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PARTICIPATING IN THE CHRISTMAS pageant at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, on December 22nd, will be these three church members. From left, playing the part of the Wiseman is Mark Hallman, David Stewart, as the shepherd with Janice Logan playing the angel.



Jim's Jottings

I think maybe I'll help some people make out their requests to Santa. He may have already heard from some of these people, since he is apparently their only hope.

How about sending a new shortstop to Tiger coach Ed Mayo?

I think Mayor Cavanaugh would like a new public relations man.

Send the Lions 11 offensive giants and another Ricky LaBeau. That last one is a taller order. I doubt if there can be two like him.

I think Spiro Agnew would like a new public relations man.

Send Lt. Gov. William G. Milliken some grey hair dye for his temples before his youthful appearance gets him the tag, "Boy Governor".

Add conscience and fair play to the court ruling on the "true cash value" definition handed down by the court in assessing property.

Give us modern music with a different beat.

Find Hubert Humphrey a job.

Give all elected officials a 6-month tour of duty in the rice paddies of Vietnam.

Line up 3 coaches for the Pistons to go through next year.

Let the world further acknowledge that Gordie Howe is the greatest living athlete.

Take away the new name, Department of Natural Resources, and give us back Conservation Department.

Since our state law makers are the second highest paid in the land, make them at least second best law makers in the land.

Let Oakland County operate one year on a legitimate budget and see if taxes can't be rolled back when the slush fund is eliminated.

Put television on a pay-as-you-watch basis and make it high enough for us to convince the kids we can't afford it.

Make it a mild winter. We don't have a snowmobile.

Let America develop its own flu and not be dependent on

Asia.

I think Jim's Jottings could use a new public relations man.

May everyone's Christmas be merry.

Father wins custody hearing

He had to drive through the snow and ice of a Minnesota blizzard in one of his six round trips from Duluth to the Oakland County Probate Court to do it, but Richard Lewis won temporary custody of his two daughters from his former wife.

Mrs. Florence Lewis, 30, was convicted of child cruelty October 7, along with Paul Maczko, 58, of 9052 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, with whom Mrs. Lewis and five children had been living.

The couple were sentenced to two years probation after being convicted of chaining two of Mrs. Lewis' children to a beam in the garage at the Maczko residence last year.

Richard Lewis, 32, the father of the children, was granted temporary custody of his two daughters, Catherine, 8; and Bernadette, 6, by Probate Judge Norman Barnard after a four-and-a-half-hour closed session Wednesday.

Two car fires

Two simultaneous car fires called the Independence Township Fire Department out of bed early Wednesday morning.

The first fire was called in at about 3:15 a.m., December 18. The fire was in an \$8,000 ambulance owned by Fleet Ambulance on U.S.-10 Waterford.

It was set intentionally by someone throwing an ignited fussee into the front seat of the ambulance, according to assistant fire chief Tink Ronk. A fussee is a phosphorous stick which burns, and is used primarily by police to direct traffic.

Damage done to the vehicle amounted to the front seat, floor mats, and wiring, although there was smoke damage throughout. There was also possible damage to the two-way radio, the fire report stated.

The second fire occurred when a car owned by Harold Fitch, 5744 Hummingbird, backfired through the carburetor.

The damage done to the car was total, according to the fire report. It was valued at \$1,000.

Lewis' oldest son, Fred, 10, has been in his custody since he moved from his apartment into a five bedroom home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Ricky, 9, remains in the Oakland County Children's Village. "Right now he is anti-everything. All he wants to do is fight everything," Lewis said.

"The judge thought he'd be better off in the juvenile home, where he'll have the strict supervision he'll need," the Duluth Maintenance Mechanic said.

The youngest son, Joseph, 5, remains with his mother, who was awarded his custody during the divorce proceedings.

Lewis made the 1,700-mile round trip from Duluth to Pontiac six times over the last 15 months. The first five times, he was confronted with court delays.

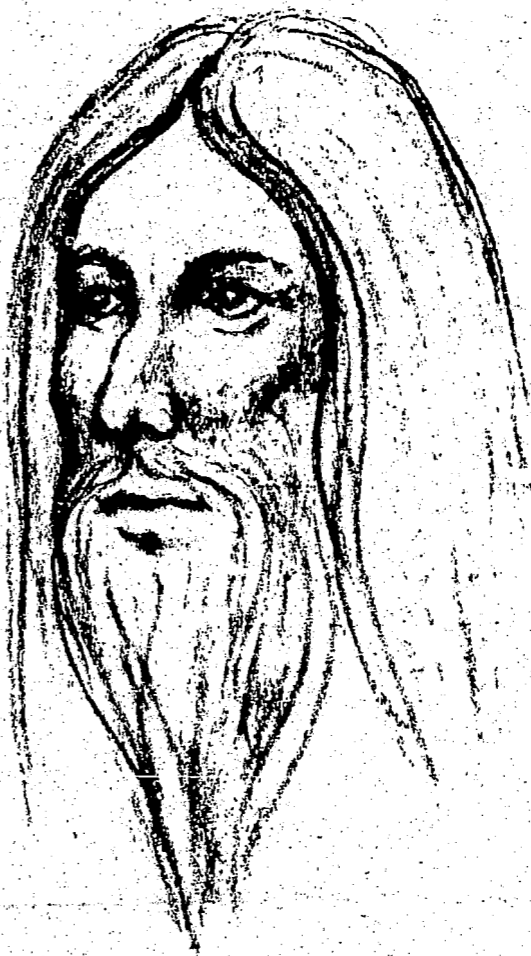
But he says he isn't ready to give up yet. He intends to go on fighting until he is awarded permanent custody of the children, he said.



Abraham Lincoln



Martin Luther King



C.J. Cleveland



John F. Kennedy

*"And if our blood alone
Will melt this iron earth,
Take it. It is well spent
Easing a savior's birth."*

Cecil Day Lewis, 1904—, "Tempt Me No More," stanza 7



Appear elsewhere

District court to be here

The newly elected 52nd District Judges, Martin Boyle, Gerald E. McNally, and Robert Shipper, in conjunction with the Oakland County Board of Auditors have announced the locations of their District Court, and have included in their plans provisions for scheduled court appearances in several locations within each elected division.

Gerald E. McNally, elected in 2nd Division of the 52nd District which includes Townships of White Lake, Pontiac, Independence, Springfield, Brandon, Groveland, and Holly is located in the Independence Township Hall, along with scheduled appearances in the Townships of White Lake, Holly and possibly Pontiac Township.

A primary location was cho-

sen for each court, on the basis of population, accessibility and



GERALD McNALLY

availability of office space. The scheduled appearances in additional locations were based on anticipated need, population and accessibility.

The 1963 Michigan constitution provided for creation for the new District Court and at the same time, abolished the Justices of the Peace and the Circuit Court Commissioners. The three elected District Judges replace 33 Justices of the Peace.

The District Court has exclusive jurisdiction up to \$3,000 in Civil Cases and jurisdiction over all misdemeanors including those which carry a maximum term of 2 years incarceration. The District Judge will also conduct all preliminary

exams in felony cases.

The District Court provides for a six man jury in both Civil and Criminal Cases, a unanimous verdict is required in criminal cases, while a verdict of 5 or 6 jurors is required in Civil Cases.

Proceedings in the District Court will be recorded on a mechanical recording device. Any appeal from the District Court will be recorded on a mechanical recording device. Any appeal from the District Court will be an appeal on the record and will not require the recalling of all the witnesses in the appellate Court as was the case in the Justice Courts.

The statute creating the District Court provides for a ma-

gistrate whose function will be to accept pleas to lesser traffic violations, assume the duties of the Circuit Court Commissioner, provided the magistrate is an Attorney, issue the arrest warrants, issue search warrants, and fix bail.

The primary function of the Circuit Court Commissioner was to schedule and conduct hearings in landlord, tenant eviction cases, conduct land contract and lease foreclosures and sell mortgage property pursuant to the order of the Circuit Court. The function is now assumed by the District Court Magistrate.

Ladies bring children's toys

Ladies of the Howes Jets, Thursday afternoon bowling league brought a toy to bowling last week. These toys are being donated to the Jaycees of Clarkston and Waterford.

Mrs. Jean Sabat is handling Waterford and Mrs. Margaret Darling for Clarkston.

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obituaries

Gerald Fortin

Service was held Monday, December 23, at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville, for Gerald L. Fortin, 9770 Sashabaw. He died December 19 following a long illness. He was 49.

Mr. Fortin was a sample inspector at General Motors Truck and Coach, Pontiac. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church and a life member of the National Rifleman's Association.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his mother, Mrs. Catherine Fortin of Pontiac; three children, Douglas of Pontiac, Jan of Anchorage, Alaska, and Lori at home; two brothers, Julian of Clarkston, and Robert of Utah; two sisters, Mrs. Rhoy Johnson and Mrs. Vernon DuRussel; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements for burial in Lakeview Cemetery following the service, were made by Sharpe-Goyette Funeral Home.

Benjamin Matlock

Benjamin J. Matlock, 8005 Circle Drive, died Tuesday, December 17. A former disposal operator for the City of Pontiac, he was 66.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; a son, Odis of Clarkston; four daughters, Mrs. Eugene Brooks and Mrs. Clifford Hale of Ortonville, Mrs. Fred Peters of Pontiac, and Mrs. Albert Beaudrie of California; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at Walton Boulevard Church of God, Pontiac. Arrangements for burial in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, were made by Coats Funeral Home.



GERALD HESS

Gerald Hess

Funeral service for Gerald Hess was at 3 p.m. Monday, December 23 at the Sharpe-Goyette Funeral Home. Mr. Hess, who lived at 5951 Flemings Lake Road, died suddenly December 20. He was 57.

He was a butcher at Terry's Market, Clarkston.

He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Ruth Paulson; three children, John, Darl and Bonnie, all of Clarkston; three brothers, Lawrence and Howard of Elsie, and William of Chelan, Washington; a sister, Mrs. Robert Beckwith of Hillsdale; and two grandchildren.

Following the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Frank Cozadd, burial was in Lakeview Cemetery.

