the death.



ROBERT KLISSANE

Robert Klissane of St. Johns was among the 5,000 people in attendance at the 1968 annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation last week in Kansas City, Mo. The meeting kicked off the Golden Anniversary year—1969—of the nation's largest general farm organization. Key issues discussed at the sessions included the future direction of farm policy, farm exports, farmer marketing-bargaining and the need to cut government spending.



Stephanie Fate (left) and her sister Sidney are spending the holidays with the James Bargar family in St. Johns. Sidney models an Arabic wedding gown she brought with her from Saudi Arabia. Stephanie is quite a contrast in her mini skirt style.

High school senior lives there

It's a far cry from Saudi Arabia

Miss Sidney Fate, 17-year-old senior at Rodney B. Wilson High School is spending the school year with Mr and Mrs James Bargar and family at 210 E. State Street.

Miss Fate and her family live in Saudi Arabia. She has two sisters, Vicky, 8 years old, and

Stephanie, 14. Because there are no high schools or colleges available for them in Saudi Arabia the girls come to the United States during the school year and go home during summer vacation. Mr Fate is Mrs Bargar's brother.

Sidney's parents have lived

there for 21 years and all the children were born there. Mr Fate is vice president of Arabian-American Oil Co. Sidney enjoys meeting people but finds it hard to get settled in a new school every year.

She has attended girls boarding schools in Santa Barbara, Calif., Albuquerque, N.M., and Waynesboro, Va. This is her first co-educational school, and she likes the atmosphere. She says there is more freedom and the studies are much easier than in the private schools. "Here they don't demand so much from you."

She doesn't like the snow and gets homesick for her family and friends. She says that she loves Saudi Arabia and usually flies back and forth but has taken the boat a few times. If they fly it takes about 26 hours to get home, (the airport is about

one hour's drive from their home).

Sidney's sister, Stephanie, is attending House of the Pines Boarding School in Boston this year and came to spend the Christmas holidays with Sidney and the Bargar family. She is in the eighth grade, and also misses her family and friends. She finds her school work much harder than it was in Saudi Arabia. She says they don't have enough study halls to get the work done. Both girls have had had three years of Arabic in grade school and say it's a very difficult language to learn.

Sidney is considering a career in journalism and would like to attend either the University of Missouri or Northeastern University in Boston. Stephanie is interested in a modeling career.

Throw-away legislation is sought

Legislation to control activities at roadside parks and rest areas and to outlaw throw-away beer bottles will get a push from the State Highway Commission next year.

Both measures are included in the commission's 1969 legislative program.

Other bills having commission backing would modernize standards for railroad signs and signals, and give the Department of State Highways more control over disposal of snow and ice on highway rights of way.

Increasingly heavy use of the 57 rest areas and 100 roadside parks along Michigan's 9,207 miles of state highways point to the need for a regulatory law, the Commission said. The proposed legislation, intended primarily to avoid congestion, would prohibit camping in parks and rest areas as well as organized group meetings and picnics. Littering, soliciting and vending also would be banned and advertising would be restricted.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 220

AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH ORDINANCE No. 165.

Section 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE No. 165: Ordinance No. 165 which provides for City Licensing of Electrical Contractors and Journeymen operating in the City of St. Johns is hereby repealed, as of March 1, 1969. All licenses issued under Ordinance No. 165 and presently or hereafter in effect shall expire at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 1, 1969.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after its passage, to repeal Ordinance No. 165 as of March 1, 1969.

Passed, ordained, and ordered published this 24th day of December, 1968, by the city commission of the city of St. Johns at a regular meeting on the above date.

ROBERT H. WOOD, Mayor

ATTEST:

THOMAS L. HUNDLEY, City Clerk

Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was published in the Clinton County News on the 24th day of December, 1968.

THOMAS L. HUNDLEY, City Clerk

change would make signs more effective by permitting use of reflectorized backgrounds rather than reflectorized letters.

By including snow and ice in the statutory definition of litter, the highway department would be able to discourage private businesses from pushing ice and snow into roadways.

Another commission-backed bill would require installation of two signal faces at each intersection, state, county and local—where a traffic light is installed. This would establish uniform traffic signs at intersections as well as improve traffic safety. A further amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code would clarify the state's rights in establishing clear-vision areas at highway intersections.

Faces can fool you. Even the friendliest face is no guarantee of safety when you offer a lift on the road. None of the many injuries to drivers would even have occurred if they had passed by the "friendly looking" hitchhiker.

The rising cost of picking up litter strewn along the highways led to the proposal to prohibit throw-away beer bottles in Michigan.

The Highway Department's roadside clean-up bill, now about \$700,000 a year, is swelled by the cost of removing between half a million and one million bottles tossed along state highways. County and municipal clean-up crews pick up many more bottles in their road jurisdictions. The proposed legislation would require a five-cent deposit on all containers of malt beverage.

The railroad bill would require crossbuck warning signs at all railroad crossings, including those in cities and villages, and require warning devices at spur track crossings not owned by railroad companies.

ANOTHER amendment would eliminate the maximum distance of 350 feet for placing advance warning signs, allowing more effective placement in areas where vehicles approach tracks at high rates of speed. A third

Candlelight carol sing set Dec. 29

The First Baptist Church of St. Johns presents its fourth annual choir - congregational candlelight carol sing on Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. The primary department under the direction of Mrs. Willard Goldman of the Sunday School will be singing, along with the junior department with Mrs. Frank Winter directing. Charles Romig will render a baritone horn solo.

All the favorite old time Christmas carols will be sung with narration being done by Rev. Roger Harrison, pastor. Mrs. Roger Harrison will play the organ.

The public is extended a warm welcome to attend this candlelight service.

If you must tell half truths, be sure they're the right half.

HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS is now accepting applications for the position of Receptionist-Stenographer. Salary depends on qualifications and experience. Liberal fringe benefits. Apply in person.

THOMAS L. HUNDLEY
City Clerk
St. Johns, Mi.

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Brightest holiday greetings to all

For everyone, we wish a Christmas Season glowing with good cheer, enduring friendships and cherished memories.

Theater Barber Shop

JIM VIERS ST. JOHNS TOM LEWIS

Christmas Gift Center

Here's Gift Suggestions for Everyone on Christmas List! Save Money Too!

FOR MOM

15% off on All Ladies coats, and street dresses. Becker's Department Store, Fowler, Michigan.

GIVE MOM, "Mother's Stone-set Rings", Orange Blossom Diamonds, Silverware sets, Buxton Billfolds and Jewel boxes, or Diamond Pendants from Harr's Jewelry.

BECKER FURNITURE in Fowler is YOUR HEADQUARTERS for Christmas Shopping. You'll be her "No. 1 Santa," with a gift to enhance her home.

A GIFT FOR mother this year is Cologne by Prince Matchabelli. Starts at \$2 and up at Glaspie Drugs, St. Johns.

LARGE SELECTION of Hamper, Pictures, Beautiful Lamps, and Furniture make it easy to choose Christmas gifts at Becker Furniture, Fowler.

CHRISTMAS INVENTORY SALE

Now on at
Tyler's Furniture Store, Ovid

Our building is up for lease (no satisfactory buyer as yet)

Excellent Christmas Selections at Reduced Prices

PIERCE EARRINGS, Diamond Pendant, jewelry boxes, Spedal Watch Bands, Diamond Bulova and Wyler watches at \$39.95 up. Pearl and Black Onyx Rings. Harr's Jewelry.

MOM, SPLURGE for the holidays and treat yourself to a new hairdo. Phone 582-3221, Ross Beauty Shop, Fowler.

SELECTIONS are still complete—Gambles in Fowler.

PERMANENT arrangements to enhance your home for the Holidays. Woodbury Flower Shop, St. Johns, Phone 224-4151.

FOR DAD

COMPLETE LINE of brand name shaving gear and cologne for good old dad. Look it over at Glaspie Drugs, St. Johns.

COME IN AND see the large selections of wreaths for Christmas. Woodbury Flower Shop, St. Johns, Phone 224-4151.

20% DISCOUNT on all men's suits, sport coats and dress slacks, for the month of December. Becker's Department Store in Fowler.

HOW ABOUT AN electric hand tool for Dad. Oscillating sanders, \$24.95; Sabre Saw, \$24.95; 1/4" Power Drill, \$14.10. See them at Penney's Paint and Supply, 1103 N. Clinton, St. Johns.

LARGE SELECTION of billfolds from \$ 2.95 to \$15. Monogrammed free in 24 carat gold initials. Rehmann's, St. Johns.

ACCUTRON, BULOVA and Wyler Watches at \$29.95 and up. Buxton Billfolds, British Sterling cologne and after shave. Harr's Jewelry, St. Johns.

GAMBLES in Fowler are open Saturday Nights through the Christmas Season.

To All Our Friends in
Clinton County . . .

"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR"

TRI-AMI BOWL, OVID

(Expert Ball Drilling and Expert Ball Fitting)

MOM, HOW about buying hubby a new suit this year for Christmas, \$49.50 to \$95.00; or a Gift Certificate for a new suit from Rehmann's in St. Johns.

FOR SISTER

NEW LADIES Casual Nylon Suede shoes, in different styles and many colors. Only \$6.95 at Rehmann's, downtown St. Johns.

"THE CAROL ANN SHOP"

wishes you & yours

The Very Best of Holiday Seasons

Beautiful Gift Selections

LITTLE MISS Pixie gift sets for your young Miss! Starting at \$.59 to \$1. Glaspie Drugs, St. Johns.

LARGE SUPPLY of Holly, Poinsettias, etc. for your Christmas decorating needs. Woodbury Flower Shop, St. Johns. Phone 224-4151.

FOR BROTHER

DON'T LET HIM be a problem this year. We have pen sets, key chains and many other numerous items. Glaspie Drugs, St. Johns.

HIS AND HER Matching Sweaters in All Sizes; choice of latest colors and patterns at Rehmann's Clothes in St. Johns.

FOR HER

IF IN DOUBT, why not surprise her with a gift certificate from Ross Beauty Shop in Fowler. Phone 582-3221 today!

WE NOW HAVE The New Lady Levis Sta-Prest slacks and jeans, in many varieties of colors and fabrics, including Corduroy. All sizes and colors in regulars, tall and shorts at Rehmann's Clothes in St. Johns.

THE EASY-TO-DO "Art Podge Kit". Anyone can make prints look like oil paintings in 30 minutes. Regular \$6.95, now just in time for Christmas, only \$5.00. Penney's Paint & Supply, 1103 N. Clinton, St. Johns.

CHRISTMAS Trimmings—Dolls, every little girl likes—Games and Toys, for both girls and boys. Gambles in Fowler.

STATIONERY supplies on hand at Glaspie Drugs; Makes useful gifts for any girl. Stop and shop.

FOR HIM

SEND THAT Special "Someone" a bouquet of beautiful fresh cut flowers for Christmas from Woodbury Flower Shop, St. Johns. Call 224-4151.

SLEDS, WAGONS, Bikes—Gifts for Everyone in the family. Gambles in Fowler.

BULOVA AND Wyler Watches starting at \$29.95. Anson Ho tack and cuff link sets, Spedal Watch Bands. Harr's Jewelry, St. Johns.

SCRIPTANE LIGHTERS starting at \$3.95. Large selection to choose from at Glaspie Drug, St. Johns.

Michigan winter vacationers expected in record numbers

Michigan, mid-America's leading winter vacation destination, is preparing for an anticipated record number of winter sports enthusiasts again this year, according to the Michigan Tourist Council. With the cooperation of Mother Nature, it is expected that last season's record of 300,000 skiers; who spent \$30 million, will be surpassed.

Getting the snow to Michigan's slopes usually presents no problem. Except for a few isolated spots in New England, Michigan traditionally has more snowfall than any other state east of the Rockies. The Great Lakes, which moderate the climate, making the winters milder and the summers cooler, serve to trigger the dumping of the soft white flakes that cover the ground and provide recreation for thousands of eager show-fans.

Ski buffs follow the snow to Michigan in ever increasing numbers. Council field representatives report high attendance at pre-season winter sports shows with increased interest in Michigan offerings. Skiers this season will be visiting the 79 fully-developed Michigan winter sports areas which offer more than 600 challenging slopes and runs for beginners and experienced skiers alike. More than 50 chair lifts and 325 rope tows, T-bars and poma lifts in the state's winter resort areas make the task of getting back up the hill part of the fun.

SEVERAL Michigan ski areas are complete villages in themselves, providing not only skiing, but affiliated services. Many areas offer either overnight accommodations or recommend nearby lodges to fit almost any pocketbook and taste. Dining can be an experience long to be remembered, with unusual appointments and services, but for those with tighter budgets, cafeteria or snack shop meals are provided. Clothes off! proclaim the man, but even more—the woman. Modern ski clothes make girl watching on the slopes as popular a pastime as it is on the beaches.



Ski shops which offer the latest in equipment and clothing are operated at several Michigan resorts.

Skilling in Michigan is not just for the well-equipped, as anyone can enjoy a relaxing vacation at a ski resort. More than one-half of the resorts listed in the Michigan Winter Sports Map, just published by the Tourist Council, offer rental equipment as well as individual or group ski instructions at reasonable prices.

So the skier can pick the slope best suited to his abilities, slopes are designated as beginners, novice, intermediate and expert.

After a day of skiing fun in the crisp Michigan air, the delights of "apres ski" sociability take over. Many areas feature dining from hamburgers to gourmet cuisine, entertainment, dancing, heated swimming pools and lighted ice rinks. Most have cocktail lounges where the skiers can

participate in such winter vacation activities as snowmobiling, hunting, ice fishing, and out-door festivals. Iceboating, which combines the thrills of speed with the skill of navigating and sailing, is enjoying increased popularity on Michigan's inland lakes. Tip-up fishing festivals are being held at Houghton Lake and at Bay Beese Lake. Hiking, winter carnivals and winter camping are high on the list of popular Michigan winter-time activities.

A free copy of the Michigan Winter Sports Map, listing winter sports centers and their facilities, can be obtained by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Mich. 48920.

LOST PINES LODGE at Harlotta, 14 miles west of Cadillac, has two ski runs and a toboggan hill in addition to ski trails. The facilities also include snowmobile trails and rentals, an ice rink, lodging, a dining room and bar.

Russell's Ridge, five miles west of Hart, features a ski slope with rope tow, snowmobile trails and a shelter house with a snack bar.

Newago County Winter Park, three miles north of Newago, lists two lighted toboggan runs with a ski slope, skating rink and snowmobile trails as well as a shelter house and a snack bar. Rides and sleigh rides are also offered. The resort is open weekends and holidays, or by appointment weekdays.

Also new this year, but not included in the 1968-69 Winter Sports Map is Timberline Ski Resort, located seven miles south of Mio. The new winter sports facility features three slopes and one tow, and is open weekends only. For the convenience of skiers, Timberline offers a snack bar, ski school, shop and rental equipment.

IN ADDITION to skiers, other winter sports enthusiasts will participate in such winter vacation activities as snowmobiling, hunting, ice fishing, and out-door festivals. Iceboating, which combines the thrills of speed with the skill of navigating and sailing, is enjoying increased popularity on Michigan's inland lakes. Tip-up fishing festivals are being held at Houghton Lake and at Bay Beese Lake. Hiking, winter carnivals and winter camping are high on the list of popular Michigan winter-time activities.



FIRST NIGHTERS LEAGUE (Dec. 16) - High team game and series: Lanterman Insurance 880 and Nick's Fruit Market 2408. High individual game and series: Carol Elster 205 and 517. Other 500 games: Pat Bashore 501 and Sharon DeMarais 515. At the end of the first half of their league play Lanterman's Insurance is leading the league by two games over Heathman's and Nick's Fruit Market is in third place. Capitol (Dec. 16) - High team game and series: Federal Mogul Number 2, 916 and Coca Cola 2497. High individual game and series: Dewey Custer 223 and Rudy Masarik III 632. Other 200 games: Dale Martins 200, Keith Sharley 216, Rudy Masarik III, 211, 200, and 221, Ed Conley 209, Bill Capan 208, Jack Purvis 209 and 203, Richard Pease 210, Bob Pratt 216, Mel Trumble 204, and Don Smith 202. Federal Mogul Number 2, now leads the league with Coca Cola and Sprite tied for second place.

RAINBOW LAKE MIXED LEAGUE (Dec. 15) - High team game and series: Salfish 632 and Starfish 1700. High individual scores: for the women, Mable Ellis 183 and 480; for the men, Lyle Floate 193 and 533. The Bluegill team of the Tybers and Hollands and the Tuna team of the Warrens and Fricks are tied for the league lead with 36-24 records, 2 1/2 games ahead of the Bass.

LETTUCE Michigan is an important lettuce producer. About 38 million pounds of head lettuce worth \$2.5 million to growers were raised in 1967 to place the state ninth among producing states. The heads are carefully cut, cooled, packed and then shipped to consumer markets. Starting in January greenhouses are an important source of leaf lettuce, much of it coming from Grand Rapids. Our state is fifth in production of leaf lettuce under glass.

The Twelve Days of Christmas were set aside by Alfred the Great of Britain.

VERSATILE WILL be the main dishes of Italy and the Philippines. Italians will feast upon baked eel, followed by roast capon, although some eat turkey or roast pig with macaroni. Chicken, suckling roast pig, and garlic pork are often holiday fare in Philippine homes. And the Swedes will host a special smorgasbord that will include a table-length display of many main dish specialties to delight the taste buds of fish, fowl and meat eaters alike.

What's for Christmas?

By HELEN B. MEACH, Extension Home Economist

*Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. Please put a penny in a poor man's hat... The first two stanzas of this English Christmas carol tell us that food and feasting have been an important part of holiday celebrations for young and old, both rich and poor, around the world.

Almost every country has a traditional main dish. It will be goose in many of the homes of Denmark, Germany and Hungary. The roast goose may be stuffed with apples, raisins or prunes. Some Danes and Germans may spotlight turkey which



Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations. From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inn in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas. In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enlivened with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

Advertisement for Becker's Dept. Store featuring a camel and the text "Joy and Peace" and "With the Christmas Star reminding us of Love, Peace and Good Will, we joyfully thank all our wonderful customers for their patronage."

Evergreen Is Undisputed Favorite

In Christmas trees, it's the spirit that counts. Almost anything can be—and is—a Christmas tree. In Minneapolis, Minn., they even made a tree out of water pipes, fastened like spokes to a telephone pole, and appropriately decorated.

In Wilmington, N. C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned at the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars.

The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old. Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular fir tree," found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland. The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including firs, pine and spruce, is an important business. Seven provinces export trees to countries as far away as Venezuela.

Lions here to sponsor New Year's Eve show

Area residents will have an opportunity to view a most exciting musical this New Year's Eve when the St. Johns Lions Club brings to the screen of the Clinton Theater H. G. Wells' "Half a Sixpence."

Starring Tommy Steele and Julia Foster, "Half a Sixpence" offers a rare view of some of England's most historic and beautiful backgrounds, all photographed in colors that literally glow.

Dick Rutter, chairman of the project to sponsor the holiday attraction, explained that the midnight showing will begin at 11:45 p.m. New Year's Eve. Tickets may be purchased at the theater, Woodbury's Flower Shop or from any Lion member. Rutter added that the theme of the musical is one which will delight every member of the family.

A musical filmed against living backgrounds is a rarity. In most instances, a musical film is confined to the sound stage, featuring glittering sets, dance floors polished to a high gloss, pretty chorines and lots of singing and dancing.

But this is a musical with a difference. It does have the pretty girls, lulling music and exciting production numbers. But it is rarely confined within the limits of a sound stage. It is a musical that moves, using natural backgrounds as its settings, as many of them outdoors in the enchant-



Kippis (Tommy Steele) embraces Anne (Julia Foster) after being united for the first time since childhood and sings about the "Half a Sixpence" he has given her "Half a Sixpence," a musical in Technicolor, will be shown at the Clinton Theater New Year's Eve beginning at 11:45 p.m.

side, the castles, the river Thames at regatta time, Oxford, the gay seaside resorts and the villages and streets of small towns.

In order to capture the true flavor of a Henley Regatta for one of the big sequences, Sidney actually staged his own regatta on the famous old Thames River and at Henley itself. The excitement of the boat races and the colorful Edwardian fashions of the period, the men in striped blazers and straw boaters, the women in the ruffled styles of the period, make this one of the most beautiful sequences in a film filled with spectacular scenes. There are the various side-shows, the houseboats, and the early horseless carriages of 1904, actually running, to bring realism to this lovely recreation of a gently age now long gone.

Blenheim Palace, one of England's most famous "stately old homes" and the birthplace of Winston Churchill, is another spectacular setting for a banquet in the huge dining hall. The Palace, seat of the Duke of Marlborough, rests in an exquisite setting near Oxford that could be found only in England, where the past blends so well with the new. The Duke was prevailed upon to loan his palace for this sequence.

