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Village primary likely

There probably will be a primary for Republican candidates vying for three trustee positions in the Clarkston Village Council.

Two non-incumbent Republicans, Fontie ApMadoc of Main Street and Neal Sage of North Holcomb, have already filed for trustee with village clerk Bruce Rogers.

Since incumbent Republican trustees Neil Granlund and Ruth Basinger are also expected to run, there will be four candidates for three Republican seats, thus necessitating the primary.

The primary, if necessary, would be held February 16. Deadline to register to vote for that is January 19.

Altogether there are seven village positions up for re-election in the March 8 election.

Those include the three trustee positions, president, clerk, treasurer and assessor.

Of those, one trustee, Kathy McCall, has indicated she will not run again. President Keith Hallman is wavering right now, he said.

Assessor Ralph Thayer and Clerk Rogers have already filed, and treasurer Art Pappas says he will run again.

Deadline for candidates to file is next Monday, December 29.



Saturday's snow promised a white Christmas for the Clarkston area.

Sewer extension study starts

The residential area of Timberline Estates and Parview, east of Greens Lake, have been unofficially added to areas under study for sewer extension.

They are being considered along with the north end of the Mill Pond, Cranberry Lake, Northview Drive, Townsend Lake and Van Norman Lake in an effort to end or prevent pollution

of lake areas. The projects are eligible for what will actually be about 50 percent federal funding, and the township board intends to commit only about \$6,000 to \$10,000 at present for a feasibility study.

In special meetings Friday and Monday, the township board met to resolve wording of resolutions

which will begin the project. Accompanying the resolutions to the County DPW will be a letter saying the township has committed for only the first of three phases, and that it has done so only in the expectation that the federal government will pay 80 percent on eligible parts of the project.

Another extension, to be paid by special assessment, may be underway to industrially zoned land east of Sashabaw between Maybee Road and I-75. Leo Sklar, developer, has been given the right to circulate petitions on which he must obtain the signatures of the owners of a majority of the land affected. Public hearings on the estimated \$100,000 project will follow.



This issue of The Clarkston News is largely the product of your children. Their literary efforts have brightened our season. We hope you enjoy them, too!

Pilfered nativity scene found

Even a manger scene was not sacrosanct. December 16, as thieves tried to cart off a nativity set from the front yard of a home on Curtis Lane.

Luckily, a passerby saw the attempted theft, gave chase to two suspects, and recovered the stolen pieces, which were apparently dropped in the road by the fleeing suspects.

On the same day, December 16, someone raided the construction site at the new Clarkston Post Office on M-15 near the Dixie Highway. About \$425 worth of ply

wood was taken.

Country Value Hardware Store reported an attempted breaking and entering December 14. Someone tried to break in through the back door but was unsuccessful.

That same person may have tried to force his way into Lamplighter Florist, located next to Country Value at the M-15/Dixie Highway shopping center, the same night, deputies theorized. No entry was gained, the suspect scared off by the owner.

Larson Pipe Co., 6360 Sashabaw, reported an attempted

Breaking & Entering December 15. Someone tried to gain entry by kicking in a fiberglass panel in the garage door, but did not gain entrance.

A juvenile who said he was trying to keep warm entered Sashabaw Junior High School December 20 around 4:15 a.m., setting off the alarm system.

The 16-year-old said he had a fight with his parents, left home, walked to school and went inside, via a window.

A residence on Hadley Road was broken into recently. Owners of the home were on vacation and neighbors did not know what was missing.

Four juveniles are suspected in the December 19 recovery of \$800 in stolen guns and coins, found at the Springfield Estates Trailer Park.

The trailer park patrol surprised someone running through the park the 19th, and the suspects dropped the stolen items and ran.

Seven boxes of U.S. and Canadian coins and five guns were recovered. One of the guns and the bag containing the coins were reported stolen in an earlier burglary in the park.

In a twist on a burglary, a thief rang the doorbell of a home on Meyers Street December 16, got no answer, and apparently went inside and carried off \$410 in cash.

A resident of the home reported she heard footsteps on the stairway 10 minutes after the doorbell rang, saw a pair of legs running out the front door, and then discovered the theft.

The tenant said she didn't answer the door, thinking someone else had.

Someone during the past four years swiped guns from the attic of a home on Pine Knob Lane. The theft was discovered by the owner December 16.

A purse was taken from a home on Bridge Lake Road the same day. Thieves entered through an unlocked door.

Parview resident Lester Howe won't have such a Merry Christmas without his \$1,300 snowmobile and trailer, stolen from the yard next to his house before the snowfall.