Richard Sokol

Funeral service for Richard S. Sokol, 6175 Snowapple, was Friday at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Waterford. Mr. Sokol, who died December 17, was 26.

He was vice president of the Clarkston Jaycees and was employed as an electrician by General Motors Fischer Body division.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; two children, Kelly and Shelly at home; his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sokol of Pontiac; a sister, Mary Ann of Pontiac; a brother, Thomas of Unionville; and a grandfather.

A Rosary was said Thursday evening at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home. Following the service, burial was in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Richard S. Sokol fund in care of the Clarkston Area Jaycees.

Floyd Tower on Council

Floyd Tower, 177 N. Main, Clarkston, has been appointed to the Americanism Council of The American Legion. Mr. Tower received notification of his appointment in a letter from National Commander, William C. Doyle.

His appointment was approved by the Legion's National Executive Committee during a recent meeting at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Tower was nominated by National Commander Doyle for the appointment upon the recommendation of American Legion, Department of Michigan, officials in recognition of the services he has rendered to his Post and The American Legion of Michigan.

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Judge warns 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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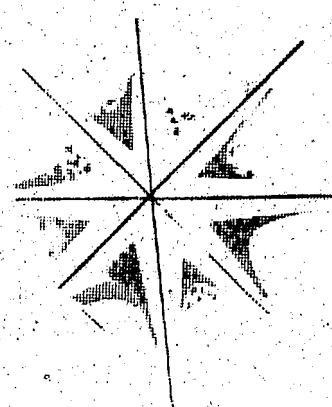
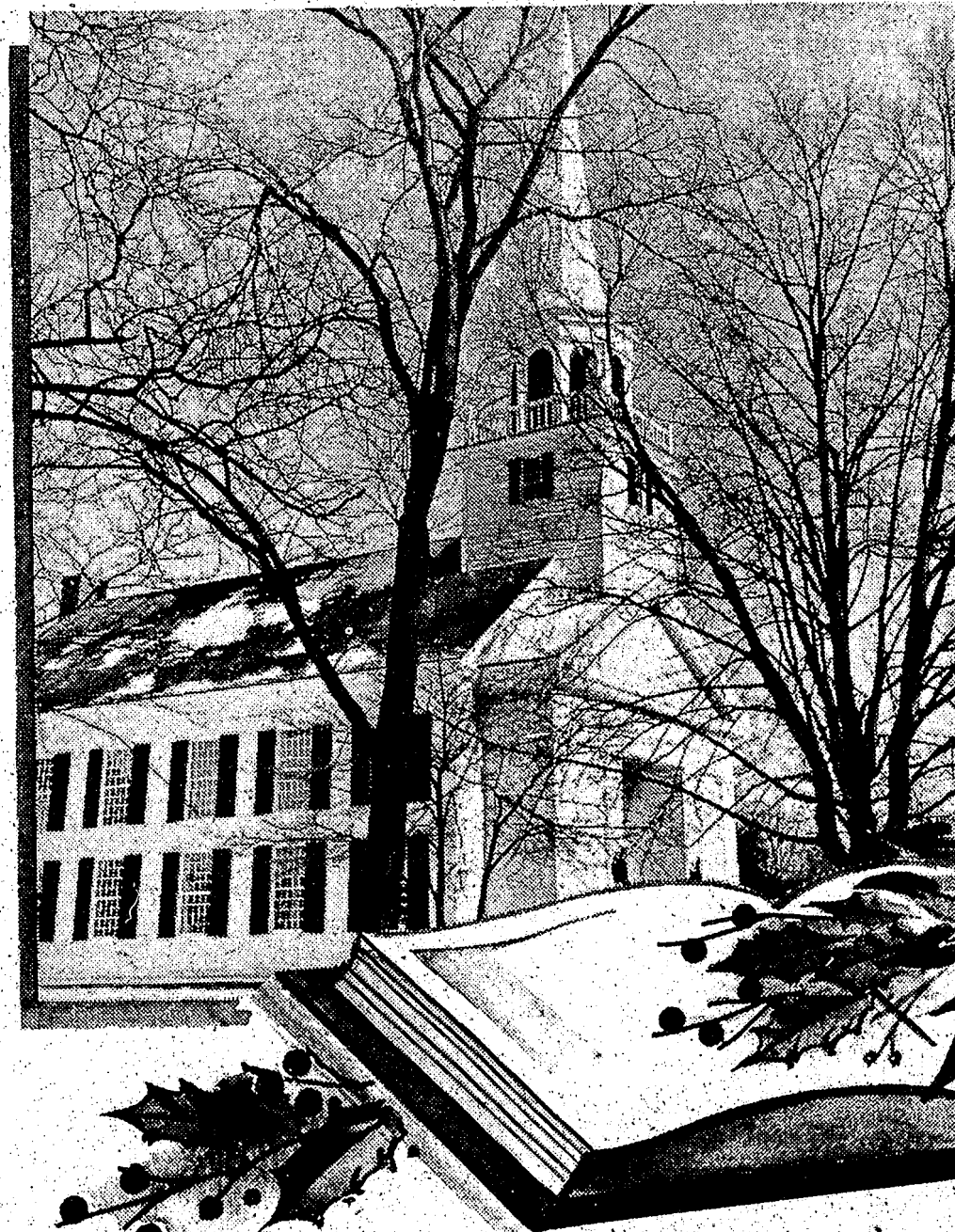
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STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of Gertrude J. Balz, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on December 30, 1968, at nine A.M., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Mary E. Hahn for the admission to probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and for the grant-

ing of administration with will annexed of said estate to Milton F. Cooney or to some other suitable person, and to determine who are or were at the time of death the heirs at law of said deceased.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: December 4, 1968
NORMAN R. BARNARD
Judge of Probate
Milton F. Cooney, Atty.
810 Pontiac State Bank Building
Pontiac, Michigan
December 12, 19, & 26.

WILLIAM H. STAMP, Atty.
5818 M-15
Clarkston, Michigan
No. 95, 401

STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND
Estate of George E. Hume, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on January 14, 1969, at 9 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of the fiduciary for license to sell certain real estate of said estate and that at such hearing all persons interested in said estate appear to show cause why such license should not be granted.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

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Senior citizens suffer

"We are assessing inflation," Cobb

By Jim Sherman

Men and women who were in the armed services will remember the "chain of command". You went through the chain on requests for leave; you were affected by it on orders.

To some extent this is what has happened the past few years to force your property taxes up. The State Equalization Board, or someone in Lansing, told the county equalization boards to up the valuations, "assess all property, personal and real at 50 percent of true cash value."

When the State Constitution went into effect in the area of assessing, it required all property to be assessed at 50 percent of true cash value. Two years ago this was done throughout the state. Prior to that most property was assessed at 25 percent of value, thus the values were doubled.

This gave local assessors a factor of 1.0. At that time true cash values were based on appraisals by assessors for building costs and land values. This was true in 1966 and 1967.

In 1965 the state and county started collecting figures of all sales of property in the state. They then started using these figures to establish true cash values. That's where we are now.

As a result Independence Township now has a factor of 1.18. I should point out that this is a "proposed" factor. But it will likely stick.

To Bill Cobb, Independence Township's assessor, who is also building inspector, the new factor "only means one thing. We are assessing inflation."

The cost of the state doing business and continues to climb

and they have to get more money somewhere. State sales tax and income tax continues to climb through increased earning and spending, but not fast enough, apparently.

Since most of the property tax goes to schools one would normally think that by raising property values schools would get more money. Not so. The school's other big source of revenue is through state aid, raised through sales tax.

And, the state aid schedule for distributing money shows this revenue dropping to many local districts in proportion to (or faster than) the increase in property tax revenue.

Each year the state aid formula is re-figured and we have only proposed formula to go by this year.

Getting back to the proposed 1.18 equalization factor. This does not mean a straight across-the-board 18 percent increase.

The county equalization board sets percentage and dollar appraised value figures for each land classification.

The proposed raise ordered for acreage amounts to 71.70 percent, to bring the appraised value up \$4,000,000.

Oakland county had 2 men in the township for a week getting land sample costs. They use these figures and actual sales figures reported to them to do their assessing.

Cobb was high in his praise of the county's efforts. He feels they are fair and equitable. The state samplings he's not so sure of. They sent a man in to check figures on about 50 sales, taking local assessed value from the book to compare with sale and

did not investigate sale. That was it.

The proposed raise for residential property is 11.90 percent, which would raise appraised values in this area \$7.5 million. On commercial property the percent of increase scheduled now is 14.10 percent, raising appraised values \$1.2 million.

This is a total of about \$13.3 million on the 8,000 descriptions in Independence.

This is appraised value. To get assessed value for taxing purposes the 50 percent of true cash value figure is multiplied. Thus the assessed value of Independence is expected to go up about \$6,671 million next year.

Cobb isn't happy with the way

the state orders assessors to increase property values. "It amounts to the state ordering an 18 percent increase in taxes from 2 years ago. I think maybe they should set a limit on increases to not more than the cost of living on a national average or something."

He is especially unhappy at having to face senior citizens at the board of review. He said, "When supervisor Duane Hursfall and I talk to these people we have a hard time justifying the state's action. I would like to be able to tell them something besides 'I'm sorry' Cobb said. The state gave senior citizens a tax exemption, then they turn around and increase property values! It amounts to senior citizens having to pay more than the exemption allowed in the law. Property tax increases amount to more than

the decreases given in the act."

We can no longer figure our taxes on a millage basis. This has been lost sight of on the state level. In Independence we pay 40.09 mills. This includes the 15 mill limitation and voted increases. The money goes to the county, township and schools.

But, while the 40.09 mills stays the same, unless more is voted, the taxes go up because the state keeps ordering the adjustment in assessments.

What's more, you can continue to expect the same each year.

The only thing we can be thankful for in Oakland now is that they are using average property sales figures for the years 1965, 66 and 67. They could use the higher sales figures of 1968.

Yule shopping has five stages

By Joe Backus

Most Christmas shoppers are now in the fifth and final stage of their Christmas shopping. The process of Christmas shopping can be broken down into five stages, according to educator and veteran shopper Jocelyn Scofield.

The first stage involves making out the Christmas list. When the names of those the shopper intends to give presents to are all listed, the problem arises when no presents suitable for the recipient can be thought of, Miss Scofield said.