Proceeds from the showing of the movie will be directed toward St. Johns Lions Club community projects.

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when John Calcutt Horsley, a prominent London artist, drew the first Christmas card. Horsley's pioneering greeting was a tryptic, a prime example of contemporary recording. The central panel showed a jolly family with young and old tipping toasts from brimming glasses, while the two side panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor being clothed and the hungry fed.

From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times.

One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that

capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is a curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knees at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years

later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!'"

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects. The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns:

"You 'Auto' be Happy As you on Pleasure's Motor-Car Steer merrily thro' Christmas-tide. Speed gaily as fun aboags 'Auto!'"

Births

Clinton's Citizens of Tomorrow

POHL—A girl, Renee Jean, was born to Mr and Mrs Robert Pohl of Kalamazoo, Dec. 17. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Clem Armbrust-Pohl and Mr and Mrs Robert Pohl. The mother is the former Diane Armbrust-macher.

In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

Large advertisement for Karber Block & Tile Co. featuring a winter scene with a sleigh and the text "SEASON'S GREETINGS" and "Steigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings. To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest 'thank you' for your patronage."

Advertisement for J & M Restaurant featuring a Christmas tree and the text "Peace on earth" and "A full measure of joy is our Noel wish for you!"

PROCEEDINGS of the St. Johns City Council

DECEMBER 9, 1968

The meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners present: Oatley, Coletta, Hannah, Rand, Wood.

Motion by Rand supported by Oatley to approve the minutes of November 25, 1968. Motion carried. Motion by Rand supported by Coletta to approve the warrants. Motion carried. Motion by Hannah supported by Coletta to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Hannah supported by Rand to receive the communications from the St. Johns Fire Department. Motion carried. Motion by Rand supported by Oatley to table the landfill bids. Motion carried.

Deputy City Attorney read proposed Ordinance No. 221. Motion by Oatley supported by Rand to adopt Ordinance No. 221. Motion carried. Deputy City Attorney read proposed Ordinance No. 220. Motion by Coletta supported by Rand to open a "holding account." Motion carried. Motion by Hannah supported by Coletta to increase petty cash by \$50.00. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the Planning Commission's recommendation concerning the St. Johns Mobile Home Court. The City Attorney read proposed ordinance No. 222. Motion by Coletta supported by Oatley to publish the notice of hearing for Ordinance No. 222. Motion carried.

Representatives of Harris, Reames, & Ambrose, CPA's appeared before the commission to discuss the 1967-68 audit. Motion by Hannah supported by Rand to receive and file the 1967-68 audit. Motion carried. Mayor Wood read the letter of resignation from the City Attorney and Deputy City Attorney. Motion by Hannah supported by Oatley to accept the Attorneys' resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Hannah supported by Rand to instruct the Clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Mr Kemper and Mr Wells. Motion carried. Motion by Oatley supported by Hannah to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

THOMAS L. HUNDLEY, City Clerk ROBERT H. WOOD, Mayor

Fulton girls win 2 from Fowler

MIDDLETON—The varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams at Fulton High posted victories last Wednesday night over the Fowler girls teams. The varsity won 25-19, and the JVs were victorious 26-12.

Marlene Stewart with nine points and Jemery VanSickle with seven led the Fulton varsity girls in scoring. They trailed Fowler 8-5 at the first quarter, slipped ahead 12-10 at half and then led it with a 9-1 scoring edge in the third quarter. Jane Thelen and Cindy Snyder each had four points to lead the Fowler girls. The Fulton JV girls took an 8-0 first-quarter lead over Fowler and led 10-4 at the half and 26-7 after three quarters

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in their 26-12 victory. Edie Upton had 12 points for Fulton while Joy Mahler had eight and Barb Glinke six. Lois Miller was Fowler's high scorer with eight points.

The Fulton girls will play their next games against Saranac Jan. 8 at Middleton. It will be their first league game.

Shop in Clinton County.



DRIVING FOR TWO POINTS

Ovid-Elsie's Jerry Weir (44) drives toward the basket against two Bullock Creek players, George Marin (51) and Dave Sinclair (33). Weir scored seven points during the evening, but Ovid-Elsie lost 64-59.

Rally won't stick, Ovid-Elsie drops 64-59 decision

OVID-ELSIE—Coach Bob Foreback's Marauders had trouble holding down the scoring output of Dave Sinclair and George Marin of Midland Bullock Creek Friday night, and Ovid-Elsie wound up on the short end of a 64-59 basketball score.

Sinclair, a 6-4 center, scored 24 points, many on perfect feeds under the basket, and Marin scored 11 of his 17 total points in the fourth quarter as Bullock Creek was erasing a 44-41 O-E lead going into the period.

Ovid-Elsie's Daryl Melvin hit for 28 points to take scoring honors for the night, but he alone wasn't able to overcome Bullock Creek's stretch drive.

The Marauders had trailed throughout the game until midway through the third quarter when they slipped ahead 37-36 on Dave Dubois' jumper. The lead changed hands several times before the Marauders came out with a three-point 44-41 lead at the end of the third quarter.

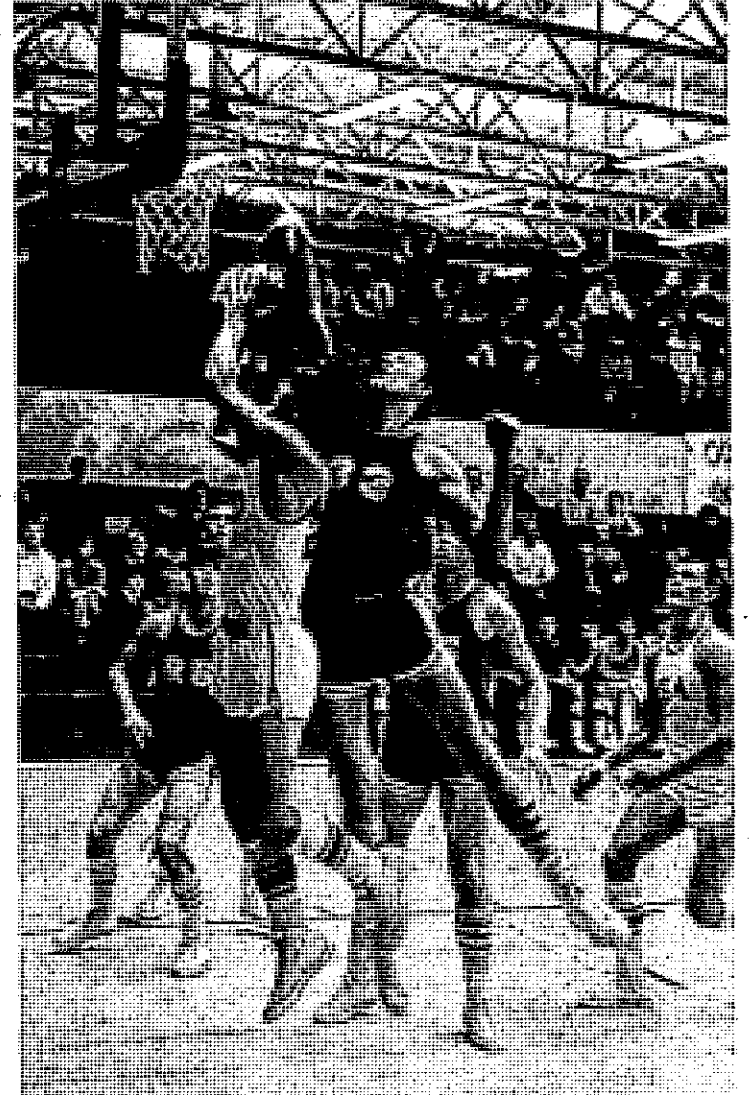
Ovid-Elsie and Bullock Creek traded baskets three times to

start the fourth period, but on Marin's two free throws, Bullock Creek took the lead for good at 49-47. The best the Marauders could do was a 51-51 tie, but they trailed by as much as seven points in the stretch as Bullock Creek put it on ice with five free throws in the last minute and a half.

OUTSIDE OF Melvin's hot hand in the second half when he scored 18 of his 28 points, Ovid-Elsie could muster little scoring punch. Terry Plowman and Jerry Weir had seven points each, most of that in the first half. Ovid-Elsie trailed 11-7 at the first stop and dropped behind by as much as 20-11 early in the second period before rallying and winding up behind only 29-25 at the half. They outscored Bullock Creek 19-12 in the third period but then couldn't hold onto it.

Score by quarters:
O-E 7 18 19 15 - 59
B-C 11 18 12 23 - 64

OVID-ELSIE SCORING: Cal Woodard 1-1-3; Terry Plowman 2-3-7; Jerry Weir 3-1-7; Daryl Melvin 11-6-28; Dave Klabak 2-0-4; Jerry Guyski 3-0-6; Dave Dubois 1-2-4. Ovid-Elsie totals 23-13-59, with 20 personal fouls (Weir fouled out).



Daryl Melvin, who scored 28 points for Ovid-Elsie Friday night in a losing cause, is about to have this shot blocked by hulking Dave Sinclair of Bullock Creek late in the first half. Other players are B.C.'s Ralph Wirtz (25) and Ovid-Elsie's Dave Dubois (54). Ovid-Elsie lost 64-59.

Lid shuts, Fulton 82-23 loser

MIDDLETON—The lid was on the basket when Fulton's Pirates got a chance to shoot last Tuesday, and the Pirates dropped their fourth decision of the year, 82-23 to Carson City-Crystal.

It was a Tri-Central League game and their second conference loss.

The Pirates got only eight field goals during the evening, five of them by Doug First. Fulton scored nearly half of their points with an 11-point burst in the sec-

ond quarter but were still outscored then by 13 points.

Mike Beahan's 15 points were high for Carson City, while Sidney Moseley had 12 and Chrle Cusack 10. Fulton hit only seven of 15 free throw tries.

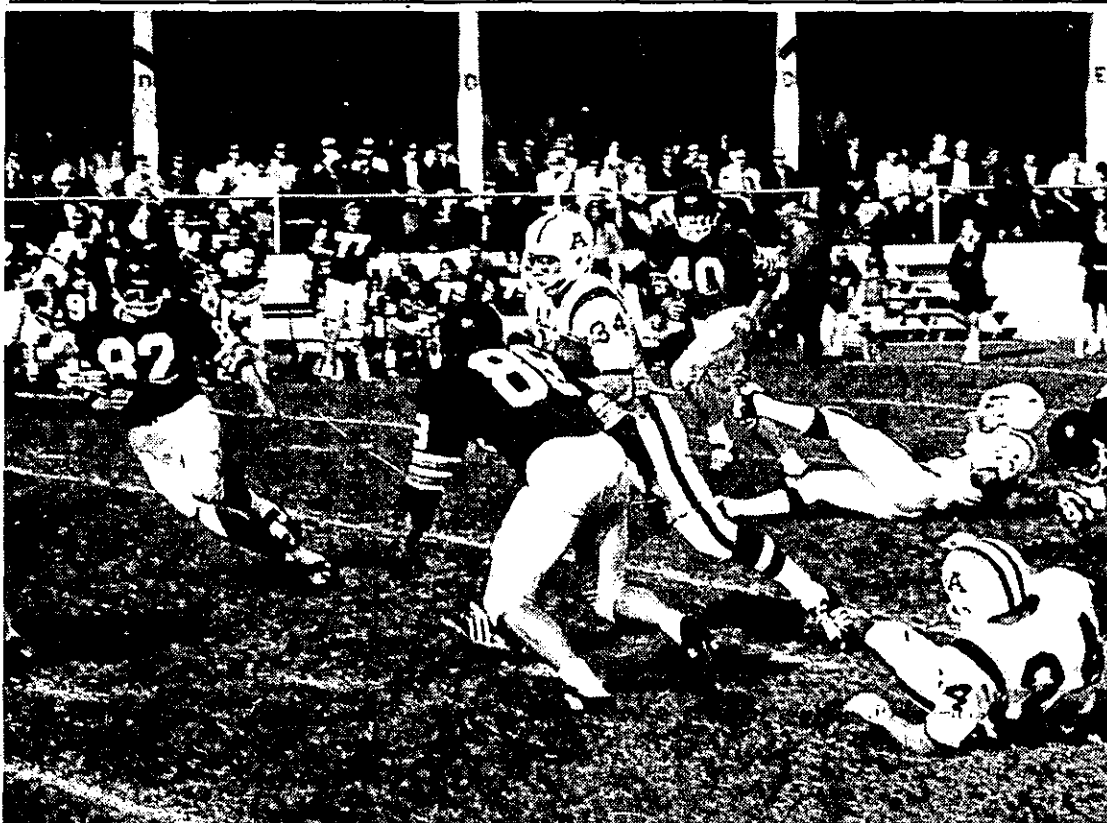
Score by quarters:
Fulton 3 11 5 4-23
Carson City 15 24 18 25-82

FULTON SCORING: Vic Upton 0-0-0; Dick Zamarron 0-2-2; Doug First 5-0-10; Ed Reaume

1-2-4; Bob Lopex 2-3-7. Fulton totals 8-7-23, Upton fouled out of the game.

CARSON CITY SCORING: Mike Beahan led the way with 15 points. Carson City totals 36-10-82.

Seventh in national production rank, Michigan produced 37 million gallons of ice cream in 1967. Producers of ice cream must meet the strict standards of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.



FOWLER'S HILARY GOERGE HELPS ALMA

Hilary Goerge (34), Alma College backfield star from Fowler, is shown making a sizable gain against Hope College in football action at Holland earlier this fall. Goerge scored three touchdowns and rushed for more than 200 yards for the Scots this season. Alma now has a 17-game winning streak, the second-longest consecutive victory string in the country. A 207-pound Fowler High School product and a junior at Alma, Goerge is the son of Mr and Mrs Reynold Goerge of R-1, Fowler.

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NITE OWLS LEAGUE (Dec. 5)—High team game and series: Hitching Post 873 and 2406. High individual scores: Carol Van Valkenburg 195 and 519. Pier-son's Redwing Shoes leads the league with a 37-15 record, two points in front of Wheel Inn.

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St. Johns has 5-0 mark at break

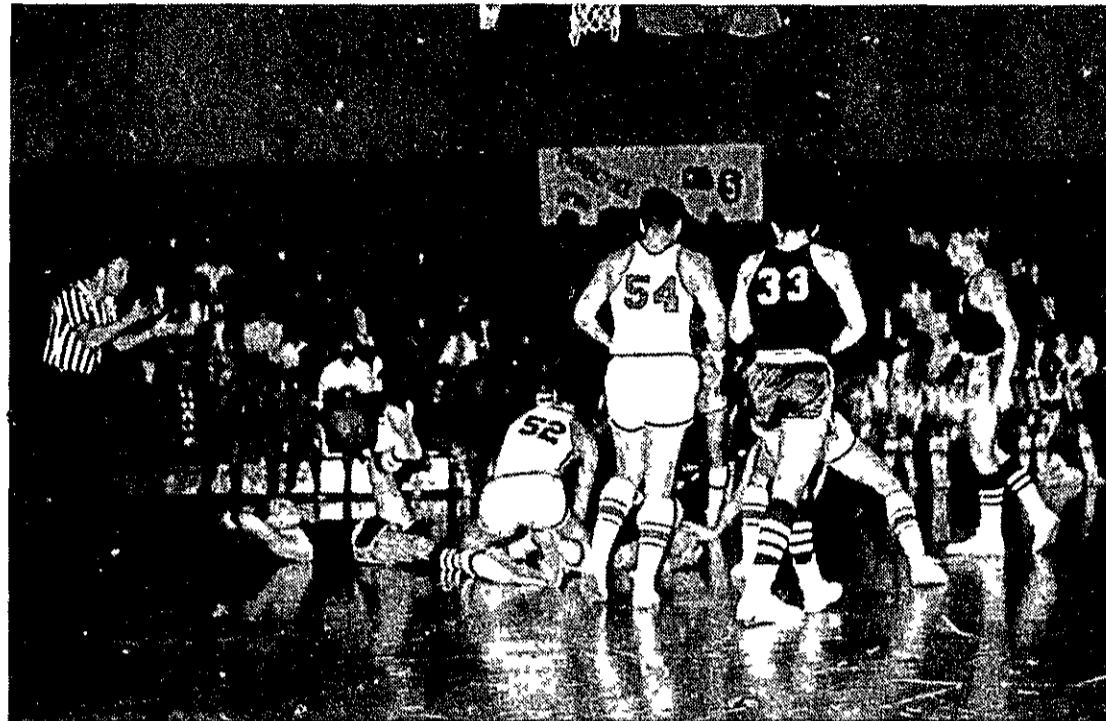
'H'-bomb blasts Comets as Redwings roll to 83-59 win

Dick Henderson's 17-point explosion in the second quarter sparked St. Johns to an 83-59 triumph over Grand Ledge Friday night, giving the Redwings a 5-0 record as the 1968 portion of the current season comes to an end.

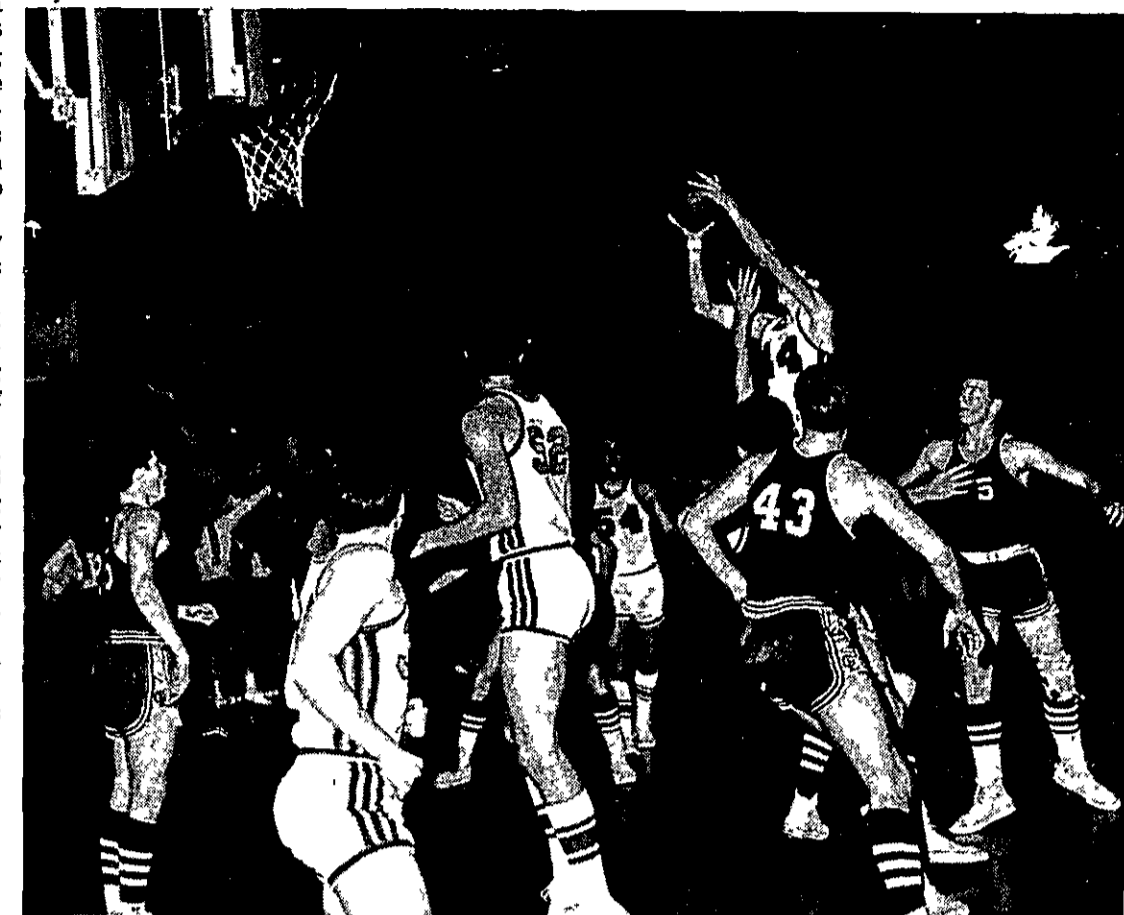
Attempts, and St. Johns quickly pulled away from a 20-17 quarter lead to a whopping 49-28 halftime margin. Henderson wound up as high point man for the night with 19 points, but four other players scored 10 points or more—the second time five men had hit in double figures this year.

chipped in 13 points each, while Jon Berkhausen had 12 points and Dick Rehmann 11. It was Rehmann and Maier who bolstered St. Johns in the first period. Maier had three buckets and a pair of free throws, and Rehmann scored a field goal and five free throws.

ond quarter, St. Johns lapsed a bit in the third, yielding a 19-16 scoring edge to the visiting Comets. But even with "the bench" playing a substantial portion of the second half, St. Johns came back strong in the fourth quarter with an 18-12 margin to ice the game at 83-59. Berkhausen's six points and five by Eisler set the tempo for St. Johns in the last quarter.