A cassette player was taken from an auto left on Clarkston Road after it broke down December 15. A window was broken to gain entrance.

An auto was also broken into at a gas station on M-15 the same day. Speakers valued at \$50 were taken, and also a garage door opener. Damage estimated at \$200 was also done to the car.

A flat-bottomed boat was taken from behind a garage on Bridge Lake Road, also on December 15.

A Boy Scout tent has been recovered from a field near the corner of Church and Almond.

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Greeting card collection traces old area family

by Mary Warner
of The Clarkston News

If you are sending or receiving greeting cards this Christmas, you'll most likely see scenes of a jolly, round-cheeked St. Nick hauling around in a sleigh.

But 60 years ago, Santa looked different than he does today. He was older then, a little less portly, and a little more like Father Time.

He was even impersonated by Uncle Sam, perhaps because of the patriotic fervor of the 1915-1920 period.

Christmas cards themselves were a little more exotic, with raised surfaces, lots of gold engraving, and colors brighter than anything seen with today's printing.

And they were a more cherished item to receive at Christmas, according to Daisy Dowling of Main Street Antiques.

Sending Christmas postcards in the early 1900's was "really quite a thing," she said. "The cards were a work of art, and it was quite an honor to get one."

Daisy has a collection of old postcards belonging originally to

the Van Wagoner families of Lake Orion and Oxford. She got them from the Tunstead family, who married into the Van Wagoner family.

The cards are interesting to look at, she said. And even more fun if the owner traces the sender.

Daisy's collection is from those received by the Van Wagoner brothers Lou, Lee and Ray when they were from 10 to 15 years old. Most came from the brothers' aunt Lulu, who was a maiden teacher in Troy.

Most of the time Lulu was asking the boys to come see her at Christmas.

When you consider that the Van Wagoners are an American family dating back from 1732, the cards become a puzzle to unravel.

Gladys Van Wagoner, wife of one of the cards' receivers, Ray, helped out a bit.

She said the cards were probably saved by her mother, Catie in the Tunstead home in Oxford, where Daisy found them. Catie Van Wagoner's first husband died and she remarried George Tunstead, owner of a hardware store in Oxford for

many years.

A portion of the old Tunstead tin shop is now housed in the Oxford Historical Museum.

More interesting is to find out about the Van Wagoner boys themselves. Lou became a general in the U.S. Army. Lee is former owner of Oxford Pharmacy. Ray ran a drugstore, the Lake Orion Pharmacy, for many years before he retired.