"After a lot of agonizing thought, the shopper thinks of suitable gifts for each name on the list," she said. "He is now ready to embark on stage two."

"Stage two is the point where the shopper is searching for the gifts on his list. Invariably, all the stores in the area have just run out of the particular item the shopper is looking for."

This eventually leads to stage three. The shopper simply goes out and looks in various stores for goods which might suit his friends or relatives. Again he is confronted with a problem when he can find nothing appropriate.

"Stage four is one of desper-

ation," Miss Scofield continued. "As time grows short, the shopper will spend a little more money than he had planned on, to buy something he really didn't want to give."

Finally, however, the shopper has bought something for everyone on his list and has nearly all his gifts wrapped. Suddenly he remembers an important name, which had been inadver-

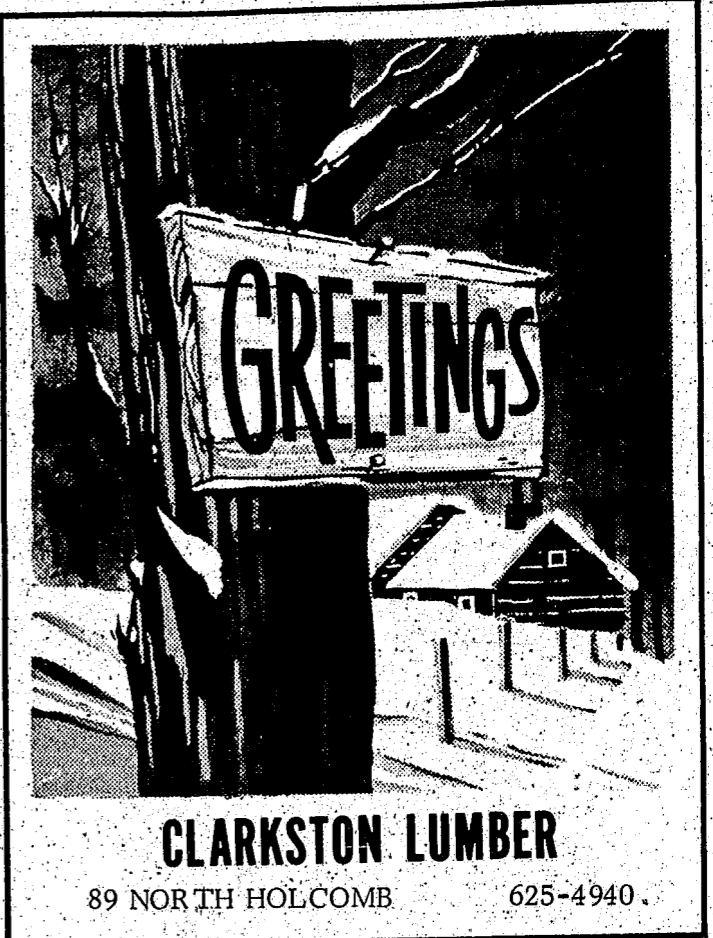
tantly omitted from the list. "The shopper runs out on the last day or two before Christmas, for something for this person. He has now arrived at the fifth and last stage in his Christmas shopping," she said.

"It is at this point that he sees the perfect gifts for everyone on his list. Everyone, that is, except the person he is shopping for at the moment."

Women attend business meeting

Seventeen members of the Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women met Thursday evening, December 12, at the Independence Square

club house for a dinner meeting. After the business meeting the ladies went to the home of Hlene Reese in the Square for the exchange of Christmas gifts.



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Around the Town

Spirit of giving pervades holiday season

by Constance Lektzian

Almost time for the holiday countdown. Packages, ribbons, decorations, ornaments and mailings are falling into their proper place and the real meaning of Christmas is showing through.

It was a full house at the Jack Dougherty's at 6562 Pear Street on Sunday, December 22. Eighteen people sat down to dinner in a Christmas celebration of Mrs. Dougherty's family. Guests drove in from as far away as Bay City and Tawas with son Jack Dougherty home for the holidays from Ferris State College. Missing was Mrs. Dougherty's mother, Mrs. Cora Johnson, who has been confined to the hospital at East Tawas for the past several weeks.

The Edward Keeley's of 6415 Waldon Road are still receiving congratulatory messages for their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The latest one came from our representative, Jack McDonald, which proves that even the busiest people take time

to be thoughtful. A reception for the Keeleys was held the afternoon of December 8 at the Community Center. Amidst the gold and white decorations, the Keeleys received over 250 guests. A buffet dinner was served from a table centered by a large wedding cake trimmed in gold. Hosts for the affair were the Stanley Stelmach and Arthur Keeleys, all of Waldon Road. Mrs. Stelmach and Mr. Keeley are the daughter and son of the senior Keeleys.

Clayton Wilson, son of the Don Wilsons of 6701 Pear Street came home for the Christmas holidays December 17 from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Not only does he not have to return until January 8, but he has his mid-term exams over. That alone would call for a celebration.

The flu bug that joined the Robert Whaley family on 6604 Plum Drive came to stay. The entire family took turns getting sick and young Barbara has just recovered from pneumonia.

Hope everyone is up and about by the 25th.

Mrs. Rae Haddad has just returned to her home in Pacific Palisades, California, after a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, the Paul Woodworths of 6314 Church Street. Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Woodworth arrived in Clarkston shortly after Thanksgiving, touring the western states following Mrs. Woodworth's stay in California.

A huge white tree decorated in shades of pink has been put up in the Woodworth family room in preparation for a Christmas Eve party for the Woodworth grandchildren.

The Ivan Bahms came down from Marshallville Sunday, December 22 for the celebration of Mrs. Bahms birthday. Hosting the dinner were the William Wickstroms of 5145 Heath Road, daughter and son-in-law of the Bahms. They were assisted by children Consie and John Jr. Guests for the occasion were the Jack Whiteside family of Williams Lake and Mr. Cecil G. Haslam of Manchester.

Members of the Clarkston Salvation Army took gifts out to the children of Camp Oakland Tuesday, December 17, but due to the widespread flu scare, they were unable to attend the festivities. For the same reason, they canceled visits to the seven hospitals on their list, but did leave gifts to be distributed by the hospital staff. Also recipients on their gift list were the patients at Harding Old Acres in Rochester, a home for crippled and retarded children. The Salvation Army in Clarkston is a very new branch but a very active one.

Wednesday, December 18 was the day the Salvation Army held their Children's Christmas meeting. After the meeting each received a gift and they all played games. Sunday, December 22 they held their Christmas program. The children portrayed the parts as they acted out the Christmas story. Lt. Wilma Brocksieck was narrator.

Santa Claus appeared and gave everyone gifts. Brigadier John Grindle attended.

Mrs. Edmund Windeler of Hatchery Road held the attention of 29 members and their guests of the Clarkston Womens Club with her demonstration of Christmas greens arrangements. Mrs. Alfred Hamilton was the hostess for the group, opening her home on 6134 Overlook Drive for the December 12 afternoon meeting. Co-hostess was Mrs. Arthur Ripley of Amy Drive. Following a white elephant exchange, a dessert buffet was served.

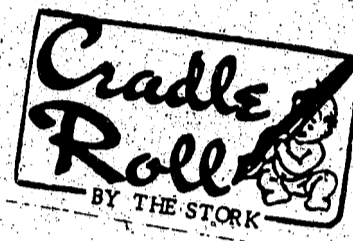
Those women recently seen scampering into Church of the Resurrection, with sheets draped over their arms are mothers of Sunday school members. They have been busy making angel costumes for the children's pageant. This was held at 6 o'clock Sunday evening on December 22 in the church under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Gray of Dubuque Street, who is one of the teachers in the Sunday School. Following the skits and singing by the choir, a coffee hour was held. Reverend Alex Stewart is vicar of the church.

The Calvary Lutheran Church on Bluegrass Street held their Chrismon and Cantata service Sunday evening December 15. Chrismons are tree ornaments of a special religious symbolism, and for the past year the women of the church have been making these. Three narrators explained the meaning of each symbol as someone came forward to place the ornament on the tree. The senior choir of Calvary Lutheran was featured for the program at which forty members of the Women's Group attended. Narrators were Mrs. Dallas Lippincott of Snowflake Drive, Mrs. Lynn Wyckoff of Overlook Drive and Mrs. James Skaggs of Church Street. A social hour followed the program.



MALKIM SCHOOL

EXCITEMENT SPARKED THE AIR at the Sashabaw School last Thursday as students in Mrs. Mack's second grade class gathered round the tree that was a constant reminder of good times to come.



Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bell (former Janice Pietrzak) announce the birth of their third daughter, Kimberly Tanya, born December 8. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pietrzak of Mann Road and the Archie G. Bells, Sr. of Thousand Oaks, California, former Pontiac residents.

A baby girl weighing 7 pounds, four ounces was recently born to Sp/6 Thomas J. Bass and his wife, the former Margaret Ann Fife. Former Clarkston residents, the couple now lives in Nuremburg, Germany.

Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bass and Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Fife, all of Waldon Road, Clarkston.

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DOROTHY WILSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson, is one of the 120 juniors at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, who will be spending their winter term studying in Europe. The college has a program whereby all its students spend part of their junior year studying abroad. Dorothy will leave January 7 to study in Amsterdam, Holland.

Former resident promoted in Virgin Islands

A division of Caribbean Canvas Corp., of Port Terminal and Peter's Rest, has announced the appointment of Gerard Jean Patalidis as General Manager. Patalidis, who formerly lived at 8884 Mohawk, Clarkston, studied in his native France. He has active there for many years in the family clothing business. Patalidis has recently moved to Saint Croix from Detroit,

Badminton champion wins one, loses two events

Thomas F. Carmichael, Clarkston's nationally ranked badminton player, won one and lost two matches last weekend in the 25th Annual Michigan Open Badminton Tournament at Grosse Pointe High School.

Carmichael, who is currently the Midwest men's singles and mixed doubles champion, lost both of these matches to top internationally ranked players.

He lost the men's singles match in the finals to Suresh Goel of India, who is ranked seventh in this sport in the world.