It looks like somebody went through the line for 10 yards and a first down, but the referee is calling a jump ball following a bit of floor action in Friday night's St. Johns-Grand Ledge basketball game. Dick Rehmann (52) and Jon Berkhausen (54) of St. Johns are identifiable, as is Dick Shaw (33) of Grand Ledge. St. Johns won 83-59.



Dean Eisler (44) of St. Johns lifts up for a shot against Grand Ledge Friday night while Terry Maier (foreground), Dick Rehmann (52) and Jon Berkhausen (54) get in position for a rebound. Grand Ledge players are Jack Decker (43) and Ken Block (25).

CLINTON AREA BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Last week's scores
TUESDAY, DEC. 17—
Carson City 82, Fulton 23
Mt. Morris St. Mary 91, DeWitt 80
Lakeview 94, Montabella 77
Central Montcalm 65, Saranac 52
Saginaw Douglas MacArthur 100, Chesaning 77
Carson City JV's 63, Fulton JV's 42
FRIDAY, DEC. 20—
St. Johns 83, Grand Ledge 59
St. Johns JV's 56, Grand Ledge JV's 51
Bullock Creek 64, Ovid-Elsie 59
Bullock Creek JV's 55, Ovid-Elsie JV's 53
Lakewood 89, Hastings 71
Chesaning 72, Corunna 66
St. Louis 73, Ithaca 68
Vestaburg 95, Ashley 45

Coach Bill Swears played all 15 of his squad members Friday night, many of them seeing action early in the game. Ten of them shared in the scoring. The Redwings shot well from the floor, netting 30 of their 73 shots for 41.9 per cent, including 11 of 22 in the second quarter and seven of 14 in the last eight minutes. From the free throw line they made 23 of 35 attempts; Maier had five for five and Rehmann made five of six free throw attempts.

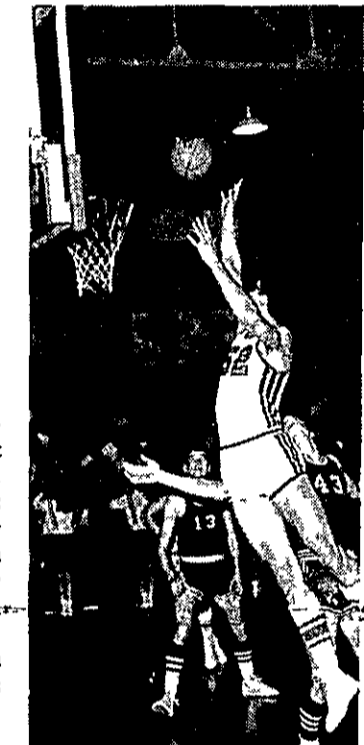
Berkhausen with 12 rebounds and Rehmann with eight led the Redwings in that department. Score by quarters: St. Johns 20 29 16 18-83 Grand Ledge 17 11 19 12-59

ST. JOHNS SCORING: Jon Berkhausen 5-2-12; Dean Eisler 5-3-13; Dick Rehmann 3-5-11; Terry Maier 4-5-13; Dave Gaffney 3-2-8; Dick Henderson 9-1-19; Bob Rehmann 0-2-2; Tim Durner 0-0-0; Roger Davis 0-0-0; Rich Stoddard 1-0-2; Chuck Green 0-0-0; Larry Zuker 0-2-2; Terry Nobis 0-1-1; Greg Kirby 0-0-0; Mike Pearson 0-0-0. St. Johns totals 30-23-83, with 27 personal fouls (Durner fouled out).

BOWLING

KINGS AND QUEENS (Dec 15)—High team game and series: Frost Mug 729 and Poor Souls 1949. High individual game and series: Kay Pentx 235 and Thelma Miller 567. Other 200 games: Gordon Kirvan 231 and 210, Thelma Miller 214, Terry Lerner 219, Keith Penix 209, and Leon Lewis 213. The Frost Mug League is now in first place with the Night Hawks one game behind. Dush Construction is in third place.

SHIRTS AND SKIRTS LEAGUE (Dec. 13)—High team game and series: Pattersons 726 and 2055. High individual game and series: Duane Bunce 253 and 646. Other 200 games: Duane Bunce 204 and 253, Dale Anderson 203 and 204. For the women high game: Ellen Martin 209 and Noreen Penix 517. Penney's Paints now leads the league and Kelly Tires is in second place.



Dick Rehmann (52) of St. Johns slants upward on a driving layup and two points for St. Johns against Grand Ledge's Jack Decker (43). Rehmann scored 11 points as St. Johns won 83-59.

In well regulated communities there has always been a curfew law, ably enforced by parents.

St. Johns JV's post Win

The St. Johns varsity Redwings withstood a determined rally by Grand Ledge Friday night to post a 56-51 victory over the Little Comets.

St. Johns had an 18-point lead at one time but it vanished in the fourth quarter when the Redwings had ball-handling problems. From the scoring side of the ledger, Coach Doug Japina's crew did all right, with four of the starting five players scoring in double figures.

Steve Mead led the way with 17 points, while Bill French had 14 and John Smit and Fred Root pumped in 10 each. Dan Rademacher's 3 and Mike Brown's 2 points rounded out the scoring. St. Johns held quarterly scoring advantages of 12-6, 13-12 and 14-11 before Grand Ledge rallied and held a 22-17 edge in the last period.

The Little Wings shot 35 per cent from the floor but made only 10 of 23 free throw attempts.

Bowling

WESTPHALIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE—High team game and series: Simon Flower 918 and 2648. High individual game and series: Aggie Stump 213 and 533. Other 200 games: Eileen Trlerweiler 204, Genny Platte 201 and Dottie Hattis 200. Schafer's is now leading the league by three and a half games over the second-place Simon Flower.

HIGHT HAWKS (Dec. 17)—High team game and series: American Legion 892 and 2597. High individual game and series: B. Amos 225 and 551. Other 200 games: G. Myers 219, T. Knight 206, D. Johnson 205, R. Kridner 204, D. Anderson 203, S. Cornwell 201, and H. Biffson 200. The American Legion is now leading the league by one game. Beck's Farm Market is in second place.

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Hot-shooting stuns DeWitt DeWITT — Chris Brown and Dale Sherwood hit 23 and 21 points for DeWitt, but the Panthers could not overcome some hot first-half shooting by Mt. Morris St. Mary last Tuesday night and fell victim 91-80. The host St. Mary team scored 53 points in the first half, hitting on 59 per cent of their field goal shots. Three St. Mary players finished the night with 20 or more points, including Fred Knickerbocker with 23.

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THIS BROWNIE TROOP HAS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Brownie Troop 577 was given the choice of either a personal gift exchange or sending their presents to the Coldwater Training School. The girls decided to help the less fortunate and wrapped each gift carefully and sent it off. In the front row are Cathy Peacock, Melody Terman, Brenda Bancroft and Michelle English. In the second row are Linda Patterson, Judy Haynes, Cindy Terpening, Lisa Houghten, Laurie Gilbert, Kim Vorase, Jean Droste, Diane Rann, Tammy Wagar, Julia Livingston, Judy Thompson, and Susan Coleman. In the back row are Laurie Goldman, Marie Lenon, Diana Estes, Holly Guernsey and Jo Ellen Gossett. Mrs. Judy Wagar, Mrs. Joyce English and Mrs. Rosie Patterson have charge of the troop.

Hospitality word for holidays

By LORRAINE SPRAGUE
Extension Home Economist

For the next two weeks "hospitality" will be the special theme in many of our homes. During this time homemakers will find themselves entertaining both formally and informally during the approaching holidays—Christmas and New Years.

For most of us "simplicity" is the word to team up with "hospitality." Guests will be more at ease when they know you're not exhausted yourself in preparing for them; you'll be more at

ease because you aren't exhausted.

Set up a "hospitality center" using the buffet, a card table or some other table. The dining room, living room, family room, or even the end of the kitchen could be converted into such a center, depending on your own house and family. The important thing is to have a location arranged for quick and easy serving when friends drop in of invitation or unannounced.

With egg nog, or a fruit punch base and gingerale in the refrigerator, it takes only a minute to have refreshments ready. Already waiting at your "center" can be Christmas cookies, confections, nuts or crackers—whatever you wish. The wonderful throw-away plates, napkins and cups in beautiful Christmas and New Year designs will rid you of dishwashing.

If you wish, even the table cover can be of plastic or paper. But with modern laundry methods plus modern stain resistant finishes, a lovely fabric table cover can help you carry out a holiday color scheme. Red or green napkins with a white cloth are fine, or for a more so-

phisticated decor try pale pink napkins with either a gold or silver cloth. Your personal color choice may run to the rich purples, mid-night blues or hot pinks. Whatever color scheme you prefer is fine—just be sure to select table cover, napkins, plates, punch bowl or whatever is needed, that are harmonious and help to carry out your theme.

Plan now, shop and prepare,

then be a relaxed gracious holiday hostess.

Otter's Antic

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- TABLETITE 'BONELESS' **CHUCK ROAST** lb. 89¢
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Yule songs heard at WSCS meeting

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church met Dec. 10 in the church sanctuary.

Mrs. Robert Rice gave an impressive service of carols entitled, "Music inspired by the Birth of Christ," she also gave a short history of each number. Mrs. Edward Wheeler joined Mrs. Rice on the duets and Mrs. Duane Davis accompanied them on the piano and organ.

Some of the numbers presented were "Jesus Jesus Rest Your Head," "I Wonder as I Wonder," "Simeon" and "He Shall Feed His Flock" among the songs that the group joined in singing were "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

Christmas cookies, tea and coffee were served by the Rebecca Circle with Mrs. Edmond Lucker, Mrs. Donald Swagart, and Mrs. John Rumbaugh serving as hostesses.

4 sets of twins

They see double at Bath High

By MARILYN SIDEL
Bath High School

Four sets of twins attend Bath High School this year and this is rather unusual because of the size of the school.

There are three sets of identical twins. They are: Jerry and Terry Christmas, seniors; Burnell and Burdon Richey, sophomores; and Heldie and Rosie Lehman, freshmen.

The other set of twins is Marsha and Martha Brainerd, seniors, and they are fraternal twins.

Of the four sets of twins here at Bath High, all their answers to various questions were very similar except those of the Richey twins.

In the comparison of the identical twins, it was found that in each set one was left-handed and the other right-handed. Jerry

Christmas, Burnell Richey, and Heldie Lehman are the left-handed twins.

Jerry and Terry Christmas seem to think being a twin comes in handy when something goes wrong. "People don't know who to blame," states Terry, "and it causes quite a lot of confusion, too." Jerry says, "It doesn't bother me to go around with my twin, but it adds to confusion."

MARTHA AND Marsha Brainerd have different hobbies, but similar likes. Their favorite is Mr. Harland Cook. Martha says about her hobbies, "I fix electrical things and I enjoy carpentry." Marsha says, "I like sewing, skating, swimming, and children."

Burnell and Burdon Richey agree that it is definitely an advantage to have a twin. Says Burnell, "It gives you someone

to talk things over with who is your own age." Burdon agrees wholly with this advantage. Burnell and Burdon dressed alike when they were little. Burdon had this comment, "Now we think it was quite funny to dress as

look alikes when we were little." Heldie and Rosie Lehman find that teasing people and playing tricks is part of the fun of being twins. Both Heldie and Rosie favor Mr. Harland Cook and enjoy Algebra I and exploratory

business. Rosje had this to say about being a twin: "Some people act as if we are one person and think that we are the very same in character make up just

because we are twins. It isn't necessarily true," Heldie thinks, "It is fun being a twin, but it's no different than just having a sister."

It seems quite unusual that there are four sets of twins at Bath High. Telling the identical ones apart is a challenge, but it's fun trying!



SANTA TALKS IT OVER WITH THE KIDS

Santa Claus stopped in at the recent family Christmas party by St. Johns Fire Department personnel and took the occasion to leave a few gifts for the children and take last minute requests for his trip Tuesday night. Timmy Maier, 3, son of Mr and Mrs Clare Maier, looks a little shy about the whole thing. On the floor and facing the camera are Donnie Griffith and Rickie Geller; with their backs to the camera are Karen Maier, Kim Kentfield and Lonnie Hufnagel.

Here's safety tips for holiday drivers

Holiday trips and winter weather make a deadly combination, according to Judge Harry H. Porter of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Ill.).

"It is unfortunate that the upsurge in traffic during the holiday season so often coincides with the worst possible kind of winter weather," said Judge Porter, who has served for many years as president of the Safe Winter Driving League. "It is particularly unfortunate—and often tragic—that drivers don't seem to recognize or compensate for the added hazards of winter driving."

He pointed out that in addition to the normal year-round hazards, winter-time driving often adds two additional perils—reduced visibility and inadequate traction.

"When highways are slippery and visibility poor, the driver has

a two-fold responsibility for his own well-being," he continued. "First and foremost, he should drive with extra care and take common-sense precautions, such as slower speeds, longer following distances, and frequent rest-stops."

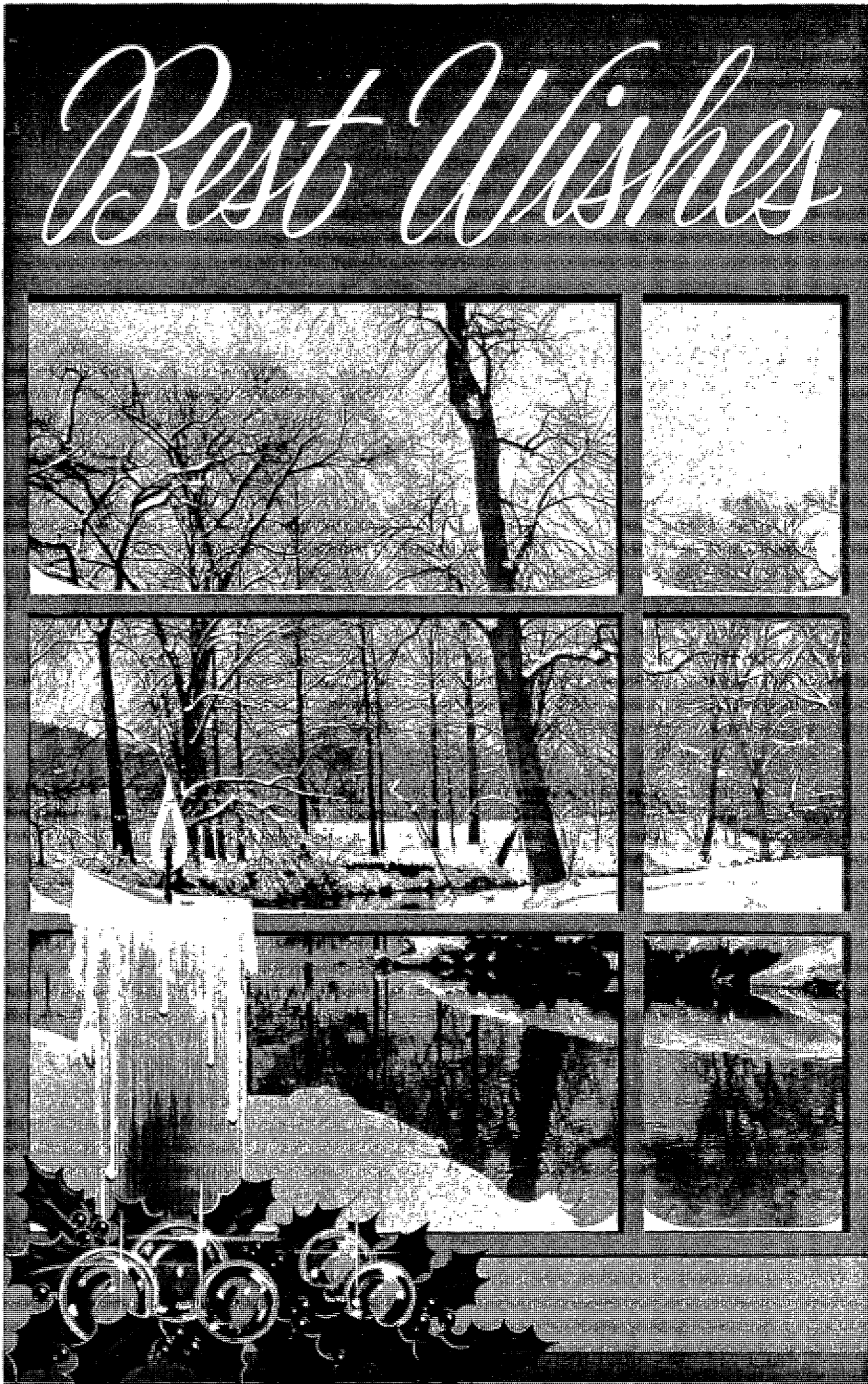
"His second responsibility is to make sure that his car is in first-class mechanical condition, especially those items that affect traction and visibility."

Citing traction tests by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards, the judge said that snow tires were helpful for mild-to-medium snow and ice conditions, that studded tires offered still more help on icy surfaces, and that reinforced tire chains were best for severe snow and ice conditions.

"WHETHER YOU USE ordinary

snow tires or studded tires, carry a set of chains in the trunk of your car along with a bucket of sand, a shovel, flares and a tow chain," he cautioned.

For best visibility during winter storms, Judge Porter advised that all windows should be kept clear, not only the windshield but the side and rear windows as well. "Don't be content with a 'peep-hole' in the snow on the windshield," he said, adding that good side and rear vision is also essential in today's heavy traffic. "Finally," he concluded, "before starting a holiday be sure all your lights including the directional signals are working properly and that your defroster and windshield wipers are both in first-class condition. Streaking blades should be replaced or refilled with live new rubber."



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GLASPIE DRUG STORE

Expect more beef, pork on market

Michigan consumers can look forward to more beef and pork on the market next year, according to a Michigan State University agricultural economist.

But only cattle prices are expected to drop, with hog prices remaining about the same as last year, predicts Dr. Marvin L. Hayenga.

"The latest U.S. government report indicates there will be sharp increases in the consumer beef supply - about 14 to 18 percent in some months," he told a Michigan Meat Processors Conference Dec. 12 at Michigan State University.

"If current conditions hold, choice steer prices will drop somewhat at the end of this month and will remain fairly stable through the first half of next year."

Dr. Hayenga reported that although consumer demand for beef

normally picks up at this time, the effect of the surtax will tend to modify any potential price increase.

"The market supply of pork will be up slightly next year, possibly 5 per cent," he said. "But prices will run at about the same level as last year, or slightly lower."

"Hog prices are likely to drop in January and come up to current levels or slightly higher in the February-through-April period."

Dr. Hayenga pointed out that more accurate forecasts can be made when the next government reports come out this month and next.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

Phillip L. Clink of Fowler recently purchased a junior membership in the American Shorthorn Assn., a nationwide registry for Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn beef cattle.

EXTENSION REPORT

'Pretty fields' don't always produce good yields

By GEORGE McQUEEN



"Single cross corn hybrids are the best."

"A single cross hybrid is my poorest yield."

Any time farmers talk about corn varieties, both of the above statements can be heard. Both can be accurate statements!

Why? Well, first just because a hybrid is a single cross doesn't make it a top producer on your farm. A great many single cross hybrids as well as many standard double cross hybrids never would do well in Clinton county.

However, suppose we select a known top-yielding single cross for here. Still the above statements may apply.

How often have you looked at a field of single cross corn and admired the uniform shape, height, color, ear height, silk and

tassels? The very uniformity which is so attractive often accounts for the poor results. Such uniformity may mean the entire field shoots silks during a one to three-day period and/or may shed pollen during a one to three-day period. If the periods of silking and pollinating overlap, all goes well and high yields occur.

If the periods of silking and pollinating do not overlap, completely barren cobs could be the result. And, unfortunately, very few corn plants silk and shed pollen on the same day. Often these events can be several days apart. Suppose then we have a marked change in weather between silking and pollen shed resulting in even greater spreading of the two events. Chances of

complete and thorough pollination become less likely.

Such things as temperature, humidity, sunshine, soil moisture, fertility, insects, diseases, wind and any combination may act to interfere with proper pollination.

Three way and standard double cross hybrids have a greater span for pollen shedding and thus are less likely to be adversely affected by such problems. Tested field yields by the best three-way and standard hybrids have been very similar to the best single crosses too.

Even planting alternate rows of two single crosses in the same field may not improve pollination or reduce the risk of poor matching of silk and pollen. Chances should be improved, however, if the two varieties are quite similar in maturity.

A better plan if you wish to grow a single cross would be to have one row of a four row drill planting a standard cross hybrid.

Don't get caught short on yield just to have a "pretty" field.

Social security tax tips for area farmers

Income tax time is right around the corner. Local farmers will be involved in a lot of paper work. Here are a few reminders about reporting income for social security purposes, under the options open to farmers.