Carmichael and his partner, Astrid Bowling of Detroit, lost the mixed doubles play to Jim and Nancy Lynch of Ontario.

He won the men's doubles event with his partner, Jim Lynch, beating Ray Stewart and Jim Peters, both of Toronto, by a score of 15-2 in the finals.

Badminton is gaining popularity in the United States, and is most popular in Great Britain, Denmark and Asia. In Japan and Indonesia, it attracts national spectator crowds.

More than 12,000 spectators attended the Thomas Cup finals last year in Djakarta, Indonesia. The Thomas Cup tournament

in Badminton is similar to the Davis Cup in tennis.

Carmichael was a member of the 1967 United States Thomas Cup team and won matches against Canada and Jamaica before losing to Japan in the semi-finals.

Badminton is highly rated as a physical conditioner. A recent Baylor University study indicated that there are more arm movements used during a single badminton game than those used by a pitcher in a nine inning ball game.

In an average game between two players, each runs as much as 2 to 2 1/2 miles taking numerous 180 to 90 degree turns

stops and starts.

A badminton shuttle can be smashed as fast as 100 miles per hour, equal to or greater than the speed attained by a big league pitcher's fast ball. A smash is often returned several times during a single rally between players.

Because very few individual sports contain the basic athletic ingredients of skill, stamina and competitiveness evident in badminton for all ages and both sexes, the Lifetime Sports Foundation rated badminton as one of the six lifetime sports. The other lifetime sports include tennis, bowling, archery, golf and competitive bicycling.

Yule trees potential fire hazards

The happiest time of the year can easily turn into tragedy, warns the Greater Detroit Safety Council, unless everything possible is done to anticipate and to eliminate potential hazards to life and limb. One of the greatest threats to the safety and well being of the home and family during the Christmas holidays is fire. Well over a thousand lives will be lost in fire throughout our country in the month of December. Many other thousands will be severely burned.

There are a number of "special" fire hazards during the holidays which need cause no special problems if proper precautions are taken. Accumulations of flimsy wrapping paper should be avoided and smoking should not be permitted around the paper or the tree.

The following ten rules, if followed, will practically insure a fire safe Christmas season, so far as the tree itself is concerned:

1. Buy a fresh tree; one that has springy branches, green and tight needles.
2. Keep it outdoors in water or snow until ready to set up.
3. Saw off at least two inches of the trunk diagonally.
4. Use a water reservoir tree holder and keep it filled.
5. Keep the tree away from drying and heat sources such as registers, radiators and fireplace.
6. Use only approved (UL or other testing laboratory) lights in good repair.
7. Use fire resistant decorations.
8. Do not place electrical toys beneath it.
9. Remove the tree to the outdoors as soon as possible; do

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

Because of the fine publicity and article given to the Clarkston Area Jaycees on our project "Smokes for the Boys in Vietnam," the response was overwhelming, both in donations and names of servicemen.

The collections in canisters placed throughout our community during November amounted to \$434. We received the names of 31 servicemen in Vietnam. Because we had previously committed to send a case of cigarettes at \$27.59 (25 cartons) to the company of each name we received, we have done just that. For all 31 boys in Vietnam, this represented a total cost of \$882.88 with the balance drawn from our treasury.

The Clarkston Area Jaycees consider this a fine project and we welcome further donations of anyone who wishes to participate with us in showing our boys we are thinking of them. Donations can be sent to Box 154, Clarkston, Michigan 48016.

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editorial page

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Our tidings go beyond a Merry Christmas

"And if our blood alone will melt this iron earth, take it. It is well spent easing a savior's birth." These lines were written by Cecil Day Lewis in his "Temp Me No More." This is the theme for our special Christmas cover.

For some, they might find our cover to be unChristmasy. Granted, our cover doesn't say the words, "Merry Christmas... Noel, Noel" and all that. Possibly, our tidings go beyond the general wish that you have a Merry Christmas.

For some, they might say, "You're making too much out of this Black man thing." To these people we say, "Wait a minute. Stop and think."

Our cover story is of four assassinations: Christ, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy. Through life these men remained firm in their belief that there was a better way for man to live with his brother. They made efforts so that men might gain some human dignity and understanding. By their deaths, felled by hands that were unwilling to accept change, these men represent the promise of tomorrow.

In that they remained true to their convictions, they left an impact on the entire world. In small ways all of our lives have been affected and changed by what these men brought with them in life.

Representing a symbol of all motherhood, the Christ child is held by his mother. The eternal flame of all life is represented in motherhood. The hope for the future, the place where all men live, is passed on as mothers offer their sons toward a higher elevation.

Birth in itself is a painful process. The normal day-to-day existence of man is painful. Yet, it is the blood of man being spilled on many fields of battle that has brought with it the greatest pain for the living. Whether it is the battlefields of Vietnam, Normandy, or the eternal fight over ideologies, it takes men of conviction. And possibly, this is what life is all about that man's blood shall continue to be shed to ease the birth of His Savior.



CLEM CLEVELAND

think in his own way he still believes that there is a Santa.

Kevin and I have some little things in common. When I was his age, I remember the 2nd grade class big mouth. We were out during recess around Christmas time belting each other in the mouth with our fists. This must have been my first fight. He went around bragging that he knew there wasn't any such thing as Santa Claus. It was either the truth that I couldn't accept, or maybe it was just because this kid had a big mouth. Anyway, I got the tar and feathers knocked out of me.

To this day I still believe that there is a Santa. For my children, I know that they have had the truth spelled out to them at school. And like good children who enjoy the magic of Christmas, they aren't spoiling it for themselves or their mom and dad. They aren't asking the question, "Hey, Dad! Is there really a Santa?" They're telling me that they know who Santa is. In so doing, they are telling me at least with enthusiasm, that he exists.

Thank goodness our children are thoughtful about Christmas. What would it be like if they set about to destroy the image of Santa? That would take all the fun away from Calhoun and me, or something.

Road crews ready for snow

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

"If It Fitz . . ."

The modern Christmas story



By Jim Fitzgerald

On my first Christmas in the newspaper business, not long after the original production in Bethlehem, I decided I should write a modern Christmas story.

You know, one of those tinsel-teared fables where reindeer talk and an unmeltable snowman rescues a Barbie doll from the clutches of the meanest man in the supermarket. Most newspapers publish such stories during the holiday season, in the same section with the 1,234,567th reprint of the famous column assuring Virginia yes, there is a Santa Claus.

I thought I'd write a parody on the 3 wise men, maybe something called The 3 Wise Guys. Instead of kings on camels, I'd have hoods on motorcycles. Instead of following a star, they'd be zeroing in on one of those huge spotlights which swish across the sky, magnificently heralding the opening of a new shopping center.

The 3 wise guys wouldn't be bringing gifts to an infant. They would be doing their Christmas shoplifting.

Trouble would come when a

floorwalker spotted a portable TV hanging out of a wise guy's black leather jacket. He screams for the cops and the 3 hoods head for the door. This is where the plot gets fat. There's a pregnant woman stuck in the revolving door with her husband. There was no room for them in the door. Get it? Ok. So right then I would have the woman's 9 months come to pass.

Here is where the world's apathy comes into the story. You've heard about that. A baby is about to be born but no one cares except the parents, Joe and Mary Schultz. People just curse and move on to the next door. At Christmas dinner the next day they'll get laughs with the story about "the fat dame stuck in the revolving door."

Anyway, the fleeing wise guys would be in too big a hurry to switch doors. They burst right through, unplugging Mary and Joe and throwing them into a snowbank.

"Oh, Joe," says Mary. "Oh, Mary," says Joe. "Oh-oh," says one of the 3 wise guys. "He's Joseph and she's Mary

and she's pregnant and this is Christmas eve. I think this is some kind of a test."

"Let's help 'em," says another wise guy. "It could mean time off for good behavior in that big Alcatraz in the sky."

Fortunately, in my story there would be a plastic Nativity scene set up in the shopping center. The 3 wise guys quickly evict the statues and move Joe and Mary in. The infant is born, warmed by the breath of 1,000 ogling shoppers.

"I tell ya," says one lady, "it is amazing what they can do with robots these days. This is better than Disneyland."

I tried to come up with a happy ending to this modern Christmas story. Something like the 3 wise guys becoming better men for their experience and growing up to be Hart, Schaffner & Marx. But it wouldn't ring modern.

Instead, I saw the Schultzes suing the shopping center for not providing a doctor in their Nativity scene. The 3 wise guys are jailed by the American Medical Association for practicing without a license.

Blue Cross refuses to pay for an outdoor birth. Fame ruins the Schulzes' marriage and they end up getting divorced on the Ed Sullivan show. Their kid grows up conceited and drowns trying to walk on water.

That's how my modern Christmas story would have gone, 18 years ago, if I had written it. But I didn't. I was afraid some readers might think there were 4 wise guys. I didn't want to become known as a Christmas cynic. I might not get any presents.

So why mention it now? Partly to amuse, I guess, but mainly to see if such kindergarten cynicism could possibly bug anyone in a civilization that hardly blinks at the most outrageous cynicism of all. Another Christmas truce has been called in Vietnam. Shoot that guy in the head on Dec. 24. If he's still wiggling Dec. 26, shoot him again. But hold your fire on the 25th, it is Christ's birthday.

That's the really modern Christmas story. Just don't read it on the 25th. It could ruin your day.

Christmas programs: order out of chaos

By Joe Backus



Been to any good Christmas programs lately? I mean the type of school Christmas program where the students put on some kind of a performance for their parents.

Although I am neither a student nor a parent, I attended such a program Wednesday evening. The occasion was the annual Christmas program of the Kingsbury School, from which I was graduated many years ago.

Kingsbury is a school east of Oxford, with grades ranging from kindergarten through the eighth grade. I hadn't been to a Christmas program there since I participated in them, but I decided to go to the one this year.

The reason I made the decision to attend may have been nostalgic, or it may have been that a number of my friends, and even my sister, are on the faculty, and they urged me to.

When I arrived, it didn't take long to realize that it was going to be a novel type of program. I walked in through the multitude of students, who were getting their last-minute make-up, costume changes and briefings.

I walked into the auditorium and was handed a program, which, it was noted prominently at the bottom, was made by the first and second grade.

I sat down next to a friend who happened to be on the board of trustees. After chatting with him awhile, the lights dimmed and the students began marching up the aisle toward the stage.

When the eighth grade girls marched past us dressed up as angels, I commented wryly to

my friend that I had yet to see a group of girls that age who in reality resembled angels in the slightest. All I got from him was a rather cold chuckle. I didn't realize until later that his daughter was one of the "angels."

The show was indeed novel for a school production. It centered around a scene called "Christmastide—A Nativity Play of Old England." It consisted of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, a bundle wrapped up in a blanket to represent the Christ child, three wise men, shepherds and angels.

Throughout the production the angels and shepherds stood around the scene and sang Christmas carols, such as Away in the Manger, Angels We Have Heard on High, and the like. During the last carol, one of the eighth grade angels made a dismal attempt to sing a harmonizing soprano part to Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.

All in all, however, the school put on what appeared to be an entertaining and enjoyable show, far better than what ever the movie on television was. I say appeared to be, because it was sometimes difficult to see it through the constant flash of flash bulbs the parents were shooting off like fireworks.

After the program, refreshments, such as punch, coffee, and cookies were served. This was a time for socializing for the students, parents and tea-

chers. It was, in short, mostly chaos.

After the show was over and everyone had gone home, one unmarried teacher pointed out ironically that the worst behaved children at the socializing hour were those of the teachers who always complain of everyone else's ill-behaved youngsters in their classes.

An "R" in Christmas

By Bob Beemer



Nobody has to ask an outdoorsman what he wants for Christmas. He's undoubtedly the easiest person in the world to buy for. There's only one guideline to follow:

"A house belongs to have a roof, and is not supposed to get one for Christmas." This was the way Bob Ruark put it in one of his books which is just a folksy way of saying socks and ties are nice but not for presents.

I'm probably spoiled because my wife knows these things instinctively. Nobody needs another Hardy fly reel or a Paul Young bamboo nymph rod at \$140.00 a copy, but they sure are nice.

Christmas in the not too dim past was one of an almost game type dinner instead of just the standard domestic turkey and trimmings.

There was turkey alright, but it was wild turkey. And there was usually a saddle of venison all nicely gumped up with wine and jelly. Maybe a brace or two of mallards stuffed with celery, onions and apples.

When it comes to stuffing ourselves at the Yuletide Season,

we're just plain pikers compared to Grandpa.

What I like best at Christmas time are the oysters. There are so many fine ways to prepare them and my wife has mastered them all. Each family has their own special traditions that they observe and we have ours.

Every Christmas Eve after the girls are bedded down for the night, out comes the wine and the oyster stew.

God knew what he was doing when he put an "R" in Christmas and December. But even as delectable an item as an oyster can be ruined by a heavy hand. If you'd like to join us for a bowl of the nectar of the gods for Christmas Eve, try this recipe.

Drain your oysters but retain the fluid for later. In an iron skillet, size depending on the amount of oysters to be cooked, place a quarter-pound of butter and melt slowly. When it is hot,

but not smoking, put in the oysters and simmer until the edges are well curled. Then add the liquor you drained off, a dash of garlic powder if it fits your fancy, and continue the heat until good and hot.

In a separate pan you will have also heated just below the boiling point a quart, more or less, of half-homogenized milk and half of half-and-half. If too rich use more homogenized milk. Now wed the two. Sprinkle a dash of paprika. Serve.

The wine can be your choice but I suggest something with a very light and delicate flavor. A Chablis, perhaps.

There's a bonus besides the good eating, too. Last year we found two pearls in the stew.

Merry Christmas, all.

PEEKIN' into the PAST

10 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS
December 25, 1958

At a special meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday evening, construction contracts were accepted for the new Clarkston Senior High School building.

Dave Montreuil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Montreuil of Waldon Road has reported for active duty at U.S. Navy Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Jim Carmean of Pine Knob Road will be home from December 28th to January 5th on leave from the Navy Base at Norfolk, Virginia.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS
December 24, 1943

Stewart Baynes is expected home from Great Lakes on Wednesday. He has completed his "boot" training and will have a nine day leave.

Mrs. William Hungerford (Evelyn Davies) came to Clarkston from Chicago on Saturday. On Sunday her mother, Mrs. Minnie Davies, and her sister, Nancy Davies, returned to Chicago with her, where they will stay until after Christmas.

Sgt. Lee T. Masters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Masters of Moon Valley subdivision, who has been in the Caribbean area with the U.S. Marines has been home on a short furlough.

The Clarkston Rotarians held their Goodfellows' paper sale last Saturday with the proceeds amounting to over \$250.

Another Day . . .

In a time of dying

by Constance Lektzian

The small funeral procession straggled across Main Street and down Depot Road. A black hearse led the way. Following behind, most of the mourners came on foot. The distance to the Union Cemetery from the village was short, and few except the very old or very young rode in carriages.

Added to the sound of creaking wheels and feet scuffing in the dirt road, came the tones of the church bells. They began to toll as soon as the people left the church. Their steady "Bong, bong, bong" rang out across the village. They continued to toll until the final resting place was reached.

Any bystander in the village could have pointed out, by observation, whether this was a funeral for an adult or a young person.

Peter Green, who kept a livery stable, had a black team that was hitched to his hearse when an older person died and a white team of horses that was used for children. If a family chose to do so, however, they could use their own wagon or carriage.

The final act performed for

Independence dwellers in the earliest times was not even this elaborate. There are no records of the first undertakers of those pioneer days for the simple reason that such an office didn't exist. Each family ministered to their own dead and the burial plot was on their own property.

A few years later, there was usually available in the neighborhood a woman or group of women, who in their kindness and capability, performed the acts of laying out the dead. This job didn't carry any wages—it was done simply as an act of neighborliness.

Coffin making was a task that any good carpenter could perform but here again was a job that the first settlers could do themselves. William Van Buskirk Vliet, who settled in Clarkston in 1833, later opened a store in the village before the Civil War.

It bore the sign "Furniture and Undertaking". Located on the present site of the bank, it was a small, unimposing wooden building. On the south side of the store was an alley that also

ran back to the mill.

This spot was as busy as Main Street and it was through here that old William V.B., as he was called, hauled out the coffins that had been made in his shop. He was an undertaker only in the sense that he freighted these pine boxes out to the homes and farms where they were needed, and when called on to do so, made plans to hire a hearse.

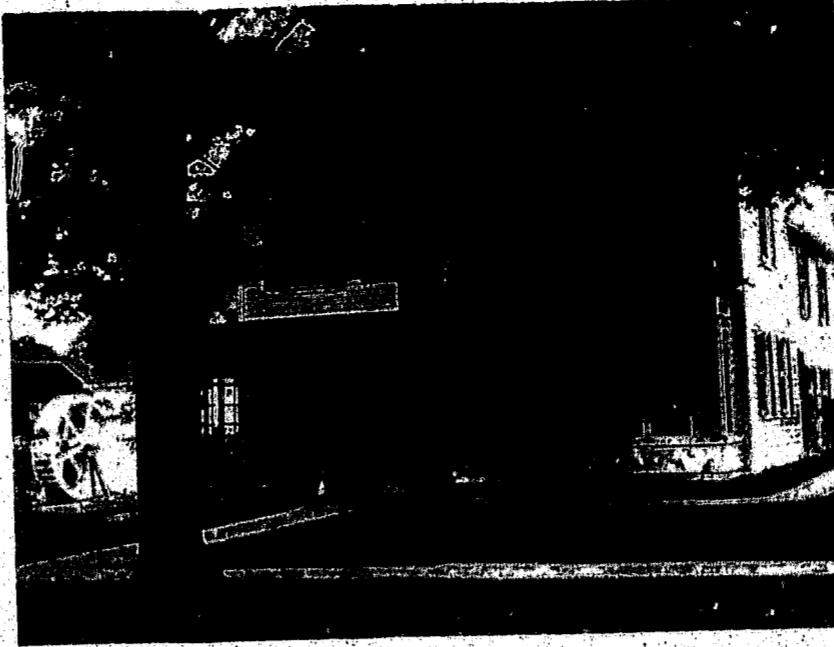
For families in the outlying district, he may have contacted the sexton of the cemetery and the minister at the church. People have undergone a complete change of thinking in regard to death and funerals. At one time, it was a breach of duty to leave the departed unattended at any time. Now the custom of wakes has all but disappeared.

Where once it was a practice on a Sunday afternoon for people to visit their family plot to take flowers to the graves, now they pay for something called perpetual care.

A certain Victorian artistry used to show up in front parlors in the form of wreaths and flowers braided from the hair of the dead. There was even jewelry, pins and brooches, made in this fashion.

While these customs had gloomy overtones, they were a sincere effort to keep alive the memory of those who had passed away.

The next undertaker in Clarkston records was Charlie Myers who grew up and was educated here. In back of his home at 64 N. Holcomb Street, there stood a barn where he stored the coffins that he either built or had built. At this time, services of an undertaker didn't require mortician's training. The cus-



One of the first funeral homes in Clarkston stood at 27 N. Holcomb Street. Notice the paddle wheel to the left.

toms of William Vliet's day hadn't changed much and Mr. Myers still took these pine boxes out to the families that had need of them for even as late as the 1890's it was a rarity to have a funeral anywhere but at home or in a church.

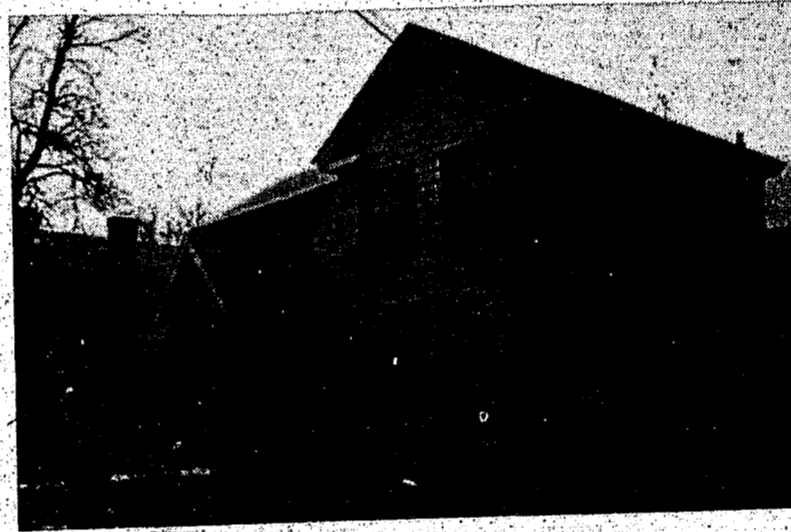
A few short years before Charlie Myers retired, Durand Ogden moved to the village from Fenton where he had had an undertaking parlor. He came to Clarkston prior to the first World War and about 1910 opened up a business on Holcomb Street.