If your actual net is \$1,600 or more, you must report your actual net earnings. If, however, your gross earnings are \$2,400 or more, and your net income is less than \$1,600, you may use your actual net or report \$1,600, which is two-thirds of \$2,400. For example, if your gross earnings for 1968 were \$4,000, and your actual net were \$1,000, you may report your actual net of \$1,000 or two-thirds of \$2,400 which is \$1,600.

If a farmer's gross earnings are at least \$600 but not more than \$2,400, you may report either two-thirds of your gross income or your actual net. If you have a net loss, you may report \$1,600 if gross earnings are \$2,400 or more, and if less, two-thirds of your gross income.

For more information about reporting your farm income for social security, contact your nearest social security office. The Lansing office is located in room 201 of the Federal Building, 216 Townsend Street, Lansing.

Westphalia

Mrs. Louis Hengesbach, Sr.

Members of the D of I are reminded of their annual monthly meeting and Christmas party which will be held this Thursday evening Dec. 19, starting at 8 p.m. Following the meeting a 50 cent gift exchange will be held. Members attending are also asked to bring a toy along for a needy child.

Thursday Mr and Mrs Harold Fedewa, Mrs. Florence Wieber and Art Fedewa attended a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr and Mrs Louis Bower of Portland.

Several neighbor ladies gathered at the home of Mrs Albert Knoop on Wednesday evening.

Saturday evening Mrs Anna Belen and members of her family attended a Christmas celebration at the home of Mr and Mrs John Belen in Holt.

Rural teachers meet

The Rural Teachers Reunion was held in the Community Room of the Central National Bank the evening of Dec. 3, with 20 persons in attendance. After a cooperative meal, a short business meeting was held with an election of officers. The balance of the evening was spent with entertainment. The next meeting will be April 10, 1969.

Soybean response detailed

Agronomists generally agree that broadcasting fertilizer based on soil test is the preferred method of applying fertilizer to soybeans for best crop response. This is the case when heavy applications of P & K (at least 40 pounds each) are required and when rows are closely spaced. When rows are spaced far apart and fertilizer requirements are very high, row fertilization may be used most effectively.

Missouri soil scientists say it takes 128 pounds of N, 25 pounds of P, and 51 pounds of K to produce 30 bushels of soybeans. If these minerals are not available in the soil, they must be applied. The time of application is not particularly pertinent, because soybeans can most profitably obtain their nutrient needs from the residual carry-over from previous crops, especially in fertile soils. The fertilizer can also be plowed down when preparing the field for planting but generally this method is not as effective as when the fertilizer is applied to the preceding crop.

Soils of low fertility up to 300 pounds each of N, P2O5 and K2O plus a side dressing of 100 to 200 pounds of N may be needed to produce a good crop of beans.

Limiting the soil to the proper pH level is also an important factor in soybean production. The agronomists in Nebraska say maximum yields are obtained when the pH range is 6.3 to 7.0, provided the soil is maintained at a high level of fertility. In Iowa the agronomists recommend a pH of at least 6.0 and at least 6.5 if the cropping system includes alfalfa or clover.

If the pH is below 5.0, molybdenum deficiencies occur. Also, on some very acid soils, below pH 5.0, excess manganese may become available causing manganese toxicity.

Some varieties of beans show an iron deficiency on soils with a pH range of over 7.4. And, frequently, poorly drained bottom lands with a pH above neutral show an iron deficiency. Either of these iron deficiencies can be most readily corrected by foliar sprays, while the first requires the addition of only one or two ounces of molybdenum per acre.

These experiences with soybeans reveal that best results are obtained by testing the soils and following the recommendations in applying the needed minerals.

Who's Supporting Whom?

DHIA REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1968

Name	No. Cows	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. B'Fat	% Cows In Test
Marvin Simon	40	1487	57	96
Laweda Farms	51	1408	52	84
Jerome Spitzley	41	1463	51	87
Don Witt and Son	39	1451	51	85
Robert Borton and Sons	52	1389	51	94
Mervin Chamberlain	30	1215	50	92
Rostan Mehney and Son	27	1259	49	93
Ed Delamater	34	900	49	91
Charles Bracey	33	1286	47	87
Russell Ormsby	34	1264	47	85
Ervin Marten	40	1256	46	95
Wyrick Brothers	32	1150	46	89
Frank Prochazka	26	1225	45	95
Robert Nurenberg	42	1197	45	90
James George	27	1125	45	92
Darwin Smith and Son	41	1166	44	90
Joseph Wing	39	1155	44	99
Frank Rivest	90	1089	44	89
Alex Vitek and Sons	43	1082	44	88
Ernest Jackson	57	1220	43	89
Robert Wilcox	26	1166	43	80
Lynn Fickies	26	887	43	92
George Smith	30	821	43	80
Warren Swanson	33	1169	42	87
William Mayers	36	1077	42	83
Francis Motz	36	1071	42	90
Robert Zeeb	117	1214	41	92
Dennis Thelen	74	1159	41	90
S & H Farms	82	1105	41	88
Dale Anderson	42	727	41	80
Kenneth Thelen	40	1119	40	82
Ed Grams and Sons	121	1045	40	78
A W Cobb and Son	45	1008	40	93
Woodard Dunkel	26	997	39	89
William Knight	44	1059	38	83
Lavern Lerg	82	1010	37	90
D and V Green	1205	992	37	87
Ron Spitzley	73	1065	36	81
Peter Kurnez	114	941	35	94
Carl Burk	30	898	35	86
Paul Nobis	65	943	33	85
Darrell Martin	32	940	33	95
George Jorae	28	804	33	74
Harry Sanborn	32	902	32	74
Robert Reese and Son	81	888	32	88
Fred Mayers	22	875	31	72
Raymond Mayers	91	826	30	87
Don Swagart	30	817	29	80
George Hazle	12	669	26	83
E A Livingston	33	462	25	87

HIGH 305 DAY LACTATION RECORDS

November 1968

Owner	Breed	Milk	B'Fat
Laweda Farms	Holstein	21403	832
Don Witt and Son	Holstein	20110	800
Laweda Farms	Holstein	19432	792
Kenneth Thelen	Holstein	22280	789
Laweda Farms	Holstein	20874	782
Kenneth Thelen	Holstein	23082	780
William Knight	Holstein	18502	780
Mervin Chamberlain	Holstein	21327	739
D, & V. Green	Holstein	18249	736
Herbert Thelen	Holstein	17751	734
S & H Farms	Holstein	20247	728
Laweda Farms	Holstein	21360	725
Robert Wilcox	Holstein	18989	719
Don Witt & Son	Holstein	22382	718
Charles Bracey	Holstein	17965	718
Mervin Chamberlain	Holstein	21438	717
Laweda Farms	Holstein	18942	717
Warren Swanson	Holstein	17842	715
D, & V. Green	Holstein	19579	714
Robert Nurenberg	Holstein	19037	711
Laweda Farms	Holstein	17837	707
S, & H, Farms	Holstein	19831	706
Charles Bracey	Holstein	19878	708
Robert Zeeb	Holstein	24984	
Charles Bracey	Holstein	20440	
Dan Thelen	Holstein	18837	
Laweda Farms	Holstein	18477	
Don Witt & Son	Holstein	17783	66
Robert Zeeb	Holstein	17065	683
Jerome Spitzley	Holstein	18874	681
Dale Anderson	Guernsey	14937	681
Herb Thelen	Holstein	20021	672
Frank Prochazka	Holstein	19991	670
Robert Reese & Son	Holstein	19250	670
James George	Holstein	16597	667
Ed Grams and Sons	Holstein	17451	665
Dennis Thelen	Holstein	17358	664
William Mayers	Holstein	16572	660
D, & V. Green	Holstein	15552	659
D, & V. Green	Holstein	17285	656
Dennis Thelen	Holstein	21140	654
Russell Ormsby	Holstein	21542	653
D, & V. Green	Holstein	16048	653
Robert Zeeb	Holstein	17869	652

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Youngsters Told Where Santa Is 'Right At Home'

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?" the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dad's consternation, "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree" — the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.



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MSU scientists seek 'natural' control of Dutch elm disease

A special research grant has been awarded to Michigan State University by the Elm Research Institute to help find parasites in Europe that might control the carriers of Dutch elm disease.

The grant will support a project directed by Dr. James W. Butcher, MSU entomologist, who has already released one species of French parasite in Michigan (Dendroster protuberans) to find out what effect it will have on the Dutch elm bark beetle. This parasite is undergoing intensive study in the field and laboratory at MSU. Over 100,000 have been propagated at MSU and released throughout Michigan and the northeastern U.S.

Dr. Butcher will use part of the new research grant to support the efforts of Dr. Hubert Pshorn-Walcher, of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Delmont, Switzerland, who will coordinate a search for parasites and predators in Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia. Dr. Pshorn-Walcher will return promising parasites to MSU and then come to the campus next fall to assist with research and lecture on biological control.

Dr. Butcher believes that the "natural" control offered by European predators and parasites may reduce the need for some of the costly chemical controls now used. He already has cooperative research under way with scientists in Yugoslavia, France, Holland, Switzerland and Austria.

Westphalia

By Mrs. Louis Hengesbach, Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 200 juvenile members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, under the age of 10, enjoyed an afternoon of games and movies. Assisting at the Christmas party were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Droste and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hengesbach. On Tuesday evening 100 members, ages 10 to 16, were present for a celebration in the basement at St. Mary Hall during the monthly meeting. Pop and candy were served and the guests enjoyed playing games. Following the meeting the adult members also enjoyed a Christmas party.

Saturday evening approximately 100 children of Jaycee members enjoyed a Christmas party at St. Mary Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Making arrangements for this party were Tom Noeker and Ed Bengel. Santa was present for the handing out of gifts. Following the children's party, the Jaycees and their wives returned to the hall for a social evening.

Monday evening the Jaycees held a Christmas party at St. Mary Hall. Following the gift exchange, the members made candy which will be sold at a later date.

Tuesday Mrs. Adele Fink accompanied Mrs. Perry Trimmer and son Jon to the Veterans' Hospital in Saginaw where they called on Frank Wieber.

Thursday Mrs. Anna Droste was guest of honor when several of her friends gathered at her home to celebrate her birthday. Following an afternoon of card playing, a birthday lunch of ice cream and cake was served.

The movie that was scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 22, has been cancelled.

Bridgeville

By Mrs. Thelma Woodbury

Mrs. Earl Howell attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Louise Ellen Howell and Mr. Warren Irving Penix at the Carson City United Methodist Church, Dec. 7. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Howell of rural Carson City and the groom is the son of Mr. Robert Penix and the late Mrs. Penix of rural Middleton. The newlyweds have an apartment in Carson City where they will be at home to their many friends.

Mrs. Earl Howell accompanied her daughter Mrs. Howard Anderson to the band concert at Ashley school Dec. 11. There are four Anderson grandchildren who play in the band.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodbury and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Skinner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmid Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McComber Jr. of Lansing are the parents of a 5 pound, 7 ounce son, William Charles, born Dec. 3, at Carson City Hospital.

Your correspondent will be leaving for California on Jan. 6, for four months. Mrs. Jane Hulbert will be substitute correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Suzor and family of Pontiac spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glen McComber Sr.

The late appearance of correspondence and other news items from around the county is not necessarily the fault of the correspondents. Frequently the amount of news collected and contributed exceeds the amount of space available, and it is then necessary to withhold some items until the following week.

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.

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.

North Victor

By Mrs. Elzle Exelby

The Victor Missionary Society met with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swender in Middlebury on Dec. 12 with dinner served. The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Exelby and all joined in singing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" which was followed by a devotion given by Mrs. Wilma Swender.

During the business meeting it was voted to remember several shut-ins at Christmas time. Gifts sent and the year's hostesses and program leaders for next year were announced as follows: December—Mrs. Charles Swender, program Mrs. Swender; January—Mrs. Elzle Exelby, program volunteer program; February—Mrs. Henry Grossman, program Lureta Bauerle; March—Mrs. Gail Frieler, program, Lorraine Huyck; April—Mrs. Lee Swender, program Ruth Grossman; May—Mrs. Rolan Sleght, program Vida Exelby; June—Mrs. Jim Huyck, program Gail Trieber; July—Mrs. Clarence

Bauerle, program volunteer program; August—picnic at the home of Mrs. Jerakline Jones at Vernon.

on Dec. 10, at the Howard Dennis home. The meeting will be called to order by the President Mrs. Ruth Grossman at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Mable Dennis will have charge of the program and a 50

cent gift exchange will be held. A new pole type barn is being erected on the farm of Arthur Jorae. Their barn was destroyed by fire with all its contents a few weeks ago.



GREETINGS

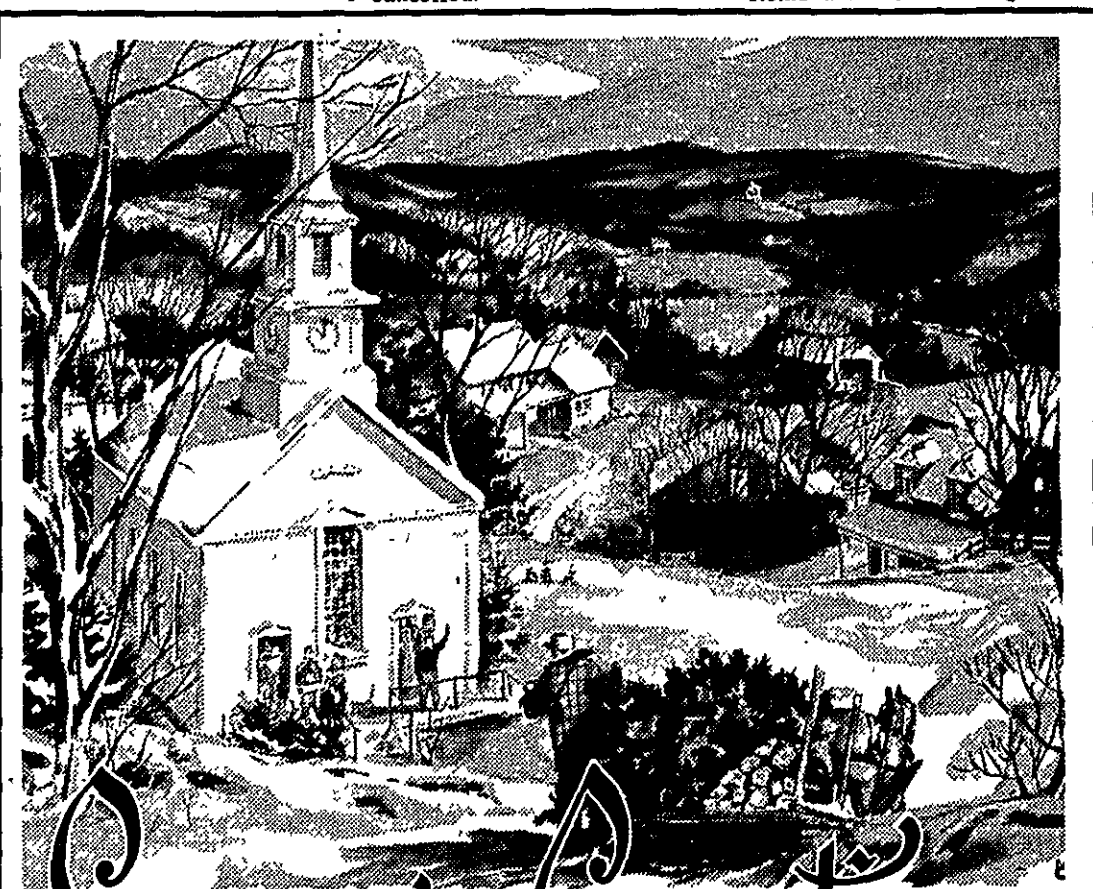
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From the Wise Men ...

"They presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."
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Most of all, it is the spirit of worship and rejoicing, for Wise Men and shepherds alike knelt at the manger, in the awe and wonder of His birth.

To the Holy Manger ...

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass." Luke 2:15
Humble shepherds came to behold the Miracle of the manger, and Wise Men journeyed from the East.
Today, thousands of Christians make the pilgrimage to the hill town of Bethlehem each Christmas. A high point of their visit is the Grotto of the Nativity—the rock-hewn stable where, traditionally, Christ was born.

As Shepherds Watch ...

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11
Bethlehem stands high on a hill, and below it is "Shepherd's Field," where tradition says the shepherds heard the glad tidings of the Nativity.
The Jerusalem YMCA holds carol services in the Field on Christmas Eve. And shepherds, who still tend their flocks in nearby fields, come to watch and share in the celebration.

FROM SAINT NICHOLAS TO ST. NICK

How Santa Looks, Travels Shows Change

Greetings to All

Santa's joining with us to top your Christmas with a bright "thank you" for being such loyal customers.



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No Christmas!

"Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished!"
An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!
Cromwell and his Puritan Party did indeed consider Christmas an "abominable day," and on December 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law making Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.
Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience.
A few days before Christmas, town criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.
In England, the ban lasted eight years — and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry-making was sinful came to the New World with the Pilgrims.
New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the nineteenth century. In Boston, for instance, Christmas was illegal until 1856!



ST. NICHOLAS, who preceded Santa as a Christmas gift giver, was pictured on an 1870 greeting card as a monk-like figure.



FATHER CHRISTMAS, a rather stern resident of the North Pole, appears on this turn-of-the-century greeting card.

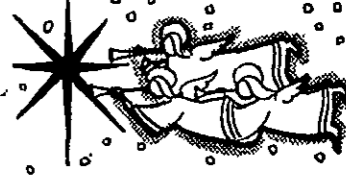


METAMORPHOSIS OF SANTA CLAUS, FROM St. Nicholas in a monk's blue robe, to jolly St. Nick in a bright red suit, can be traced in the history of Christmas greeting cards — witness this 1909 card. The gift giver here, who looks somewhat like the modern Santa Claus, wears a red jacket, but his trousers, like St. Nicholas' robe, are still blue, and he is mounted on a hobby horse rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh — the historical result of the introduction into American folklore, by early Dutch settlers, of St. Nicholas on a horse. The 1909 Santa carries his gifts in a straw basket, which later became the Christmas sack of toys. Cards shown are from the Norcross Historical Collection.

His White Beard, Red Suit Are Recent Garb

Genial, jovial, red-cheeked and white-bearded. As any child can tell you, that's how Santa Claus looks.
But the benevolent giver of presents has not always been pictured like this, nor has he always traveled by sleigh or brought his gifts on Christmas Eve. In fact, he has not always been named Santa Claus!
"Santa Claus" is in truth a child's euphonic way of expressing the Dutch "Saint Nikolaas," or St. Nicholas, says The Encyclopedia Americana.
St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop, was later honored, in Europe, as a friend to children. Legend finds him making his rounds on December 5th, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, with gifts to reward children for good behavior.
Instead of a jolly red suit, St. Nicholas wore a robe, or tabard, and for that reason he really didn't need a sleigh, or even a horse. His robe enabled him to travel from place to place, instantly.
In Holland, however, he was said to use a horse for his journey at night over the roofs.
Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas to the New World, where he gradually changed his name to Santa Claus and traded his horse and robe for reindeer and a red suit.
It was Clement C. Moore, in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," who made Santa into a jolly elf "Saint Nick" who rides "in a miniature sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer."
In more recent years, St. Nicholas in his new guise as Santa Claus has journeyed to many parts of the world, becoming the most widely known of gift givers.