Later, he bought the house on Main Street which had been the

home of his parents. When the use of autos became more practical and dependable, he was the first in this area to dispense with the horse drawn hearse.

This was the time, at least around here, when the undertaking parlor became the actual site of the funeral services. The economy of those times is reflected in the cost of a funeral—from \$80 to \$200.

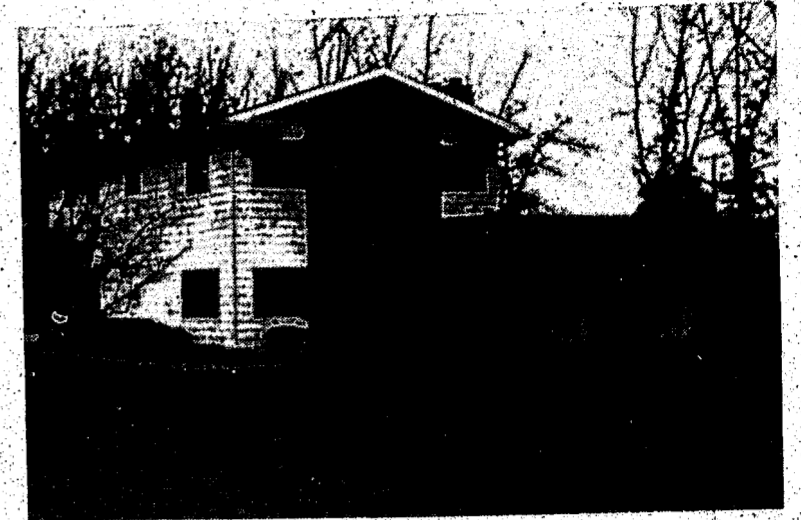
In 1947, Mr. William Sharp purchased the Ogden Funeral Parlor from Harold Kennedy, former partner of Mr. Ogden. The stepping block bearing the name Ogden and the hitching post disappeared long ago. The



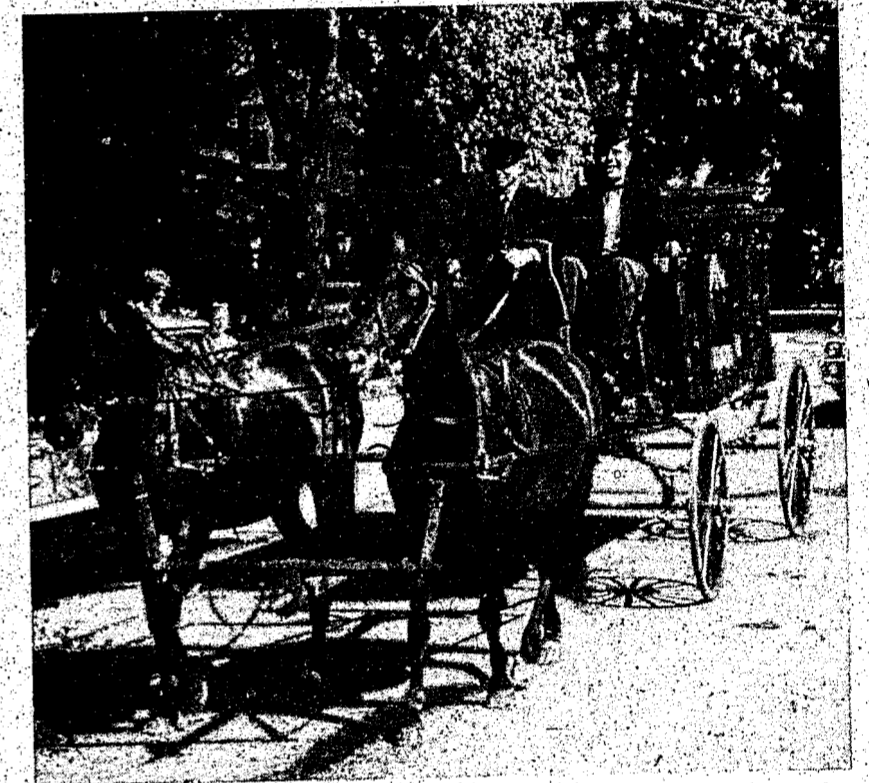
THE SHARPE-GOYETTE FUNERAL HOME was purchased by William Sharpe in 1947 from Durand Ogden. In 1959 Harold Goyette became a partner.

white frame building has been many times enlarged from its original size. Since 1959, the name Sharpe-Goyette has appeared on the front. This was the time when Harold Goyette became a partner of Mr. Sharpe.

And today, to serve a growing township, there are now two funeral parlors in the Clarkston area, Sharpe-Goyette's on 155 N. Main Street and the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home on M-15.



THE LEWIS E. WINT FUNERAL HOME was built in 1959 on land which had been used as a road side park.



THE HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE was brought to Clarkston from New York by Lewis Wint. Making its first appearance in the Fourth of July Parade this summer, it will be used for future parades and centennials.



The funeral parlor at 55 N. Main has been modernized greatly since this picture was taken.

Santa gets letters and letters and letters and letters from Clarkston area youngsters

Dear Santa,

Remember me? I'm the guy whom you forgot two years ago. I hope you remember this year.

I made out a small list of items I would like. I hope it's not too much.

a color T.V.
a Harley-Davidson 350 c.c. motorcycle
a new school locker
a new sister
a new dog
a new bike
a bank with 2 billion dollars inside

Like I said if it's too much, don't over work yourself. Besides I'll get other presents anyways.

Remember me,
Roger Zander
9300 Rattalee Lake
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I wrote you this letter early so that I could avoid the rush. I thought you wouldn't be as busy when you get most of your mail.

I want some clothes. I wear a size 14 shirt and a size 12 pants. I also want any kind of toys and games, adult kind, and that's about all, Thanks

Signed,
Steve Rose
7902 Dixie Hwy.
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy so I hope you will think of me when it comes time to deal out the presents.

Tell Rudolph to be ready for a foggy Christmas Eve, because

I have a feeling we are going to have one. Tell the reindeer that I plan to send them some apples to eat.

Try to stop at my house first so that your bag will be good and full.

Your good boy,
Bruce Souby
47 Church St.
Clarkston

P.S. I will try and be a good boy from now until Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi, how have you been feeling? I hope because what I tell you might make you sick because what I want for Christmas is a plane trip to Georgia for about two weeks. I would be very grateful.

Thank you,
Debbie Ford
5041 Mary Sue
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

Please bring me lots of things for Christmas. The following list is what I want most of all.

a bicycle
a Aurora race set
a basketball
a new baseball glove
money

Thanks very much.
Sincerely,
Ray Anderson
5868 Kingfisher
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I would like a play dog, and I would like a toy Bird and a toy car, and a toy Bus,

Your friend
Charles Adams
5141 Maybee Road

Dear Santa,

I saw you at the Mall taking pictures. I saw a baby boy crying. I want a toy. It is big. It is Johnny Toy Maker.

Your friend
Kent Lawrence
5387 Cecilia Ann
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

Would you please give me Baby Party, Suzy Home Maker, some ice-skates, dishes, jewelry a musical jewelry box, and some paper.

Your friend
Jill Saunders
5050 Oak Fork
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I would like a stingray bike, Johnny Toynaker, trach Set, Fright Factory, Johnny Eagle from Dennis Gallegly 5391 Sunnyside Clarkston

Dear Santa,

May I please have a yellow pair of pants and a yellow shirt to go with my pants, a pair of figure skates, and a stingray bike for Christmas.

Thank You Very Much
From Kevin Gallegly
5391 Sunnyside
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I would like a Playtime Tubsey for Christmas and Robby, my brother would like some trucks.

Thank You
Renee & Robby Cripe
8455 Kier Road
Clarkston

Dear Santa

I am only nine years old but I am in fifth grade. But only 4 days after Christmas is my birthday and I will be ten. There are a lot of things I want to have will you please send me about two or three things.

Bike
Thing maker
Big stuffed Anamals
Camra
Rock poliser
Toboggan
Ice Skates
Popcorn pop
Frosty Sno-man
Jump N Float
Art-a-Matic
Touch 'n Tuck
Green Ghost
Snakes Alive
Ka-Boom
Time Bomb
Matchbox cars
Wood Burning Set
Shrink Machine
8 Ball
Spirograph
View-Master
Easy Bake oven when mixes
Liddle kiddle
Petal People
Barbie, Franice, Stacey
Elegant Tonia
Love Sandy
P.S. I am a girl and I will have some thing out for you to eat

Love
Sandy Pfahlert
9150 Eevee
Clarkston

Dear Santa

I would like a gun. And a bow and arrow with a target. And a play bibi gun. And a Cowboy hat and a bag. And new paja-

mas with a coloring book.

From
Greg Adams
5141 Maybee Road
Clarkston

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

When I talked to you at the Mall, I forget to tell what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a Tonka Crane, ice skates, and a pair of skis.

There will be a snack for you when you come on Christmas. Thank you,
Love,
Michael Davidson
7 Robertson Court

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and bring my sister a radio. I saw you at the stoire.

Your friend,
Francine Hoslip
5562 Pine Knob Road

Dear Santa,

It's October right now and I'm not sure what I want at Christmas. You must realize it's two months away however I'll do my best.

First on my list is a burp gun, don't ask me what it is cause I don't know what it is either. Second and on down the line I want a demolition kit like on U.N.C.L.E., a radar shine mother forcaster, and last, but certainly not least a bag full of girls, like Mr. Mushroom's girls in the comic strip Robin Malone.

Thank you,
Tim Lekander
8620 Sequoyah
Clarkston

P.S. I forgot to include a dozen

of Mother Myrtle's Magic Mixture of Mountain Purity Molotov Cocktails.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would think you were dying of old age. What I want for Christmas is a

new radio & a tape recorder, and a type writer. This is kind of short but that's all I want because everything I want is expensive.

Yours truly,
Belinda Walker
5850 Pine Knob



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON for students in the Pine Knob school as Christmas vacation time drew near. Marching through the halls with their festive tunes were (girls, from left to right): Pat Barlow, Patsy Marsh, Linda Ballard and Miss Noonan, (instructor). Boys, from left to right are: David Dibats, Tim Cranston, Alan Baker, Eddie Frick and Steve Sanchez.

Santa gets letters

Dear Santa,
I have tried hard to be a good boy. My mother has tried hard to make me a good boy. I hope I have succeeded. If so, here is a list of the things I want for Christmas: a B42 bomber with double props, a Sherman tank with atomic missiles, 1#H bomb, 2 A bombs, 14 jeeps, 3 mortars, 3 subs, 5 destroyers, and 1 S.S. Enterprise.
I would also like 1 gorilla battalion with helicopters and hover craft. By the way, I'm going to take over the world.
Your Friend,
Joe
6572 Amy Drive
Clarkston

Hi there Santa Claus!
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is feeling fine. How is Rudolph, and the other eight reindeer?
I am 12 years old, going on 13 on October 21st.
I know you think I am too old to write to you, but I have

to do this for English class. Well, I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a real big watch, with a real big watch band. I want a bunch of real groovy records. More charms for my bracelet. But most of all I want a horse. I can keep it at my Grandma's house. But, my mommy will not let me. So you will just have to talk her into it.
Well, see you later.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS have been placed on the street lights on Main Street by the Clarkston Rotary Club.

Dear Santa,
How are you. I would like a watch for Christmas. I don't think I want very many things. Because I got a lot of things last year. I'd rather give presents than receive them. I'll be seeing you.
Yours truly,
Evelyn Hinkle
4910 Cecelia Ann
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy in all my studies.
All I want for Christmas is an Archery Set and a toboggan for the family. My sister wants a kiss doll and my other brother wants a road race set.
See you latter,
Gerald Kenyon
6760 Transparent
Clarkston

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope that you will bring me lots of toys like a helicopter, a gas car, a horse and a ten speed bike.

I always like it when snows because I know you will be coming soon after that. I will look out the window each night after it snows and hope I can see you. When you come my two brothers, my sister and I jump up and down.

Truly,
Marty Thomas
5729 Kingfisher
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer very much but I don't want much for Christmas because my parents get my junk.
I would like to know how old you are. I know you at least seventy.
Sincerely,
Mark Postal
5814 Hummingbird
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
Hi, what are you doing. I hope you not to busy to read my letter.
Santa for Christmas please bring me a color T.V., tape recorder, record player, dresses, shoes skirts, and shoes.
If I think of anything else I'll be sure to tell you.
Yours Truly,
Barb Hunley
8551 Bridge Lake
Clarkston

Dear St. Nick,
I liked everything you brought me last year. This year I want just three things. I've been very good this year. You should see my grades. They are very good, even better than those I got last year. Of course you know I'm a good kid.

When is your birthday? You've always sent me gifts, even at Christmas you marked one special saying it was for my birthday. I want to send you a very special gift.

I still remember the reindeers. Now I can remember their names. All nine of them. Why did you dislike the fawn, named Rudolph? You see, his red nose really helped that one

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Christmas. If it wasn't for him, all of us wouldn't have had any gifts that year.

This Christmas don't leave before I get up, I have to give you a present. Every time, you say Ho-Ho-Ho, and then you leave before I can see you. I know you're different. Those fakes in the stores, just give you candy for not being shy. Some just like to be nosey. They ask you what you want for Christmas, and your name. Please, come to the Mall in Pontiac this year. I don't like fakes.

Well, here is my list for Christmas.

One typewriter.
One registered quarter, palamino.
Pineapple flavored snow.
Say hi to all the reindeers, Mrs. Nick, and all the elves for me. So long.

Your little angel,
Angelia Hyndman
9685 Norman Road
Clarkston

P.S. Tell the elves to work hard. big kids

Dear Santa,
I'll bet you'll come to our old house first so you can get my list out of the way. You weren't very generous last year but I'll forgive you. This year I want these items: a 10 speed blue racing bike, a mini bike, a set of golf clubs, some pads for hockey, a hockey stick, and skates. Don't forget our house first!

Sincerely yours,
Greg Fogg
6321 Peach Drive
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
HOW much snow do you have up there? We haven't got any snow yet. For Christmas I want all clothes, so don't worry about any toys. Here's my list: gray wool skirt, nehru, tights, a white lace blouse, shoes (size 7 AA), a jumper, slippers. I think that will do for this year. Good bye!

Good luck on you merry ride,
Stephanie Altman
61 South Holcomb
Clarkston



FIFTH GRADERS at the Clarkston Elementary school united their efforts to make their gift of giving something to brighten the holiday of a needy family in the area. Neal Hoxsie holds the food basket while Denise Domroese (right) and Shelley Connors fill it up with goodies.

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25 Santa Lane
Elks-Village, N.P.

Dec. 25, 1968

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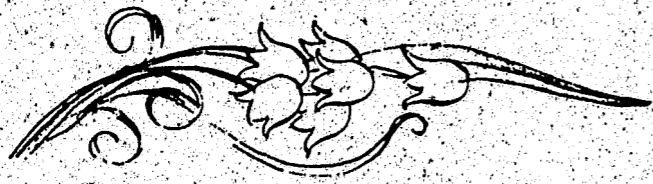
Santa Claus

THE WISH NORTH POLE BANK
Reindeer Lane
Arctic Circle

Here's hoping you will be the Happiest Recipient this Day.

Pontiac State Bank

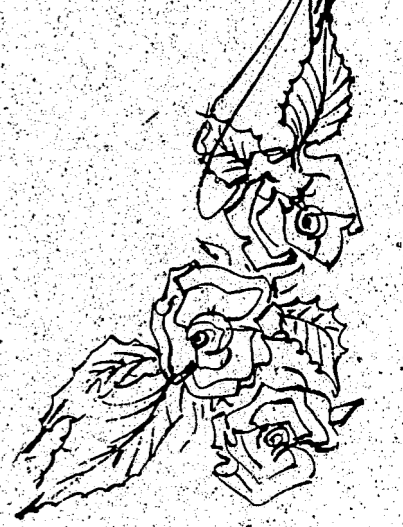
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THE CLARKSTON NEWS
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Santa gets letters

Dear Santa,
I know I don't want much because I got a lot of nice things for my birthday. There are a lot of nice things in this world and I feel one of the most important things is food. You see the starving children and I would love them to have enough food so they won't starve. I've had enough myself and half of it should have gone to them.

One more thing is that I would like a few sportshirts for school.

Thank you,
Tim Hinkley
6655 Langle Drive
Clarkston

P.S. I've been real good!

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa I've been very good this year most of the time. Last year you were very good to me and I hope you are just as good to me this year.

I think this year I would like a new coat I would like it to be swade dark brown if you don't have that you can give me a black leather. I won't mind having some candy either.

Sincerely your,
Jack Hagen
42 N. Holcomb
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

Hi. I've been very good so you can bring me at least one present please. My grades are ok. My mother has yelled at me a little but other than that I'm ok.

Sincerely
Aline Carroll
4596 Pine Dale
Drayton Plains

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some money, clothes, and a lot of other things that I can't think of now. How's the weather up there? Well bring me lots of things, cuz I've been good. Thanks loads. How's the reindeer?

Sincerely Yours,
Sharon Miracle
6345 Gulick
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I've been a very good boy for the last year so I was wondering if you could get me a mini-bike this year for Christmas and a lot of everything else too.

I know you have a lot to do so I won't bother you with a long boring letter so I sign off with a "Please."

Sincerely,
Terry Green
6620 Maple Drive
Clarkston

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus I want a race-car for Christmas and a miny bike and a hot wheels set and a race-master race track and a target land rifle range and I watched your parade on Thanksgiving day.

P.S. I was a bad boy to Santa Claus I was fighting.

Mike Raymond
6809 Bluegrass
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

How are you and your eight reindeer? Fine I hope.

Well I am debating on what I

want for Christmas I would like a radio, some skirts, some blouses, and dresses of all kinds, a bike, pajamas, I guess that is all I need. I would like more of all for my sister's house to get built and my mother to feel better.

Thank you Santa,
Love you always,
Jennie Simpson
4535 Oak Vista
Drayton Plains

Dear Santa,

Hi. I've been a good girl this year. So would you please send me a radio, clothes, hair dryer, watch band, records, and a stereo.

Say hell-o to Mrs. Santa Claus for me. Tell her to take good care of you for you can come this year.

See you at Christmas time. Bye.

Sincerely,
Deb Crossley
5469 Maybee Road
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

The following list is the items I would like: So please send them to me in December. Here is my list, a welder, cutting torch, automotive tools, a mini bike, a car, a rifle, a house, a bike, a clock, a hat, a go-cart, a truck, a ball, a flag, land, a bird, a dog, a cat, a bible, motors for cars, electric motor, a motor for a plane and a motor for a mini bike.

You can keep a few things for yourself, but give me most of them.

Thank you,
Tom Klyder
5512 Pine Knob
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I know that I'm early but I wanted to make sure you got to read my letter.

How is Mrs. Claus, and the reindeer? I hope they are all fine.

Well for Christmas I would like a I.D. bracelet or a watch with a big wrist band. I would like either a picture, book, or statue of a horse. I would like a V neck sweater that you pull over your head. Well that's all I can think of. Thanks.

Your fan,
Yvonne Navarre
6711 Wealthy
Clarkston

Dear Santa,

I know it is kind of early but I have to write it.

I don't want to much but I do want something. I want mostly clothes. I know I want more

but I can't remember, so just give me anything.

Best Customer,
Pam Breininger
4607 Maybee Road
Pontiac

Dear Santa,

How are you? I bet its been a long hard summer.