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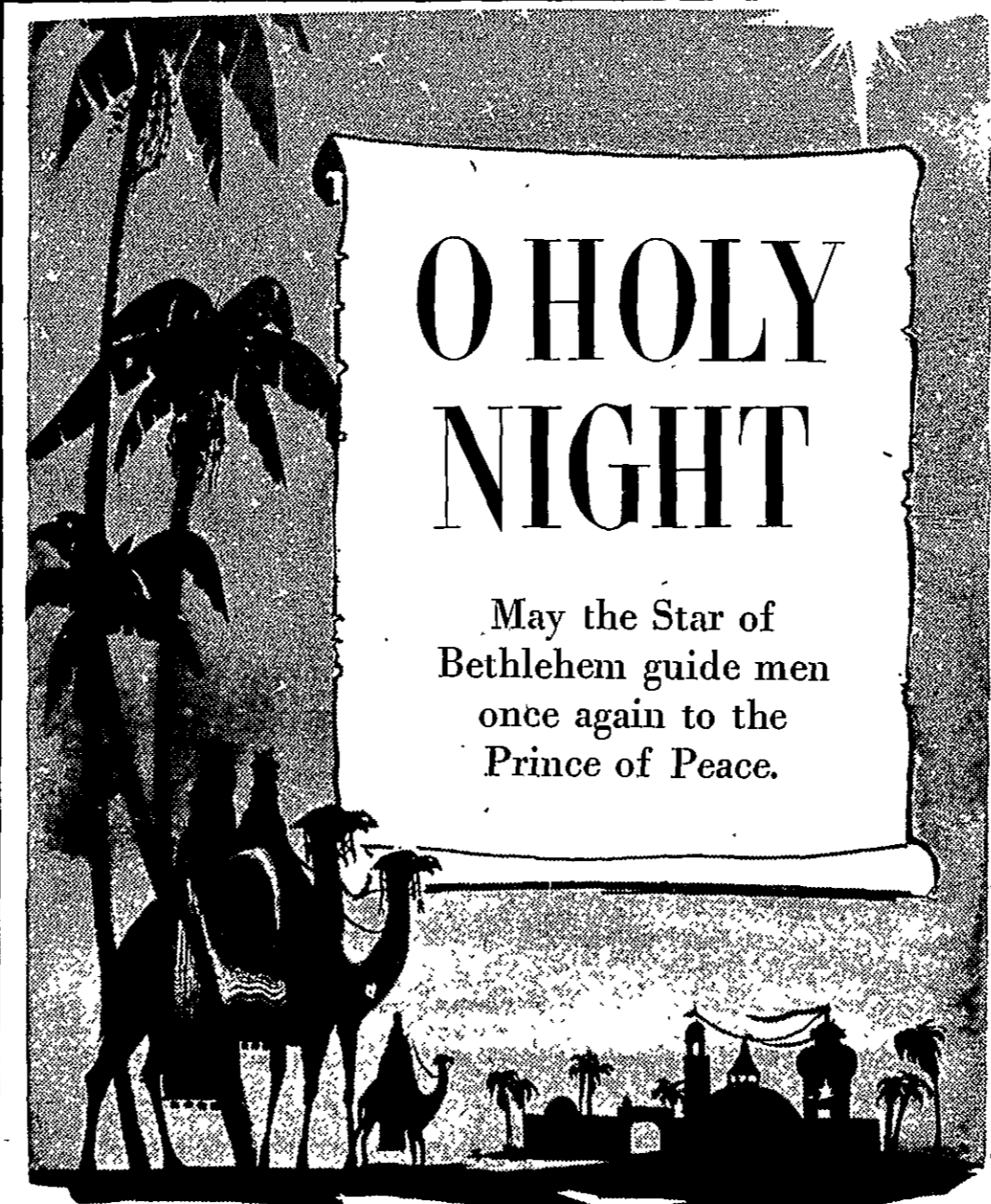


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P-W studies school future

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA — To prepare for increased enrollment, the public school officials and the officials from St. Joseph Catholic School have been meeting regularly.

It is still uncertain what grades will be retained by the parochial school. Several years ago they dropped first and second grades, but the Pewamo Public Elementary School is already filled to capacity. William Stelke, public school superintendent, said if any more students are to be accommodated, plans for additional space must be made.

Stelke also said meetings would continue and it was hoped that some decisions could be reached in January. This would give public school officials about seven months to plan for the additional school enrollments.

Lutheran ladies complete projects for Christmas

The December meeting of the St. Johns Lutheran Ladies Guild, was conducted by President Mildred Luther. The opening devotions centered on the Christmas theme and were conducted by Mrs. Doris Plaza. Twenty four members and two guests, Mrs. Phyllis Nobis and Mrs. Jeanette Mehney, were present.

Each member attached a pair of new mittens to a cardboard Christmas tree. The tree and mittens were then mailed to the Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis.

The clothing that had been donated for the Indian relief was then sorted and boxed for delivery to a representative of Indian relief in northern Michigan. Mrs. Robert Koepfen and Mrs. Jeanette Mehney were in charge of handling this project.

The date of Jan. 26 was set for a smorgasbord dinner with Doris Plaza in charge.

Hostesses for the evening's refreshments were Gladys Ruestman and Dorothea Barnes.

Hare hits safety commission cuts

Secretary of State James M. Hare has decried what he termed "emasculatation of appropriation and staff of the Michigan State Safety Commission" while urging budget re-evaluation to rebuild the agency in the face of "one of the sorriest traffic records in Michigan's history."

Hare, recently named to his 15th successive term as chairman of the commission comprised of directors of several other state departments who have varying functions in traffic safety, said most of the appropriation which previously went to the Safety Commission was being diverted to the Office of Highway Safety Planning, the state agency handling funding for programs under the national highway safety act. Safety commission appropriations is in the state police budget.

While requesting a \$5-million reduction for the Department of State budget for the next fiscal year, Hare said "it would be penny-wise and dollar foolish to inadequately fund the activities of the State Safety Commission." He noted the average cost to Michigan taxpayers from traffic accidents and deaths amount to nearly a half-billion dollars annually.

"I AM NOT SUGGESTING that the new Office of Highway Safety Planning should not be adequately funded. It represents a very important function within the safety field."

"What I would like to see is both operations with large enough appropriations to do the jobs for which they were intended and which are quite dissimilar."

Hare said the Office of Highway Safety Planning is charged with handling requests for federal funds for safety programs under the federal highway safety act. He described the function of the State Safety Commission as "involving administration, public relations, and coordinating intra-departmental programming with private safety groups and associations for a more unified safety effort."

Hare said the cut in appropriations in the past 2-1/2 years had seen the commission's staff chopped from seven positions to 13.

Student body to hear music

By ANN THELEN
Fowler High School

FOWLER—The student body of Fowler High, Fowler Public and Most Holy Trinity Schools will be entertained by the music department on Friday, Dec. 20. It will consist of the band and choir. Mr. Nelson, who is the director of both groups, is in charge of the performance. On Dec. 15 they gave their concert for the public.

The girls basketball team will have their first game of the season at Fulton on Wednesday, Dec. 18. They are coached by Miss Smith.

The Fowler Band has been selling candy from World's Finest Chocolate and competing for prizes. First prize was won by Sandra Messer, second prize by Dave Boak and third prize by Mary Ann Schaefer. There were many other winners who will receive chances on other prizes.

The Christmas cards that were sold by the juniors at an earlier date have arrived. They will be distributed as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who helped out by buying them.

9th grade shop busy with lots of wood articles

Students in the ninth grade general shop class are constructing a large variety of wood projects, says Grant Hasford teacher at Rodney B. Wilson High School.

Not only are they learning safety practices for power machinery, but are constructing some handsome articles of furniture. They are making coffee tables, bookcases, record cabinets, step stools, and gun racks.

Keith Foote, one of the students is making a large wall-type tool cabinet in which the tools can be mounted on peg board. Inside the swinging doors of the cabinet, peg board will also be used so that more tools can be stored in less space. Keith plans to enter the project in the Stanley Tool contest; the deadline for entering the contest is next April.

Other projects of interest are Jim Harte's large cedar-shingled dog house, Mike Bond's drafting and study table, and Dave McCarrick's six foot rabbit cage. At present many bowls, both large and small, and a number of decorative laminated cutting boards are being made from birch and maple.

Ah! The Mistletoe

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.

4-H Club Chatter

By JOHN AYLWORTH
Extension 4-H Youth Agent

The Saddlemates 4-H Club members have selected Elena Tobias as their president for the coming year. Other officers include Sheila Smith as vice-president; Ann Oliver as Secretary; Betty Moots as treasurer; and Dennis Doody as historian. They discussed the horse judging session held Dec. 7 at M.S.U. which Betty Moots and Sheila Smith attended. The club will go Christmas caroling on Friday, Dec. 20. Sheila Smith is in charge of making a club name sign. The members are taking Vet Science II as a club project.

The Bengal Community 4-H Club members plan to go Christmas caroling on Dec. 20 at the Rivard Nursing Home in St. Johns at 6:00 p.m. Boys are to wear dark pants and white shirts while girls are to wear dark skirts and white blouses. There will be a gift exchange between 25-75 cents at the club's next session on Dec. 30 at Smith Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Prairie 4-H Club members will hold their Christmas party and meeting on Dec. 21 at the home of their leader Mrs. Noel Smith. Names were chosen for the gift exchange. All members have started their project. The club has voted to have 25 cent dues for three months to cover all party expense.

The Dipsey Doodlers 4-H Club members used an item you would like for Christmas for their roll call. The club will hold its Christmas party on Dec. 30. Demonstrations were given by Gordon Ennes on different types of tools and woodworking equipment; Pat Reniser on how to read the back of a pattern; Tena Tower on Cultural arts and how to make a "Tone Chart, Narlene Cushman on what to look for in buying a blouse and Vickie Roesch on First Aid.

450 AT 2 SCHOOLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
On Dec. 10 the Olive Center School and the East Olive School children enjoyed a joint Christmas party. Four hundred fifty attended and Santa was there to distribute treats. Each grade presented a skit, the band played, and the group sang Christmas carols.

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Honoring Christmas, In Poetry and Prose

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."

So wrote Charles Dickens, for whom Christmas was a favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry. For instance —

At Christmas I no more desire a rose

Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth,

But like of each thing that in season grows.

William Shakespeare

At Christmas play and make good cheer,

For Christmas comes but once a year.

Thomas Tusser

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,

The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

John Greenleaf Whittier

England was merry England, when Old Christmas brought his sports again.

Sir Walter Scott

I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old familiar carols play,

And soft and sweet the words repeat,

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

So shall we learn to understand

The simple faith of shepherds then,

And clasping kindly hands in hand

Sting, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

James Russell Lowell

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

Clement Clarke Moore

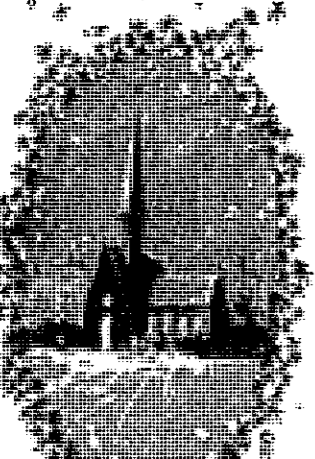
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Robin Has Own Christmas Tale

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Legend connected the robin with Christ, and thus with Christmas.

The legend states that the bird, in trying to ease Christ's suffering on His way to the crucifixion, pulled a thorn from the crown. In so doing, a drop of blood fell on the robin's chest and remained there forever.

Comic robins, perky robins and robins in all types of poses were pictured by the thousands of Christmas cards in the late 19th century.

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White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ice, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old-fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

'Noah's Ark' Disappears from Holiday Scene

By ANNA MANG

Where there are children, this holiday season, there's usually a Christmas tree—brightly lighted, gaily decorated, its fragrant branches bending low over a veritable "toyland" of gifts from Santa's lavish pack.

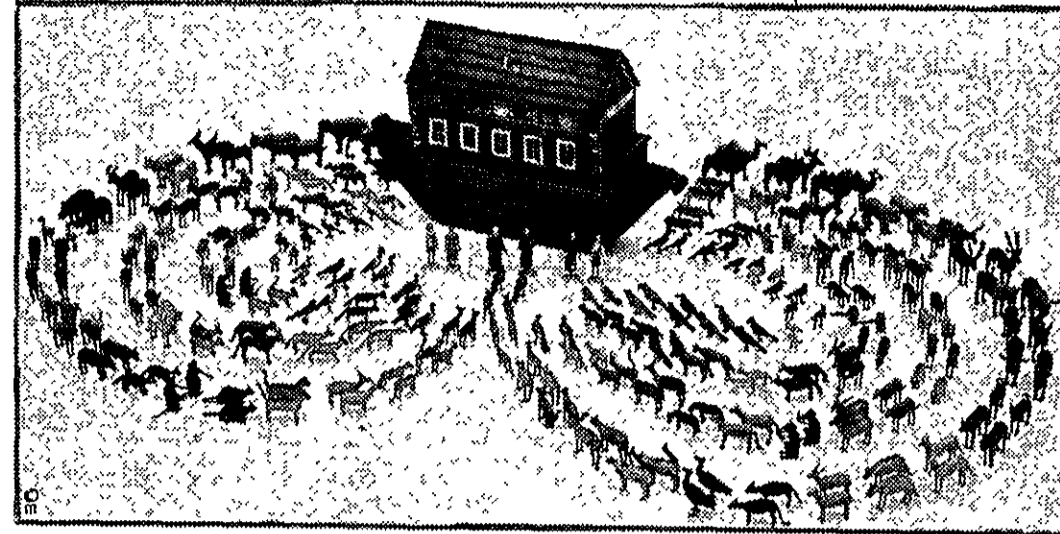
These days, the variety of toys to enchant, entertain and instruct the youngsters is practically limitless. The toy pack holds, it seems, everything and anything that a lucky child might see in his dreams.

A century or so ago, the picture was very different. Even the Christmas tree itself was not as likely to be a part of the holiday scene. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, the Sunday school movement had begun to popularize the idea of family Christmas trees, but a tree at home was still not something a child would take for granted.

As for the toys, under the tree or not, the usual gift might be only one toy, and that one not a toy that modern children would recognize.

This is not to say, however, that nineteenth century children were to be pitied.

In a single toy, the "Noah's



ENCHANTMENT AT CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN of the nineteenth century often came in the form of a Noah's Ark, then a highly prized special occasion gift. The set shown here contains more than 300 animals. Photo courtesy of the New York Historical Society, New York City, N. Y.

Ark" then highly prized as a special occasion gift, nineteenth century children found entertainment in great variety.

Today the Noah's Ark has disappeared from the wonder world of toys, but in the days of its popularity, nearly every home with children also housed a Noah's Ark in some form, however modest.

Like modern toys, the Ark was available in many versions, from the simple to the complex. Basically, this toy consisted of the ark itself, in miniature of course, accompanied by gaily painted wooden figures representing Noah, his family, and animals in pairs.

The more elaborate the toy,

the greater was the number of animals included. One nineteenth century Noah's Ark set, now part of the New York Historical Society's collection, includes more than 300 animals. Everything from little birds and domestic cats to elephants, camels, lions and tigers is represented.

Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

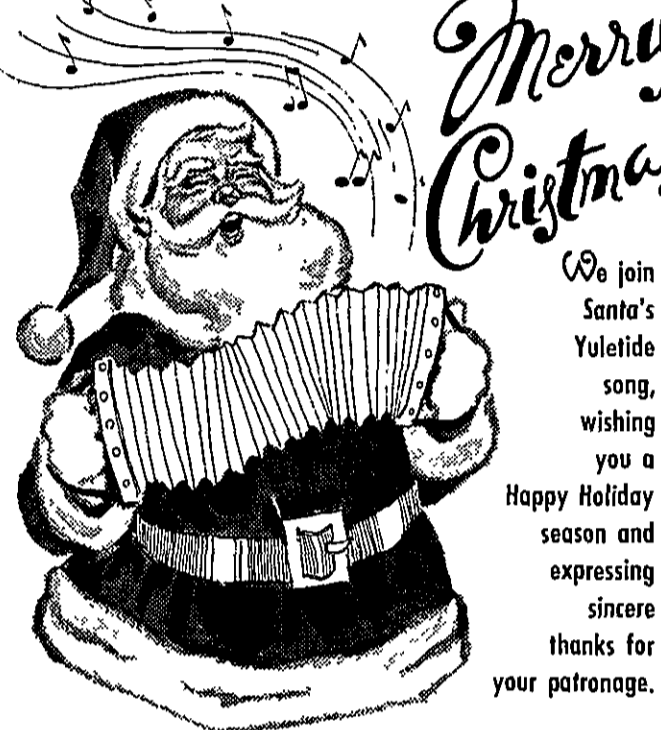
Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas captoni, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U. S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

Merry Christmas



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Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea, near Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

"Jesus"

"Jesus ahatonhla!"

These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol.

If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, "Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626.

Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death.

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Jesus ahatonhla!"

IN NEW ZEALAND

Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating — it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.

When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation — and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree" and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in

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.

Country's Freedom: Christmas Gift, Too

The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such Christian beliefs as Christmas — this was the gift to our country on that very day in December 1776.

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Yuletide Beauty Is Reflected In Legends of Flowers and Greens

Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs were green with new leaves on the night of the Saviour's birth, so legend says. Down through the ages, certain flowers and greens have held an honored place in the lore of Christmas — the holly and the ivy, mistletoe, rosemary, the Christmas rose, the thorn tree.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had powers to ward off evil or cure a variety of illnesses. Druid priests of Britain, long ago, believed that mistletoe should be cut with a golden knife, then hung over doorways as a protection from evil. The Greeks, too, used it to ward off evil.

One of many legends surrounding the poinsettia tells of a poor Mexican girl who, having no gift of value, humbly placed some roadside

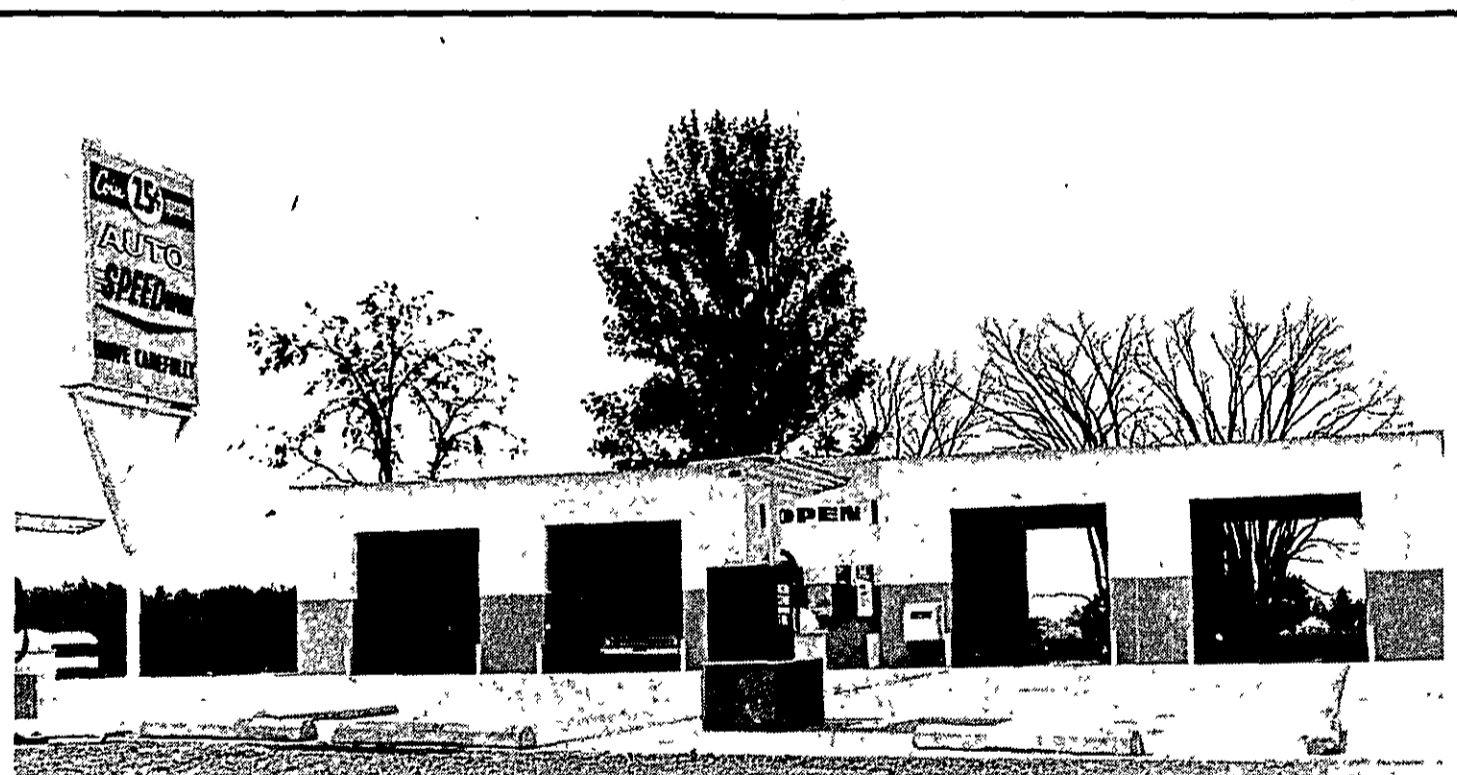
States Claim Christmas Plants For Their Very Own

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!



Merry Christmas

It's Christmastime. The land is cloaked in white serenity . . . hearths are aglow with golden embers of warmth and homeliness . . . peace and happiness fill the air. With our deepest appreciation for all the blessing bestowed upon us, we reach out to our friends and neighbors to share with us the joys of this Holy Season.

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Elsie

By MRS. NEVA KEYS, Correspondent

50th WEDDING CELEBRATION HELD.

Mr and Mrs Frank H. Rivest, 234 E. Pine Street, Elsie, observed their golden anniversary in their home Dec. 15, when many of their family, neighbors and friends called to offer congratulations and best wishes.

The Rivests were married in Mokena, Ill., Dec. 8, 1918 and came to Michigan in the fall of 1920 where they purchased a farm near Ovid. Upon retirement, the Rivests moved to their present home in Elsie.