I've been a good boy this year so I would like to get all the stuff I asked for.

Sincerely,
Mark Peters
3723 Maiden
Waterford

Dear Santa,

You make toys for us don't you? I want a stuffed animal.

Your friend,
Lori Newton
5716 Mary sue
Clarkston

Hi Santa I want play time tubs and a doll house and some game The end

Dear Santa Clause

I would like a farm like Joe had. That was fun. And maybe some trucks.

from Todd
I love you

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I've been a good girl. Is it snowing up there yet? It isn't snowing here yet.

Well as you know, when good girls and boys are good they deserve a reward. I want my reward to be a tape recorder. I've wanted one for 2 years.

I have to go now so I want to wish you a safe Christmas journey this year.

Good-bye now,
Bernadette Hall
6006 Princess Lane
Clarkston



Season's Greetings
... to you, our customers.
WONDER DRUGS
5789 Ortonville Rd.
625-5271

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 6, 8:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 25 South Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, for the purpose of considering the request to change the following property from residence A zoning to residence B zoning.

Artemus M. Pappas
Village Clerk

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NOTICE

Monday, December 30, 4 p.m.
is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the 1969 Village Primary Election

Artemus M. Pappas
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 1968

Meeting called to order by President Russell:
Present: Cooper, Hagen, Fahrner, Kushman, Johnston. Absent: Mahar.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Moved by Kushman, "That the following bills be paid:

General Fund	
Police Wages	\$280.55
Lakes Tree Company	466.00
Bob's Hardware	13.41
Clarkston News	49.23
Morgan's Service Station	37.72
Robert W. Carr, Justice Fees	31.20
Artemus Pappas, Draw on Salary	250.00
Mary Ann Pappas, Draw on Salary	100.00
Sterling Salt	347.20
Oakland County Road Commission, Traffic Signal	11.99
Bell Telephone Company (Police)	28.20
Clarkston Lumber, Village Hall	90.61

Seconded by Hagen, Roll: Cooper, yea; Hagen, yea; Fahrner, yea; Kushman, yea; Johnston, yea. Yeas 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnston, "That a public hearing be held on January 6, 1969, to consider the request of John Adams to rezone his property from residence A zoning to residence B zoning." Seconded by Fahrner. Motion carried.

A letter from Mr. Richard A. Campbell, attorney, was presented and Trustee Fahrner was instructed to handle the complaint registered.

Two blanket resolutions from the State of Michigan Highway Department were tabled pending further study by Trustee Cooper.

A discussion was held regarding Sewer and Water facilities. Trustee Kushman was instructed to investigate one or more financial advisors for this project.

Moved by Cooper, "That the Committee handling Sewer construction be authorized to negotiate the contract with the Township of Independence for capacity in the Clinton-Oakland interceptor." Seconded by Fahrner. Motion carried.

Moved by Hagen, "That the second meeting of the month, scheduled for December 23, be cancelled." Seconded by Fahrner. Motion carried. Moved by Fahrner, "That the meeting be adjourned." Seconded by Johnston. Motion carried.

Artemus M. Pappas
Village Clerk

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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5799 Ortonville Rd.
Clarkston

Santa gets letters

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want to tell you my small list. Remember it. May I have a heated pool, golf clubs, 1969 Grand Prix a ski Doo and a bike.

I also want to tell you how stupid you are for flying around on nine reindeer instead of a jet plane or a 1969 car.
Sincerely yours,
Gerald Curry
5728 Warbler
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
This year I have been extra good so that you will not give me coal. I have helped my mother with housework. I babysit my sisters two sons and I've

been helping my dad get ready to open a business. I also do all of my regular chores like make my bed, take out the garbage and clean my room.

I am hoping you will bring me an automatic 22 for Christmas. I would also like a stingray bike with handbrake breaks and a five speed stick shift.

When you come to give me my gifts you will find a glass of milk and some cookies for you and some apples for your reindeer.

Sincerely,
Dale Bailey
65 N. Holcomb
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
Hi, well I know your busy so I will make this letter short. If possible I would like the following things.

1. New clothes
2. Sled
3. New coat with BRIDGET on it
4. New Ice Skates

Say Hi to all the Reindeers with my love. I will hope to be seeing you.

Sincerely,
Bridget Bortz
8004 Perry Lake
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
Hi! I know its quite a while until Christmas but I wanted to be sure I got on your list. How is Mrs. Santa?

This is my list of things I want on Christmas:

1. ice skates (if I don't get them on my birthday)
2. A sled or tobogan
3. Clothes
4. lots of surprises

In my stocking I want

1. candy
2. film
3. gum
4. more surprizes

Thanks. I must go because I know you have a lot of other lists to read.

Sincerely,
Cindy Hinton
8411 Perry Lake
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
Please send me a portable record-player, shirts, blouse, dress, a chemistry set, and a brown watch band.

Thank you,
Cheryl Amos
4701 Independence
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? Fine I hope.

Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me. And tell her to take good care of you.

I've been real good this year so you can bring me some gifts. I would like a transistor radio,

a ski sweater, a red and a navy v-neck sweater, some opage hose, and some other things. Make sure none of the reindeer catch colds so they can help deliver the gifts.

See you on Christmas.
Sincerely,
Vicki Cooper
5990 Middle Lake
Clarkston

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a lot of things this year, but I know I won't get them all because I haven't been very good. Just the other night I called my sister something I shouldn't have, but she called me the same thing. I always try and forget what someone told me to do, and when someone calls me, I try hear them, but I try to ignore them. I'll try to be better next year.

Here are some of the things I want for Christmas.

1. I want some sweaters.
2. I want a mod watch and a clock radio.
3. I want some bell-bottom pants with matching tops.
4. I want some nylons and new shoes and sox.
5. I want a new sting-ray bike with some extra tires.
6. I would like some dresses.
7. I would like some half slippers, under-wear, and P.J.s.
8. I would like a sleeping bag and some mod watch band.

I know I won't get all these things, but I wish I could. I know I won't get all these things because I haven't been good. This is all I can think of. So good-by for now.

By:
Love Kyle Brooks
5045 Greenview
Clarkston

P.S.: I sure do hope I can get all these things, I'm going to tell my Aunt, my mom, dad and sister, and my Grandmothers.

P.P.S.: Well by again.

Dear Santa,
For my Christmas presents this year I want only 3 things; they are, clothes, a radio, and a new colored tv.

The T.V. is for my dad. Thank you,
Alleshia Humphrey
4921 Clintonville Rd.
Pontiac

Dear Santa,
How's the weather up there?

Good I hope. By the way how are you feeling this year?

Well Christmas time is coming again. I guess all I want this year is a few more cloths. (Dresses & Skirts & Blouses). That's all.

Do you really think you and your elfs can manage all that. I mean along with the other children? I hope so.

Well Santa its been nice talking to you. I have to go now so see you at Christmas.

Bye Santa,
Roxanne Head
7759 Maceday
Waterford

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 13 years old and I have tried to be a good boy. For Christmas I want a B.S.A. Thunderbolt 650 c.c. motorcycle. A Conn chrome plated trumpet with a 10 1/2 c Bach mouthpiece. When you go to land on our roof, make a right turn, land in the front yard, and come in the front door. You see, we don't have a chimney. Say hello to Mrs. Santa Claus and all of your reindeer.

Your good boy,
Rusty Crowe
9424 Dixie Hwy.
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas list. I want: three or four sports shirts, a couple pair of pants, some turtle neck shirts, some socks, and shoes. Also a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

I have tried to be good and not get in trouble. I will try to be good the rest of the yer.

Thank you for reading my letter.

A good Boy,
Bill Knox
6240 Sunnydale
Clarkston

Dear Santa,
My name is Earla Davidson.

I am thirteen years of age. I have one brother nine years old, and one sister four years old.

My English teacher is having us write a letter to you. How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? You must be quite busy with getting toys ready for Christmas.

Well I guess I had better get to the point of writing to you. For Christmas I want: a transistor radio, camera, electric

hair setter, some more new clothes, a door on my bedroom, and a little larger allowance.

See you at Christmas
Earla Davidson
9150 Rattalee Lake
Clarkston

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a person who has admired you for 13 1/2 years.

I hope you, Rudolf, and the other reindeers okay? They're my favorite heros and I wait for them every year.

This letter might seem a little early but I'm waiting for a few things that I hope you can get me for Christmas. I want:

1. A picture of you and Rudolf
2. a camera, and
3. a big stuffed animal.

Please deliver them because I want them very much.

See you soon,
Lynn Mielke
8170 Foster Road
Clarkston

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"And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:59-60

The Church of the Resurrection Episcopal
By The Reverend Alexander T. Stewart

Today is not only the day after Christmas but, more particularly, it is St. Stephen's Day, the Feast of Stephen which is heralded in the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." Stephen was the first Christian martyr, who, following his Lord's example, asked God's forgiveness on those who put him to death.

Stephen's example and those of the other Christian martyrs give us to wonder how we who are now Christians would acquit ourselves should the day ever dawn when (God forbid) the same thing might happen to Christians in this country as happened to Jews in Hitler's Germany. So many who have professed Christianity have fallen away from practicing their Faith for much lesser reasons, I wonder how many would still persist in worshipping God, as the early Christians did, even though it meant the risk of torture and death?

And yet, it is as true as it is strange that 'the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.' It is well known that persecution always brings out the best in religion and reveals its strength rather than its weakness. It has been said that religion is like a nail - the harder it is hit, the deeper it sinks in. Modern enemies of religion fully realize this, so the modern technique is no longer persecution. The attacks against it are more subtle and are based on the theory that if you can make people's lives physically comfortable and financially secure they will gradually forget about God and prayer and worship and all religion. It is horrible to think that such a thing could be true. And yet, there is no denying that this certainly seems to be happening. Human nature is strange. In war it rises to heights of heroism and sacrifice, while in peace it becomes lazy and self-centered. Danger and persecution draw us closer together; safety and security make us spiritually independent. Religious persecution produces martyrs; religious freedom produces spiritual "drop-outs."

The insidious destruction of the Faith is well underway. Let us pray that Christians will recognize what is happening and rally the strength they might display if they were being persecuted for their religion, as was Stephen.

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