The couple have two sons, Lloyd Rivest of Schenectady, N.Y. and Frank C. Rivest of rural Elsie and 13 grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs Lloyd Rivest surprised their parents by flying for a 24 hour visit. Other special guests were Mrs Hattie Parling of North Star, a sister of Mr Rivest and Mr and Mrs William Kissane of St. Johns, the latter a granddaughter of the Rivests.

The immediate family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Frank C. Rivest of 5837 Watson Road, Elsie.

On Saturday evening eleven former neighbors of the Rivests when they resided in Ovid hosted a supper in their honor at the Elsie Village Inn. A money tree and an arrangement of yellow roses was presented to them.

The Rev. Loren Thompson of Saginaw is minister at the First Baptist Church in Elsie since the resignation of the Rev. Norris Beck because of ill health. The Becks have returned to their former home in Edwardsville, Ill.

The United Methodist Church will hold its annual "Carol Service" during next Sunday morning worship service. The three choirs will participate and the theme will be "The Birth of the King". That evening at 7:30 p.m. the Church School Christmas program will be presented by the Sunday School classes. On Christmas Eve, a Candlelight Communion Service will be held from 11:15 to 12:00 midnight. It is planned by the MYF groups. Everyone is invited. There was a large attendance at a similar program last year.

The regular Women's Society of Christian Service meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Donald Whitaker with Mrs Duane Green, Mrs Robert Justice and Mrs Robert Frye as assistant hostesses. Mrs A. W. Cobb presented the Christmas program. The members brought gifts to be taken to the Grand Rapids Community House.

The latest project of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship is the Nativity scene recently placed on the church lawn. John Ribbler assisted in making the figures for the scene. Other MYF activities were sub-district rally at Carson City, district rally at St. Johns, a skating party at St. Johns sponsored by the Salem United Methodist Church youth and recent guests of the Chapin MYF.

The members of the Green School Extension Group held its holiday dinner at the Village Inn in Elsie Dec. 12, with their husbands as guests. Mrs Fannie Emmons, 91, an honorary member of the group and now a patient at the Ovid Convalescent Manor,

was also present. Later they went to the home of Mrs C.S. Goodrich where they were served dessert and enjoyed games. There were 16 present. A brief business meeting was held.

Mrs Agnes Lewis was hostess to a dinner Dec. 13 for a group of ladies, who have met often in their interest of gardening. Present were Mrs Maude Craven, Mrs Donna Wooley, Mrs Blanche Bates, Mrs Cleo Parks, Mrs Nellie Spiegel, Mrs Hazel Blayney and Mrs Mae Goodrich.

Byrl Sulliff is convalescing in the Carson City Hospital following a severe heart attack. Mr David Peltier and Miss Kathy Storke of Reno, Nevada spent a few days over the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr and Mrs Howard Peltier and friends in the local area.

Mr and Mrs Sidney Keys attended the funeral of their cousin, Kenneth Jones in St. Johns Dec. 10.

Patrick K. Ackles, Army Sp-4, son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Ackles of Elsie, has a new address. It is: Sp-4 Patrick K. Ackles, RA 1696-8793, 44th Ord. Co. (CM) (CS), 30th Arty Bde. (AD), APO San Francisco, Calif. 96331. Spec. Ackles took his basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky., and he was transferred to Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

Upon completion of the 31-week course for radar missile control repair, he was transferred to Hawk missile unit in Okinawa. He graduated from Elsie High School in 1965. After attending Western Michigan and Michigan State he enlisted in the service.

Army Pvt Frank J. Prikasky, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Prikasky of rural Elsie, is now assigned to the 97th Quartermaster Battalion near Mannheim, Germany, as a truck driver.

Elsie will hold a village election March 10, 1969 for the office of three trustees, mayor, clerk, treasurer and assessor.

At present petitions have been filed for the following: Merle Baese and Blaine Lentz, trustees; Durward Conklin, mayor; Mrs Lenore Foran, clerk; Mrs Orpha Clement, treasurer; and Stanley Loznak, assessor.

A petition is also being circulated for William Price for trustee Robert Blunt, incumbent trustee will not seek re-election.

Petition blanks are available at the clerk's office in her home at 213 E. Pine Street, Elsie. They must be returned to Mrs Foran no later than Monday, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.

In Germany
Many modern Christmas customs come from Germany, including the lighted evergreen tree. Appropriately, gift-giving season in West Germany today starts after Christmas bonuses are distributed on December 1.

WRITING CAROLS
Men from many walks of life have contributed to the Christmas chorus of carols. Francis Scott Key was not only a lawyer and the author of the Star Spangled Banner; he also wrote carols. And the comedian, Harpo Marx, authored a carol now sung in many churches, "Guardian Angels."

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Yule Customs Reveal Many Variations

Cherished memories, heartfelt joys, children's laughter — everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth.

Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

In New Mexico
The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four-day-long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at two A.M. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonials until daylight. At dawn the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day-long ceremonies.

In California
Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

In Newfoundland
Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught

and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

In Czechoslovakia

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

In Scandinavia

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

In Turkey

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of

the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

In Iceland

Since trees are scarce in Iceland, families must use their ingenuity in creating a Christmas tree. A pole with branches of greenery tied to it is the solution in many Icelandic homes. And the valuable real trees are saved for industrial use.

In Norway

The Norwegian Christmas traditionally starts six months before December 24th. The celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

In Finland

Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a

sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut, with a stone oven.

In France

Traditionally, adults in France do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day. In some French villages, shepherds bring their lambs to church on Christmas.

In Liberia

Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves and ferns.

CANDLE LEGEND

If you burn a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays, and the candle burns bright and clear, legend says that you will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

The paradise people look for is not a locality—it is merely a state of mind.

Cards Show Marzipan Has Sweet Story

Greeting cards for Christmas show, each season, an increase in the number of religious subjects — but this has not always been true. In fact, the earliest Christmas cards often had designs that seemed to have no connection with the holiday.

Instead of Nativity scenes or symbols of holly and mistletoe, early American Christmas cards of the 19th century were decorated with roses and portraits of young ladies, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Often, plump robins were pictured sitting on tree branches dripping with icicles.

In this early stage pin-up girls were not unusual. Kate Greenaway drawings were frequently used, some cards picturing single figures from her drawings, others portraying dancing girls with garlands of flowers.

About 1870, cards were frosted and fringed with heavy silk.

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

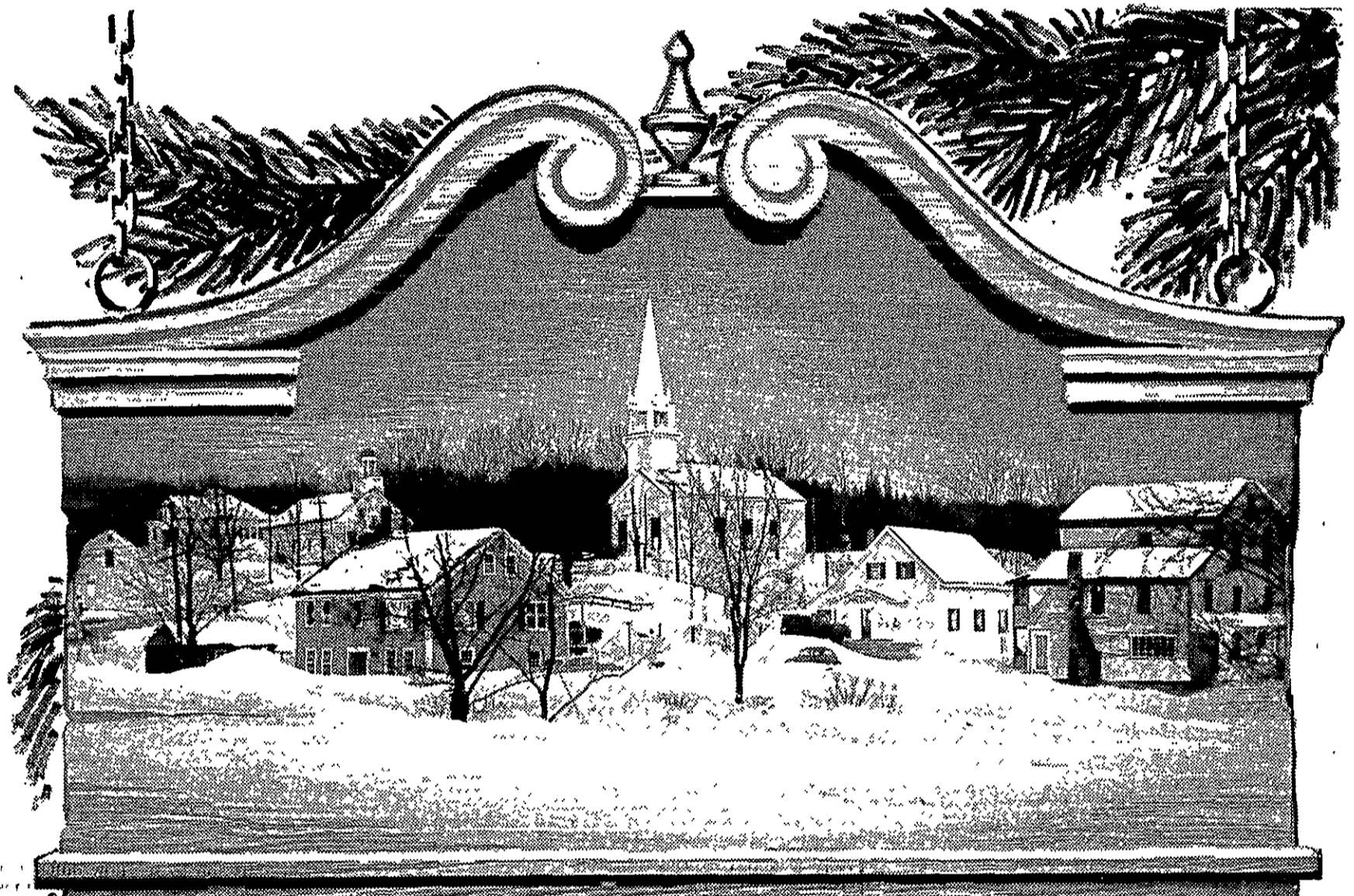
It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring. Sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "Marei panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolomeo Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

A little caution on that holiday trip may save a life—and it could be your own.



GREETINGS

of the Christmas Season

In the quiet dawn of a winter's new day, the Spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, instilling boundless joy and the warm feeling of good will towards all. To our many friends, old and new, we're wishing that this will be the happiest of Christmases, bright and shining with the fulfillment of long-cherished dreams. It is our good fortune to have so many kind friends and patrons ... their friendship is one of our most prized possessions.

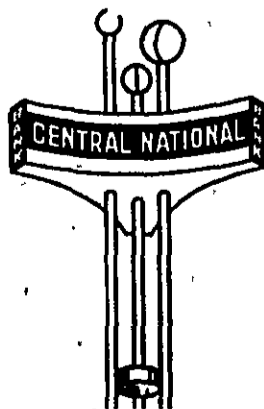
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Wacousta

By MRS. EDWARD KRAFT, Correspondent—Phone 626-6944

MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359 held their public installation Dec. 14 at the Masonic Temple.

Carl Miller, acted as installing officer; Frank Wright, installing marshal; Richard Rosler, installing secretary; and Rollin Noble, installing chaplain. Mrs. Donald Morrow, Mrs. Ronald Brandon and Mrs. Robert Bryant furnished the music and vocal numbers.

The following officers were installed: Tom Turpin, worshipful master; Lewis Babbitt, senior warden; Charles Troop, junior warden; David Schroeder, treasurer; A. Earle Rowland, secretary; Russell Brown, chaplain; Monte Ream, senior deacon; Gary McDonough, junior deacon; Jack Buckmaster; Eldon Dickson, Richard Ackerman and Larry David, stewards; Vaughn Montgomery, marshal and Donald Morrow, tyler.

75 members and guests enjoyed the evening with refreshments served by junior past master Kenneth Mattson and wife in the Temple dining room.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
The Wacousta Community United Methodist Church will have a special service Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Rev and Mrs Dale Spoor will host the adult fellowship class on Dec. 29, at 8 p.m.

Mrs Jay Fuday will entertain her bowling team "Garlock Equipment" for a Christmas party Dec. 19.

Mr and Mrs Paul Garlock returned after spending several days in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr Garlock attended a truck convention. They made the trip by plane.

Wacousta School is out Dec. 20, for a two week vacation. School will start again on Jan. 6.

Mr and Mrs Howard McDonough called on Judd McDonough last Friday evening and found him in the hospital at the Masonic Home in Alma.

19 attended the Watertown-Wacousta Child Study Club dinner and Christmas party last week in Lansing.

Pvt. LeRoy Atherton returned to his Army base Monday in Texas, after spending two weeks at home.

Dr and Mrs A.A. Steiner were both taken to Sparrow Hospital ten days ago. Both are reported improved.

Mrs Ivan Bancroft spent the weekend with the Don Koeppen family near Maple Rapids.

Kincaid District Mrs Porter C. Parks

Mrs Porter Parks and daughters visited Mr and Mrs Jerry Myszak and sons of DeWitt.

Kristal Parks, a member of Sharon Millers Hi-Steppers of DeWitt was in the performance at the Reo Club House Dec. 14 at Lansing.

Tuesday evening Mrs Porter Parks, Mrs Charles Fisher and Kevin, Kristal Parks and Karin Rothstein attended the roller skating party at St. Johns. Mrs Parks and Mrs Fisher then visited Mrs Paul Heller of St. Johns.

Mrs Elmer Brace and Mrs Larry Cook of Brighton visited Mr and Mrs E. J. Brace.

Mr Delmer Brace of Grand Ledge was a Dec. 15 guest of Mr. and Mrs E. J. Brace.

POTATOES INCREASE

The number of uses of potatoes has greatly increased within the last decade. This has reversed a long-time trend in consumption. The state's potato production was nearly 9 million hundredweight in 1967. Adverse weather lowered production and Michigan was twelfth among potato producing states.

CWU meeting Jan. 10

The Church Women United will hold their annual meeting Jan. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in St. Johns. A 10:30 a.m. business meeting with reports, and an election of officers will be held. There will also be a potluck luncheon at noon.

The calendar for the past two years prepared by the officers will be given to each church at the meeting.

World Community Day by the Church Women United was held at the Episcopal Church in St. Johns last month. There were about 75 ladies present who represented 12 different areas of Clinton County.

Rev William H. Work, assistant director of the Lansing council of churches presented a playlet. The cast consisted of Rev Work, Rev John Furmester of Mount Hope Presbyterian Church, Mrs Kent Attemer of St. David's Episcopal Church, and the Rev E. Ramey, pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The play concerned whether people do Christian work among the needy or among the impressive society list. The offering receipts totaled \$48.67. This money is to be used for the training of teachers among the African countries and to bring them here to exchange ideas and gain a better understanding of the country.

From certificate pledges a total of \$123 was collected for blankets, \$12 for yard goods, and \$46 was unassigned to be used where the need was greatest.

One of bank holdup suspects pleads guilty

John C. Green, 27, one of the suspects in the Woodruff State Bank robbery at DeWitt Sept. 16, has pleaded guilty in federal court in Grand Rapids to an armed robbery charge in connection with the holdup.

Green, from Riverdale, was remanded to jail by Judge Noel P. Fox, pending a pre-sentence investigation.

Alan R. Adams Jr. of Flint and Anthony J. Baller, 26, of Warren, also both charged with robbery in the same case, stood mute when arraigned earlier last week and were held in jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond each.

MINT MAKES MONEY

The crop with the highest per pound value of any Michigan crop is mint oil (\$8.60 a pound in 1967). The state used to be a larger producer than now. Last year's income to growers was \$1,237,000. Production of 59,000 pounds of peppermint and 85,000 pounds of spearmint placed the state sixth in the former and third in the latter.

News About Clinton County - Service Personnel

Army Pvt. DANIEL H. KETCHUM is assigned to Company B, 16th Battalion, 4th Brigade, in the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA) at Ft. Knox, Ky. Following the completion of basic training, Pvt. Ketchum, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Ketchum of R-4, St. Johns, will receive at least an additional eight weeks of either advanced instruction or on-the-job training to qualify him in a specialized military skill.

Army Pfc PETER R. VANDERLIN JR., 20, whose parents, Mr and Mrs Leroy Lance live in St. Johns, was assigned Nov. 16 to the 1st Infantry Division in Viet Nam as an infantryman.

Army Pvt. DAVID E. PARKER, son of Mr and Mrs N. Edward Parker of 11441 DeWitt Road, DeWitt, fired expert with the M-14 rifle near the completion of basic combat training at Ft. Knox, Ky., Nov. 29.

The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve on his weapons qualification test.

Army Pvt. FRANK J. PRISKASKY, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Priskasky of 20947 W. Ridge Road, Elsie, was assigned Nov. 20 to the 97th Quartermaster Battalion near Mannheim, Germany, as a truck driver.

Marine Pvt. FRANK A. VAN-AMBURG JR., son of Mrs Jean Van Amburg of 806 N. Clinton Avenue, St. Johns, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, California recently.

He will now undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

Sgt. DANIEL L. BROWN, son of Mrs Dora M. Sawyer of 512 W. Genesee, Lansing, has arrived for duty at Andersen AFB, Guam. Sergeant Brown, an aircraft mechanic, is assigned to a unit of the 1st Marine Service. He previously served at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio.

The sergeant, a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School, is married to the former Betty C. Hodge, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hodge of 310 E. McConnell, St. Johns.

THOMAS JENKINS, son of Mr and Mrs C. Lester Jenkins of St. Johns and husband of the former Janeth Rumbaugh, graduated Friday from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and will be spending the next two weeks here on leave. He will then be assigned to the aircraft carrier USS America out of Norfolk, Va.



SGT. DWIGHT L. KEES

Sgt. Dwight L. Kees, son of Mr and Mrs Berlin Kees of 409 Giles Street, St. Johns, has been stationed near the German town of Bad Hersfeld since last July 4. His address is Sgt. Dwight L. Kees US 54976848, B Btry, 6 Bn 517 Arty. APO New York, N. Y. 09141.

DeWitt gets Legion Post

The newly formed American Legion Post in DeWitt will hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Memorial Building.

At the next meeting to be held on Dec. 23, it will be the last opportunity for members to sign the charter that will be sent to the district commander. Anyone wishing to sign up as a new member or transfer to the DeWitt Post may do so by contacting Lee R. Rummell, post adjutant, on or before Dec. 23.

The post commander is Arthur Newman, 1st vice commander is Lloyd Berkimer, chaplain is Melvin Michelsen, post finance officer is LaVerne Davenport, post service officer is Richard Corwin, Sgt. at arms is Ray Graham, and post adjutant is Lee R. Rummell.

There are presently 25 members signed up. Further information regarding this post is available from Rummell.

Ham is an ever-popular meat derived from pork which brought about \$48 million to Michigan swine producers in 1966. Pork production that year (the latest period for which figures are available) was nearly 208 million pounds for Michigan, Cass, Lenawee, St. Joseph and Branch counties account for nearly 1/4 of the state's total production. Michigan stands seventeenth among producing states.

Mrs Anderson hostess for Woman's club

"Literature" as applied to Christmas was the theme used by Mrs Manning Bross for her program Dec. 4. The meeting of the St. Johns Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs Dorr Anderson.

Mrs Bross read the story of the Nativity from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as given in the King James version of the New Testament, then for contrast the same story as it appears in the latest modern version.

Excerpts from the poems using Christmas as the theme were read from the works of Christina Rossetti, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Jan Struthers, "The First Supper," and "God Bless the Little Things" by Margaret Murray.

A brief description of the characters and of their meeting in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of the Christ-child was given from Norah Loft's book,

"How Far to Bethlehem," and Mrs Bross finished her program by a reading from the chapter called "December," from the autobiography of Louise Andrews Kent which she called "Mrs Applegate and I."

Mrs Rumbaugh, home life and religion chairman, gave her ideas on how to banish the Christmas blues and other thoughts about Christmas observances. She feels that a new approach to Christmas and a new renewal of faith is needed.

A brief business meeting, conducted by the club's vice-president, Mrs Walter Graham, was followed by tea served by Mrs Walter Carter, Mrs Dale Finch and Mrs Manning Bross.

The next meeting of the club will be held Jan 15 at the home of Mrs Alan Dean.

MAPLE SYRUP

Each year on many Michigan farms, maple syrup is the first cash crop. Sap from sugar maples is collected and carefully boiled down into delicious maple syrup. In 1967 Michigan stood sixth in production with 60,000 gallons worth \$366,000 to producers.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

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Stan Cowan Mercury

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Christmas

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Editorial Page

Wednesday, December 25, 1968

Christmas 1968

The magic of the Christmas season is laying its hold upon the land. On city streets silver bells ring calling on us to give help to those less fortunate.

This is a time for children, and it is a time too for all men and women in all lands to remember the wonder of the Lord's birth on the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago.

Let this Christmas be for children—may it bring them the warmth of fire, the smell of a tree, the excitement of waiting for Santa's visit.

Christmas

There's no new story at Christmas, No matter how often it's told, Though often the scenery changes, The plot is the same as of old.

There is no new song at Christmas, To compare with the songs of the day, When Bethlehem's shrine was a manger, In which the young Christ child lay;

There is no gift at Christmas, More precious than God's gift to men, Though treasure uncounted be offered As gifts to His glory again;



TAKING FIVE

Acceptance of ideals

By RON HUARD



Santa Claus. . . .Kris Kringle. . . .Pere Noel. . . . St. Nicholas. . . .whatever the name, this jolly old elf has developed a mythological acceptance and a Christmas tradition that would ruin the hopes of children the world over if one year he were to be absent from the holiday scene.

greater acceptance of others and, like the manger scene, the image of Santa represents a sharing of all that is good and the pleasures of peace and contentment. Not necessarily the pleasures of material satisfactions, but hopeful replies to quests for inner comfort.

Assessments 'unjust,' he'd like comment

To the Editor: We have paid property taxes for 30 years so the people at large could have street and property improvements at a normal fee.

Now the school district is building a new high school on Sickles Street west of Lansing Street and they had to have a special improved street, as we were told by some of the past city officials, but now they are gone.

In 1964 South Lansing Street was improved with curb and gutter and sanitary sewer and the cost to the property owner was \$1.55 per lineal foot for the curb and gutter and \$133.91 per unit for sanitary sewer.

We have 726 lineal feet frontage on Sickles Street and the cost was set at \$6.60 per lineal foot for the curb and gutter which makes a total of \$4,791.60. They classified this frontage as 9 sanitary sewer benefits at a cost of \$375.68 each, which makes a total of \$3,381.12.

We paid the City of St. Johns a grand total of \$8,172.72 which we think is unreasonable, unfair and unjust. Ninety-five per cent or more of the traffic on this street will be to the school, fair grounds, Smith Hall, city park, football field etc.

Letters to the Editor

owners were not invited so we had not one thing to say about the improved street, but just take the punishment and like it. I asked the ex-city manager, the one we had at that time, why we were not invited and he told me that he did not think it was any of our business.

Some of the people on the city council made the remark that we would have property to sell; that may be true in time to come but why should the property owners be punished for their mistakes.

I would like to have some comment on this to see if we are right or wrong on this project that someone else wanted and the property owners had to go along with it.

GEORGE SMITH 800 S. Lansing Street St. Johns, Mich.

STRICTLY FRESH

There's usually plenty of space available for people who let success go to their heads.

The next time the weather seems too bad to tackle an attempt to get to work, recall that the atmosphere around home is going to get pretty grim, too, by day's end.

Our crabby neighbor is a teetotaler, but he has a vintage, white on tap, all the time.

Before heading the fellow who objects to unmarked police vehicles, check the condition of his fenders.

The man with a knack for making money should check the track performance of the Treasury Department before he starts.

'IF IT FITZ . . .' Please pass the pickle juice

By JIM FITZGERALD



This, I guess, will be about pickle juice and blood. The following is the truth, as the parents of any growing boy will probably believe. By actual count, between 5 and 9 p.m. the other evening, our 10-year-old son ate:

- 1 popsicle
5 Oreos cookies
Some pickle juice
Another popsicle
A bottle of red, pop
An apple
Dinner
Another popsicle
A bottle of redder pop
A frozen Milky Way
Another popsicle
More pickle juice
M & M's that did melt in his hand.
A piece of mince pie.
The last popsicle, for which he wrestled his sister.

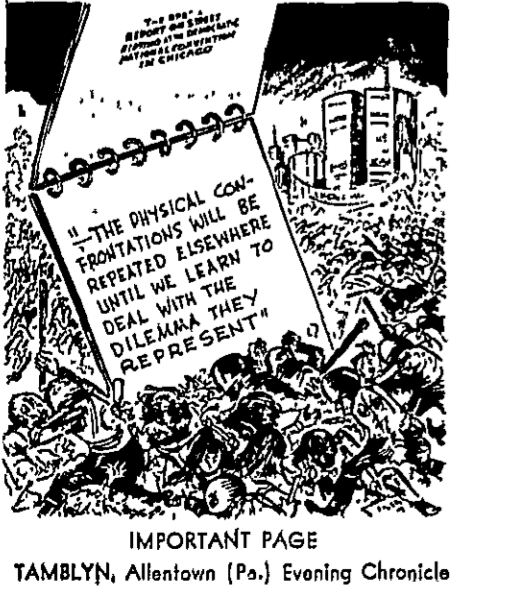
Eddie finally went to bed, slightly peeved because his mother had refused to pop him some popcorn. Other than the sheer quantity, three other things amaze me about Eddie's eating habits: 1) He's skinny; 2) He gets to the kitchen and back so swiftly and sneakily that his sister is almost never able to swipe his seat which is nearer the TV; and 3) The pickle juice He spoons it out of the jar and slurps it with loud delight. I never heard of such a thing before I met Eddie. Is his mother raising some kind of a nut? Dieticians may accuse me of allowing my son to grow worms, or something. Sneren parents might say I'm helping to create a glutton. Certainly, it seems reasonable to wonder how I could sit there and inventory all that food without once sticking out my foot and tripping the little bugger on his way to the refrigerator.

of a friend of mine. This boy can't eat. For many months he has been fed through a hole in his throat. He was grievously wounded in Viet Nam. He is only eight years older than Eddie. And I had just read about the peace talks. A meeting had been tentatively scheduled to discuss the possibility of scheduling an official meeting at which it would be discussed what to talk about at any future peace meetings that might be scheduled. In the meantime, while the stuffed shirts talk in beautiful Paris, the young blood flows into the mud. A parent prays it will never be his son's blood. At the same time he indulgently builds happy memories which may have to last a short, short forever. Old Dad knows the young blood flows red, with or without pickle juice. Make mine with, I can always plead insanity—the insanity of mankind.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

ANTIGO, Wis., JOURNAL: *When has the average youth been given so many years to learn and inquire, so much leisure to explore and experience, so many opportunities to realize his full potential? When have the young ever spoken with such authority and been listened to with such respect? Full of faults America is—but when have the young ever had more chance, and more hope, of doing something about correcting them? Perhaps the prospect is too much for them. Perhaps the fault lies not with the 'system' but with themselves. Perhaps they are simply still too young.

STANTON, Tex., REPORTER: *Cheer up. The world is not as bad off as it may appear. Auto accidents are not increasing as fast as mileage driven is climbing. Airplanes are safer than ever. And only yesterday we read that in 1966 for the first time in modern history not a single fatal street-car accident was reported.



RAMBLIN' WITH RINK Going to the dogs

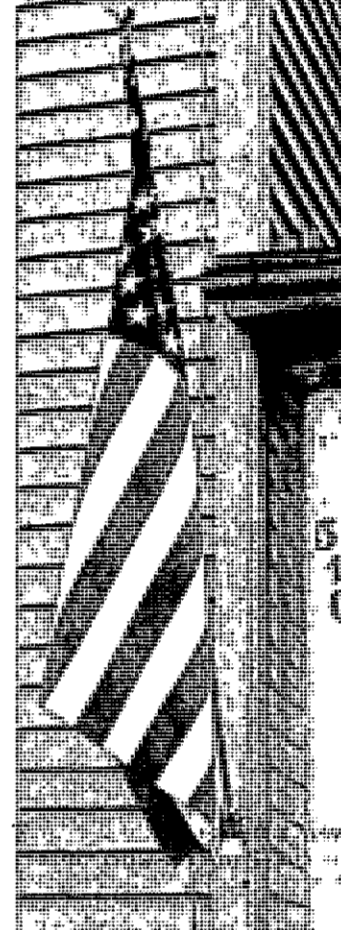
By LOWELL G. RINKER



Dogs are a lot like kids. The little ones like to sit on your lap, they like to get a lot of attention and they seemingly relish the thought of causing inconvenience at the most inopportune time. Our dog's behavioral pattern is probably not unlike most who get the privilege of living in the house with you. Pretty soon they think they own it, or at least a certain portion of it. They make loud noises when people come to visit, even though they don't like to hear other loud noises. Our hound has been with us practically since we moved to St. Johns. She was a country dog, used to running around at will, and we were a bit skeptical about her attitude when we brought her to the confines of a town. But in her old age—she's about 11 years old—she has come to accept the soft life of her own easy chair and a square meal a day as a reward. She sleeps most of the time—in her easy chair in the living room when we're at home and frequently on the forbidden couch and the forbidden bed in the bedroom when we're gone. She hasn't become possessive of the couch and bed yet, but that chair in the living room is

hers and she means to keep it. A visitor to the house the other night made a move to sit down in the chair, and the dog, halfway across the room, quickly jogged across and hopped up. She will share the chair with anybody, but she'll usually voice a loud groan to let you know she's not at all pleased. If somebody happens to get the chair and refuses to allow the dog up with him, she will turn her back on the person and lie down on the floor in front of the chair and sulk. She's just like a child. A father can hardly get in the door and she is underfoot seeking special attention before old dad can even get his coat off. If you forget to pat her and talk to her, she'll hop up in her chair and pout. She likes to sit on your lap, just like your daughter. There are few times she won't when she can, and there are times she will when she can't. Just like a kid.

And while your daughter always waits until you're comfortably in bed before she hollers out for a drink of water or covers, the dog will usually wait until you are in bed, or at least undressed, before she'll want to go outdoors. This is quite a traumatic experience for human beings at our house. When the dog goes outdoors, she is tied up with a rope around a post on the front porch. In the immediate vicinity of the post are another post, a pine tree and a rose bush whose prickly branches clutch at ropes. Whenever we have the foresight to let the dog out before we get ready for bed, she will studiously avoid the pitfalls of the bush and tree and will be able to come right up to the door and scratch to get in. Whenever we have to let her out after we're ready for bed, or in cold, rainy weather, she will become hopelessly tangled up to the extent that we have to about catch our death of cold or else get dressed again to make the rescue. But to a much lesser extent, she is a member of the family just like the daughter, so we put up with a lot of malarkey just to have her around. We've even come to overlook dog hair in our food, on our clothes, on the bed. —rink



They fly our flag

Mr and Mrs Lynn Smith and family fly the flag at 510 W. Cass Street, St. Johns.

Back Thru the Years

Interesting Items from the Files of the Clinton County News

10 YEARS AGO (Dec. 25, 1958) Phillip F. Welsh, 17-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Russell Welsh, was killed in a one car accident on West State Street at 12:15 a.m. Officers were at a loss to explain how the accident occurred. Other drivers following the car said he was traveling about 65 miles per hour. The car skidded for 90 feet, hit several trees and the youth was thrown out of the car. Wreckermen said they had never seen a car so completely demolished. Vincent Hengesbach was freed and the jury dismissed in the murder trial being held here in St. Johns. He had been accused of killing his stepmother. The jury was deadlocked, 6 to 6 after more than 30 hours of deliberation.

25 YEARS AGO (Dec. 23, 1943) Over 80 employees of the Triangle Engineering Co. enjoyed a fine turkey dinner in the dining room at the Steel Hotel on Monday evening. Russell D. Allman of Detroit was the guest speaker. Robert Kerns assisted by Miss Ruth Stanley gave one of the finest high school Christmas musical programs ever presented. Miss Brunetta Mazzolini, soloist, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Ave Maria." Stage settings were done by Janet Osgood, Mei Lou Foo, Miss Martha Duffer, and Leon Carpenter.

A national paper drive was started by the federal government. They said the need was urgent for 100 tons of waste paper. They asked the children to deliver it. The paper is used to wrap gun casings, food, and has many other uses. The paper shortage is the result of lack of labor in upper Michigan and Canada where the large paper mills are located. So many men have gone to war that many of the mills have been forced to close. Dr. Bates of Ovid will lead Uncle Sam's paper drive in Clinton County.

50 YEARS AGO (Dec. 26, 1918) Corp. Matt Stevens was awarded the distinguished service cross for extraordinary bravery in action. The people rested their case in the Brennan case. The defense is now trying to prove an alibi and discredit the people's witnesses. There have been 11 deaths in St. Johns since the influenza epidemic started. If there is any change in St. Johns and the county, the situation seems to be gradually improving. The doctors are at a loss to know the cause of the disease or what to do, for in many cases people are taken desperately ill and die in a short time, in spite of all that can be done for them. It is greatly to be hoped that another week will see a marked improvement.

Yule Music Blends Joy, Reverence

Across the centuries, man has looked to music to express his happy feelings at Christmas time.

From the medieval "Hail, Mary, full of grace" and "Mervel nought, Josef" to the modern "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," songs have been a favorite part of Christmas celebrations.

In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

There are merry songs, celebrating the jolly mood of the Yuletide, such as the time-honored "Deck the Halls," or the modern "Rudolph" and "Frosty the Snowman."

Composers Inspired...

Famous composers have found in Christmas inspiration for some of their most renowned music. At Christmas, and Easter, too, people gather to hear performances of Handel's "Messiah," Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are other examples of "serious" music often specially performed at Christmas.

Twentieth century composers, too, have written music around Christmas themes. Probably the most familiar example is Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera commissioned for television and performed annually. "Homegrown" Christmas Cantata and Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" are other notable examples.

To Honor St. Basil...

Since the herald angels sang, bringing "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching their flocks, the people of many lands have contributed to the history of Christmas hymns and carols.

In the fourth century, St. Basil the Great of Greece emerged victorious in his struggle for Christianity with the Byzantine Emperor Julian. To celebrate this victory, musical poems or "cantatas" were sung in his honor.

The first day of the New Year is still celebrated as St. Basil's day in Greece, and children receive their "Christmas" gifts on that day.

In Tudor Times...

In England during Tudor times, Christmas celebrations began on All Saints' Day, November 1, and continued until Candlemas, on February 2. "The Lord of Misrule" acted as master of ceremonies at the Yuletide festivities.

Much of the music for all this merrymaking was extemporaneous. Many songs were passed, on by word of mouth from generation to generation — songs such as "The Boar's Head Carol," referring to the "boar" or pig which was traditional at the Yule feast, and "The First Nowell."

For Family's Christmas Fun

Little Prune People Bring Good Luck

From the South of Germany comes a centuries-old custom of making "Little Prune People" for Christmas decorating and eating.

Legend has it that the appearance of these "little people" in the home during the holiday season will bring good luck and good harvest during the coming year. They take on characterizations of people of all ages and occupations, including St. Nicholas himself.

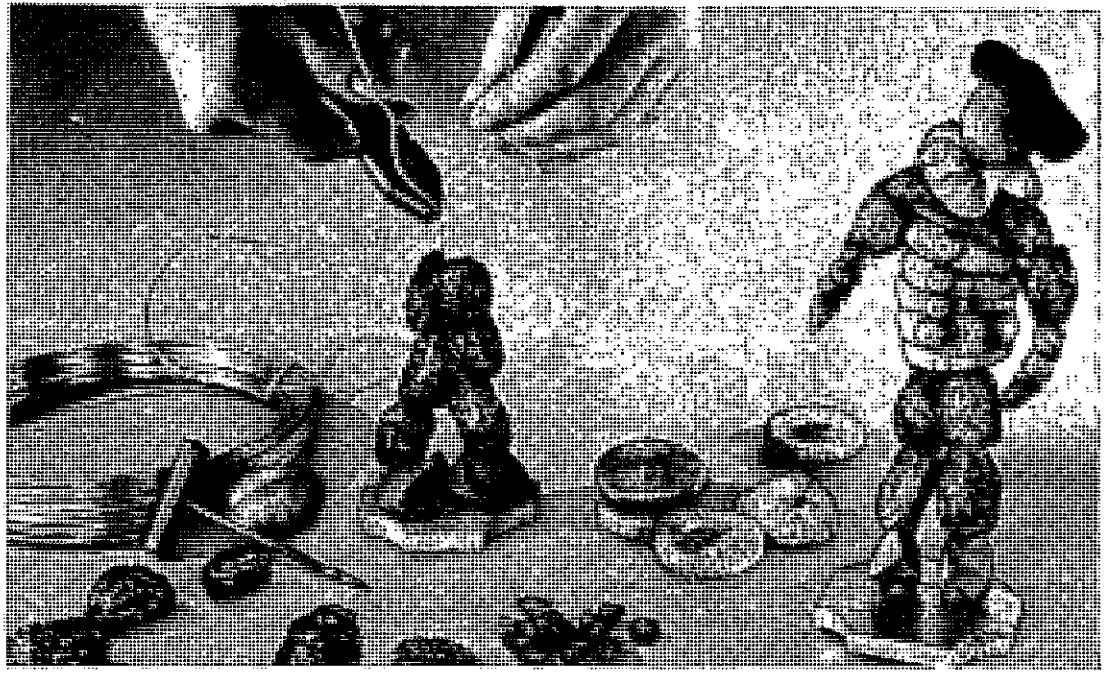
If Dad has some heavy wire and some scraps of plywood in his workshop, and if fruits and nuts are on hand (as they usually are at Christmas), almost any family could make some "lucky little prune people" this Yuletide. For groups large or small, planned or impromptu parties, the creation of prune people could be an enjoyable Christmas Day pastime.

Most people will quickly come up with their own ideas for prune characters they would like to create. The characterizations are limited only by the imagination and the materials that can be used.

Traditional materials used to create "prune people" are: heavy picture wire, prunes, dried figs and raisins, unshelled nuts, quarter-inch plywood scraps or wood scraps from crates, pliers, hammer, small awl, foil, scraps of Christmas wrapping, glue and a little imagination.

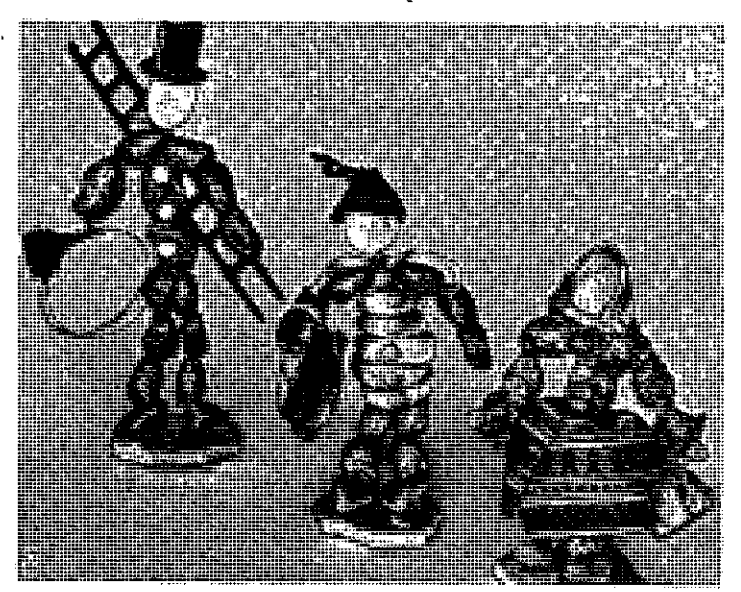
To make prune people, follow these steps:

1. Cut a three-inch square wooden base. Make two holes one inch apart in center of base and cover with paper or foil.
2. Cut wire 30" long and put each end through holes in bottom of base. The base will now stand with wire perpendicular and ready to string on nuts or prunes.
3. Punch hole through two Brazil nuts and string wire through holes to form feet and glue nuts to wooden base.
4. String two or three prunes on each wire for legs. Then twist two strands of wire around each other to form one



PRUNE PEOPLE BRING luck during the coming year, legend says. They are easy to make with ingredients most families have on hand at Christmas time — prunes, figs, Brazil nuts, together with plywood scraps, picture wire and scraps of such decorative materials as foil and gift wrapping paper.

SOME CHARACTERS that might be created from prunes and other ingredients are shown at right. The chimney sweep is pruned from neck to toe. His ladder and hat are made from shiny black construction paper. He and his companions, the Tyrolean prune couple, stand on a three-inch wooden base covered with foil. Each has Brazil nuts glued to the base for feet, and a walnut for a head.



strand so that body can be made from prunes or figs (five or six figs or two or three prunes).

5. Twist strands of wire again to hold torso in place at neck. Then separate wires and bend down arms. Make arms of prunes, adding raisins for cuffs or hands, snip off extra wire and bend into loop to

hold fruit in place.

6. For the head, make small hole in end of walnut and insert short piece of wire in walnut — just far enough to hold head in place, using balance of wire to wrap around wire that forms body of figure.

7. With scraps of cloth, thumb tacks, small balls of foil or raisins and a little creative thought, dress the little prune figures.

"NIGHT OF CAKES"

In Ireland, Christmas Eve is often called the Night of Cakes. This name is based on the custom, still practiced, of baking special Christmas Eve cakes spiced with caraway seeds.

Distinguished Scholar Had Doubts About Famous Christmas Poem

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," begins the familiar poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Today, this poem is a treasured part of the lore of Christmas, often quoted and published at the Yuletide season.

Surprisingly, the poet who created it was far from proud of his work.

A distinguished Biblical scholar and professor of divinity, Dr. Clement Clark Moore wrote the poem for the amusement of his children at Christmas in 1822. A visitor in the home at the time copied it and had it published a year later in the Troy Sentinel.

The poem appeared anonymously, because Dr. Moore felt that he, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

For more than 20 years, he refused to take credit for the poem. In 1844 the poem was published and for the first time credited to its creator, Clement Clark Moore.

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 gorges, noisy, because Dr. Moore felt that he, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe the Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving...

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally

observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair.

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauentirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting...

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Experience ripens judgment—it teaches to live and let live.

Greetings

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By Mrs Irene Fox

The Handi Club had their pre-Christmas potluck at the home of Mr and Mrs Philip Schiska Friday evening. Those attending were Mrs Lou Shoemaker, Mary Ann Wood, Betty Jandernoa, Mable Cook, Amelia Fox, Dorothy Schiska, Donna Cook, Pauline Cook of Lansing, Glenn Bennett, Vi Barkus, Mildred Kimbel, Magge Sturm, Martha Sturm, Beverly Schafer and Yvonne Robinson. Pedro was played for the evening's entertainment Mrs Beverly Schafer received first prize and Mrs Betty Jandernoa second prize. The mystery package went to Mrs Pauline Cook of Lansing. An exchange of Christmas gifts followed.



Early Paintings Tell the Christmas Story —And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world. Mid-15th-century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate details of humble peasants adorning the Christ Child, true-to-life stable animals and even blacksmiths working in the background of the manger.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, crisscrossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing — and a treatment new to the times.

Another "Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere. Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground — typical Renaissance forms, the work of Fra Filippo.

Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity," also in the National Gallery, the Flemish artist Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting, formerly they had been used only in glazes for tempera paintings.

A study of "The Nativity" shows that the figures of Petrus' painting are very natural and realistic. Joseph is an ordinary Flemish peasant, the Christ Child a lifelike newborn Baby. Space perspective, too, begins to show a more realistic treatment. To achieve greater realism, these 15th century artists became the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even undertaking anatomical studies.

Thus, as the darkness of the Middle Ages faded, artists, in more than one way, spread the light of the Renaissance.

'O Holy Night' in Art



Cards Have Clue To History Of Gift Giver

Greeting card history offers a clue to Santa evolution as a holiday symbol.

The theme of Santa Claus was conspicuously absent from most nineteenth century Christmas cards, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross Historical Collection. Early cards frequently favored children and flowers.

When Santa did appear occasionally on a greeting card, it was generally in the form of a dour, rather sad-faced Father Christmas, robed in a monk's blue garb and long gray beard, or as "Saint Santa," a semi-religious figure developed from St. Nicholas.

These were a far cry from the rotund, red-cheeked Santa depicted on Christmas greeting cards of today.

The modern Santa, fat and friendly, began to emerge at the turn of the century, and about 1909 he appears on a Christmas card. Here he is shown mounted on a hobby horse, rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

The card shows him wearing the now-familiar red jacket, but his trousers still were blue. His stern expression, however, has given way to a slight whimsical smile, brightening his white-bearded, cherub-like face.

The concept of the reindeer sleigh was a still later addition in greeting card history. The early Santa walked with a wheelbarrow or carried his toys in a straw basket attached to his back, or rode a horse.

Today, a jolly Santa Claus, his originally blue robe changed to red, and riding his now traditional reindeer sleigh, is a dominating Christmas card theme.



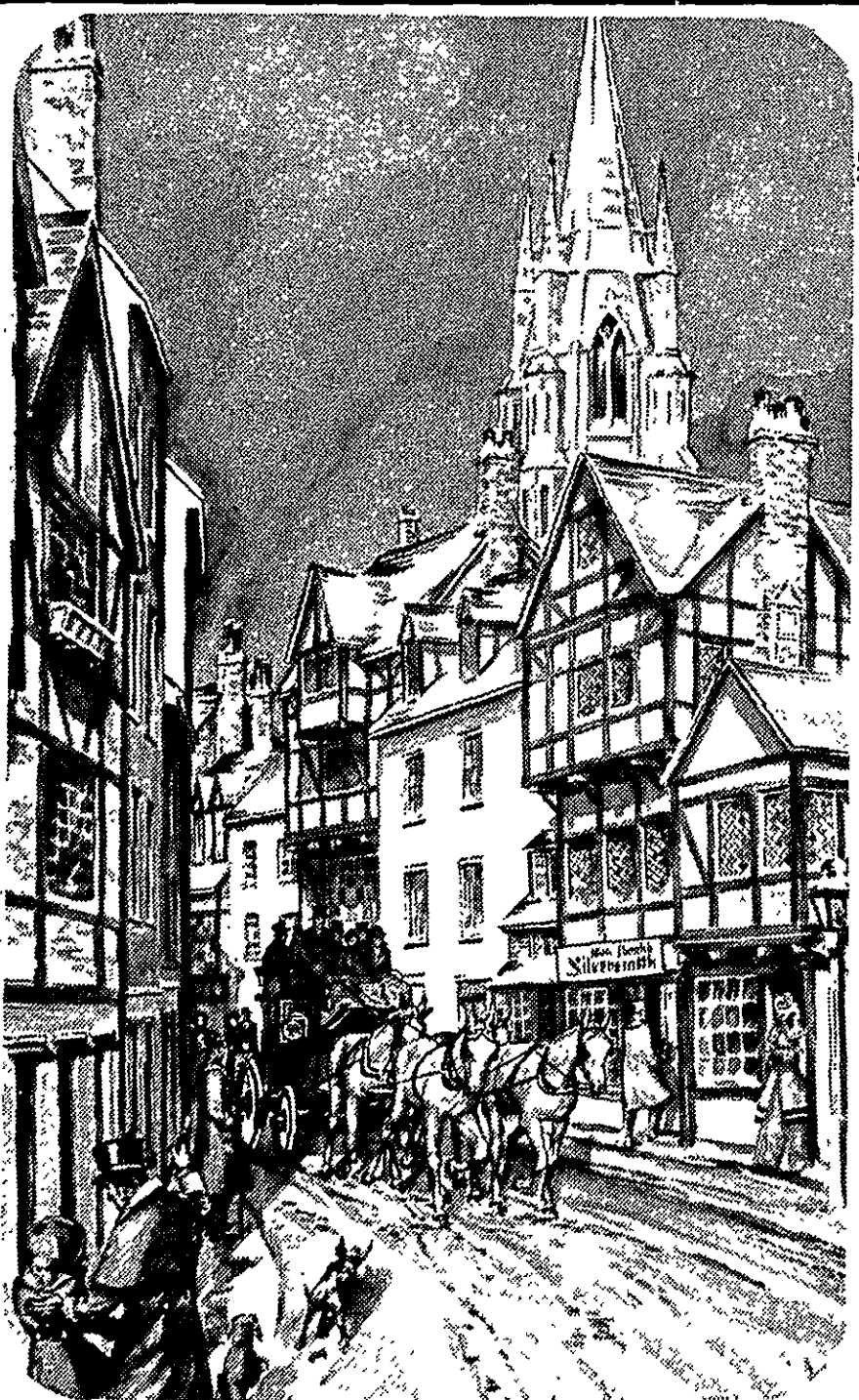
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From 'Nativity' To 'Adoration'

AS THESE PAINTINGS tell the story of the first Christmas, they also reflect the world of the early Renaissance, in advanced techniques and a newly-lifelike mode of art. All are from the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

"THE NATIVITY" above was painted by Flemish artist Petrus Christus about 1440-50. From the Mellon Collection.

"ADORATION OF the Magi," upper is the work of Giovanni di Paolo, a 15th century Sienese. Mellon Collection.

TWO ARTISTS painted this "Adoration of the Magi," (lower right) begun by Fra Angelico and completed by Fra Filippo Lippi about 1445. Samuel H. Kress collection.

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New Suits Started

ERNEST E. CARTER
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Robert L. Lawrence and Beverly Ann Lawrence vs. Richard S. Dougherty and Charles R. Snider.

Dale Dibble and Allen Dale Dibble vs. Clare Alwyn Guenther and Laingsburg Oil Co., a Division of Byron Elevator Inc.

Francis D. Roberts vs. Clifford H. Loesch, Elsie Machine Co. Inc., a Michigan Corp. vs. Prairieville Farm and Industry Supply Co.

Natalie J. Dean, Paul H. Dean, individually next friend Debra Dean vs. Alfred Kirkey and Robert W. Kirkey.

In the matter of petition of Michigan State Highway Commission for condemnation of private property for highway purposes in DeWitt Twp.

In the matter of the petition of Robert Alan Randolph.

Lawrence J. Mc Ginnity and Marie C. Mc Ginnity vs. Estate of Frank E. Burtraw deceased.

New Business Firms

Dec. 17: Clinton Land Company, 115 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, Bruce Lanterman, 210 W. State Street, and Robert H. Wood, 107 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns.

Marriage Licenses

Marvin Neil Foster, 22, 16950 Tower Avenue, East Lansing and Betty Jean Stanlake, 20, 103 Brittain, Lansing.

Pedro Riojas Jr., 25, 208 Lewis Street, St. Johns and Shera Lynn Wright, 18, R-1, Osseo, Michigan.

Probate Court

HON. TIMOTHY M. GREEN
Judge of Probate

HELENA M. BURK
Register of Probate

Thursday, January 2, 1969

Ester Pauline Moore, probate of will.

Arla M. Raby, final account.

Lewis Hunt, appointment of administrator.

Clyde E. Morrill, probate of will.

County Building Permits

Roy J. Wilson, R-1, Elsie, addition to dwelling and new garage.

Richard Bragdon, Bath, dwelling and garage.

Ina B. Schmidt, 2510 E. South Street, Eureka, unattached garage.

Robert Myers, R-1, DeWitt, dwelling and garage.

Real Estate Transfers

(From records in office of Register of Deeds)

Dec. 11: Donna M. Wolverton to Vincent P. and Barbara Kiefer, property in DeWitt twp.

Dec. 11: Clifford L. and Harriet Squier to Mary M. Gore, property in Ovid.

Dec. 11: Richard R. and Joan Stausy to Ronald D. and Maxine Matson, property in Greenbush twp.

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Life With The Ripples



By Les Carroll



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



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"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.

'EVER-BLOOMING' STORY OF THE XMAS ROSE

When Christ was born in Bethlehem kings from far-away lands came bearing gifts of great rarity and value. Everyone within sight and sound of the event came and brought gifts of one kind or another . . . the shepherds brought little new-born lambs as their humble offering.

Off to a corner, unnoticed, huddled a little shepherdess, named Madelon, who wept because she had no gift for the Baby.

As her tears fell to the stable ground a miracle came to pass: small, lovely blooms sprang up among the tears; Madelon quickly gathered them and ran to show the Child the beautiful flowers.



Little Jesus touched the blooms with his tiny fingers and behold! the petals flushed rosy pink! This was the Christmas rose.

'Tis said that to this day, every year, when Christmas comes (and not until that day) the Christmas Rose blooms abundantly, in celebration of the Holy Birthday.

The Christmas Rose in itself is a great gift for the World, as it was on that hallowed day, many, many years ago . . . as was the Holy Child, to all mankind, for all time.

Kris Kringle is not a German term for Santa Claus. The name is a modification of "Kristkind," who according to German legend, is a white-robed angel — a messenger of the Infant Jesus, bringing gifts to children.

For Feasting

Good food is traditional at Christmas, and the special treats provided for the season include almost everything, ranging from baked carp in Austria to roast pig in Hawaii.

In France, it's traditional to serve a Christmas supper after midnight mass, but the main dish varies according to the section of the country — roast goose in Alsace, turkey in Burgundy oysters and sausages in Paris.

England has a mouth-watering array of traditional dishes for Christmas feasting, among them plum pudding. As the pudding is being prepared, it's customary for each member of the family to stir it, making a wish for the New Year.

In Germany, the people bake long cakes for Christmas. The cakes are meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Spirit of Giving Lives In Colorful Tradition

The traditional spirit of giving that's world-wide at Christmastime takes on a special form and meaning in French Quebec. This year, as every year, will see the enactment of a masquerade known as "La Guignolee," to benefit all the poor of Quebec.

"La Guignolee" was begun by the first French colonists who settled in Quebec. But historians date the custom to the Druidic rite which celebrated the arrival of a new year: the cutting — with golden scythes — and the gathering of mistletoe that grew in the sacred forests.

Dress Like Trappers

The French version of "La Guignolee" has been kept alive for modern Quebec by such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves a door-to-door collection for the poor by "Les Guignoleurs."

Since 1901, the role of "Les Guignoleurs" has been played by members of the Commercial Travelers Club of Quebec, Inc.

These modern businessmen dress like the Canadian trappers of old, with their red knit caps and colorful sashes. Singing the song of "La Guignolee," they approach each householder with a long, red woolen stocking, to be filled by gifts for the poor.

"Les Guignoleurs" of early Quebec had a very different method of attaining their goal. Arriving at the homes of the villagers, they sang a song that asked for a contribution or threatened the abduction of the eldest daughter of the household.

The master and mistress of the house, or someone repre-

senting them, then opened the door and allowed "Les Guignoleurs" to enter.

Gifts were placed in a bag and later emptied into a cart that followed along behind them through the village, accompanied by a swarm of children and dogs.

Sometimes, when two different groups of "Les Guignoleurs" met, a fight ensued and the treasures of one cart would fill up the cart of the winners.

Originally, food and clothing as well as money was collected. But for the past twenty years it has been only money, and the generous people of Quebec have contributed as much as \$30,000 for the poor.

The money is deposited in a bank, and checks are issued to the parish priests of the city, who use the money to aid all the needy, regardless of religious denomination.



CHEERFUL GREETINGS

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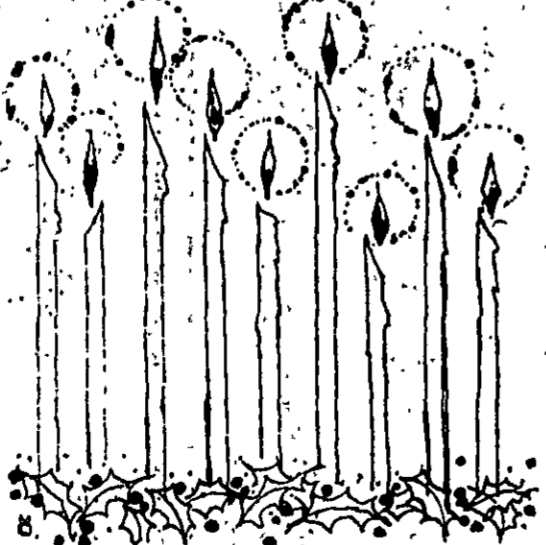
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No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more

memory of Christmas past. Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments. Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags. The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so, many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a

myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Pastor Wrote To Please Children

"Up on the Housetops" is a happy Christmas song written by an Ohio pastor, Benjamin Hanby, in 1864.

Believing that music was a part of religion, he held weekly songfests for children in New Paris, Ohio. Since he was short of money, when the children needed a new song, he wrote it himself.

The song, which tells the joys of going "up on the housetops" and "down through the chimney with good Saint Nick" to the "click, click, click" of reindeer hooves, gained early popularity.

Its origin, however, was lost when the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root, publishers of the song, burned. Credit for the authorship was not restored until after Hanby's death.

In South Pacific

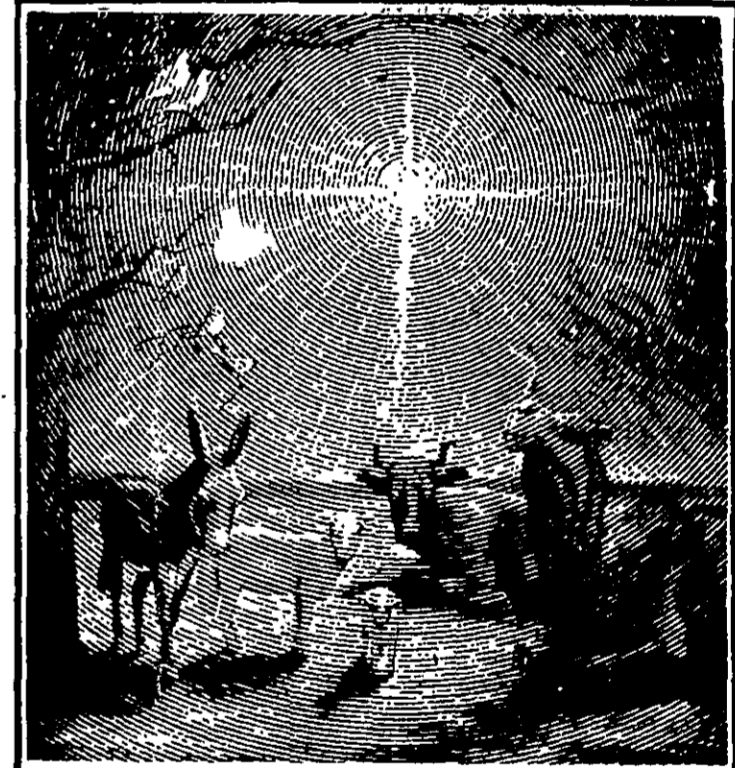
For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

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MS White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old-fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.



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NATIVITY SCENE IN BAS RELIEF adorns a marble pulpit in the Church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy. The early-Renaissance work was completed and placed in the church only after a court dispute by two families, both of whom claimed the rights to the pulpit.

Famous People Call Yule Their Birthday

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1821, a baby girl was born in the Massachusetts village of Oxford. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these four births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day, and grew up to become a famous person. According to the Book of Knowledge, these well-known "Christmas babies" were Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

Founder of Red Cross

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

In Salvation Army

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London, and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas—as well as many other

days—ministering to the needs of American doughboys in France. The word "dough-boy" stems from the celebrated Salvation Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

Known for Paintings

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on December 23, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but throughout his life.

Ironically, reproductions of many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards.

Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

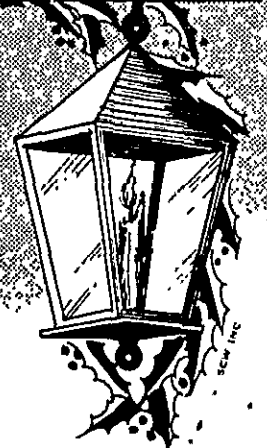
Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

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Florentine Art Tells Story of Christ Child

In the Dominican church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy, stands a pulpit of white marble which bears, in bas relief, scenes from the story of Christ's life on earth—the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple.

Like many a building in famous Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, this ancient church is rich in the treasures of art and history, and both art and history combine in the story of the white marble pulpit, a story that lives across the years.

The pulpit first was placed in its present situation, on a column of the west aisle, in 1448. Early Renaissance theories of art are reflected in the bas reliefs. For instance, the Nativity scene presents lifelike figures with the warmth of humanity, rather than the more stylized, ornate forms that a sculptor of an earlier era might have chosen to create. Families "Feuded!"

Full of very human feeling, too, is the story of how the pulpit came to be created—the story of a "feud" between two great families.

The Rucellai family undertook to have the pulpit designed, executed and placed in the church, and Filippo Brunelleschi, the first great architect of the Italian Renaissance, was commissioned to design it.

Brunelleschi is best known for his design of the octagonal ribbed dome of the Florence cathedral. Among his other works are the Pazzi chapel, the churches of San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito and the Pitti Palace, all in Florence.

Designing the pulpit for the Rucellai family may have been one of Brunelleschi's last works, for the Florentine architect died in 1448, two years before the pulpit was completed and placed in the church.

Maestro Lazzaro, history says, was the sculptor chosen to execute Brunelleschi's design.

Chained Column
 Up to this point, there is nothing unusual in the story of the pulpit. It was common in those days for parts of a church to become the "appropriation" of a particular family.

For instance, the chapel within the church of Santa Maria Novella, where the pulpit was to be placed, was the property of the Pasquai family. The Rucellai simply claimed one pillar or column within the chapel, and no objection

was recorded by the Pasquai. The Minerbetti family, however, felt differently. When the pulpit was completed and ready to be put up on the column, representatives of the Minerbetti came forward with the claim that this particular column belonged to them.

Decided in Court
 The matter was taken before a court composed of Bishop Antonio of Florence and other judges. The only proof that the Minerbetti could offer to substantiate their claim was that their family arms stood painted over the column.

The court ruled that the Rucellai could place the pulpit in the church, on condition that the Rucellai would remove it whenever the Minerbetti agreed to replace it with a pulpit of equal or greater value.

How was the "feud" decided? What the Minerbetti did is not recorded, but, clearly, one thing they didn't do was to replace the pulpit. Lazzaro's bas reliefs continue to tell their stories of the Christ Child, and in the base of the pulpit, triumphantly placed for all to see, is the coat of arms of the Rucellai family.

Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

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