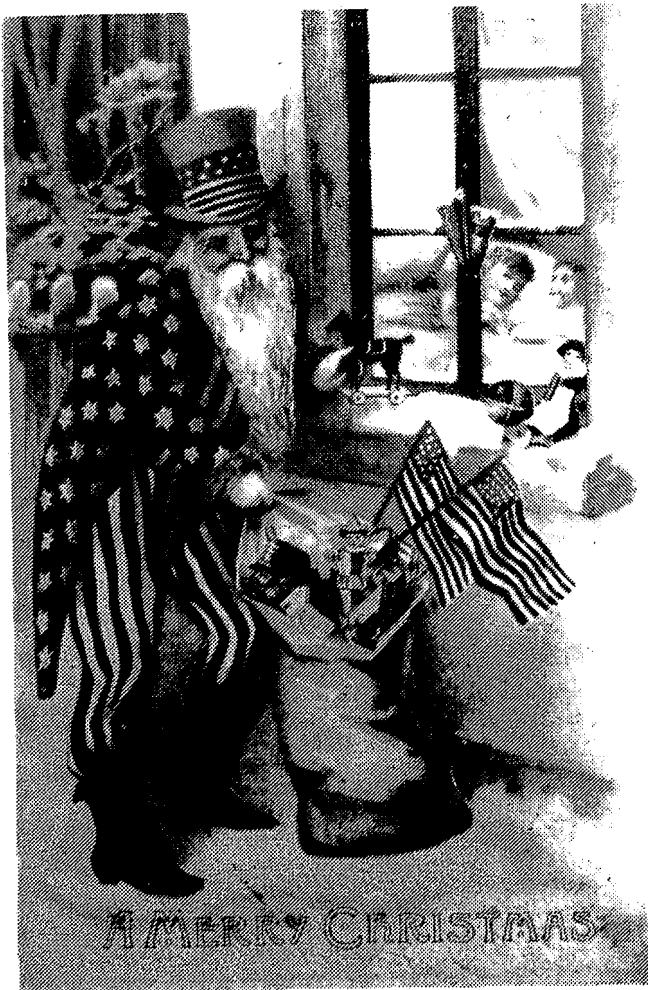
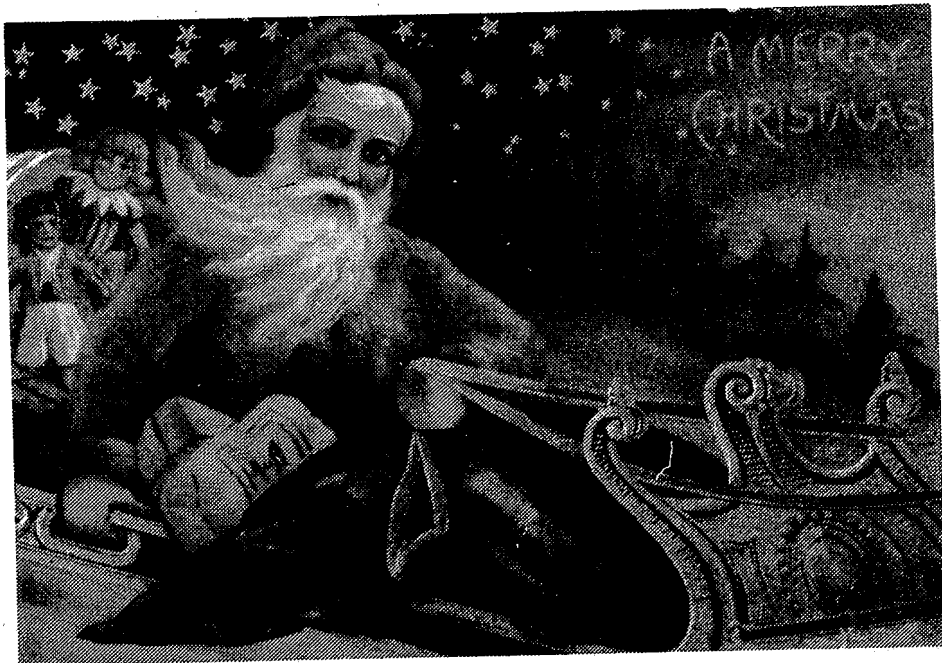
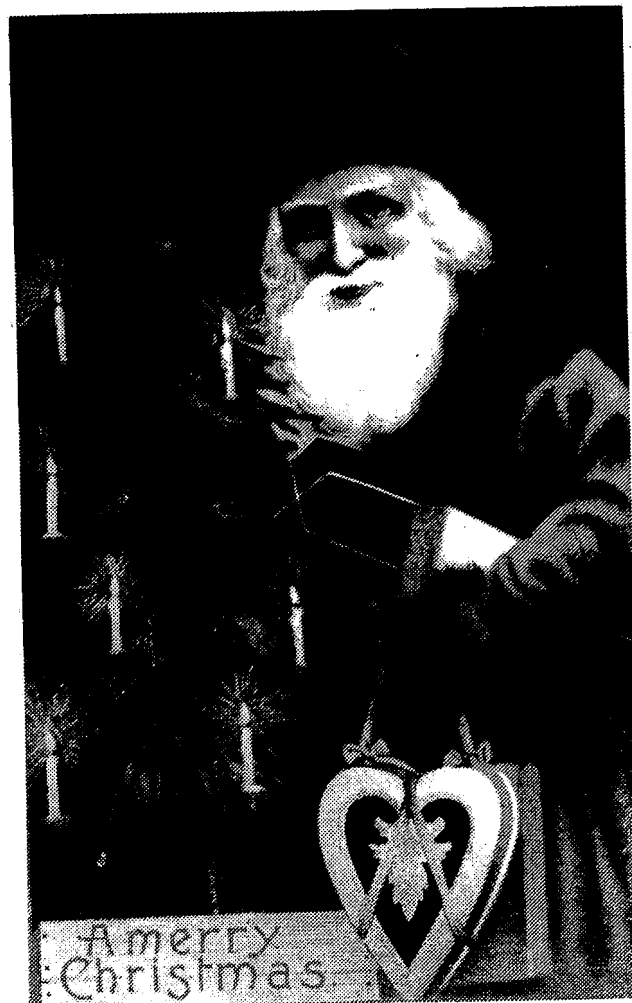
No one is quite sure how the tradition of sending Christmas cards came into being. The first one is believed to have been made in London in 1842.

But saving old ones has both historical, sentimental and monetary value, Daisy says.

Along with the Van Wagoner collection, Daisy has other cards in a number of albums.

She can look back and see how styles have changed, families have grown, and even how Santa Claus has evolved in the minds of men.

So, perhaps before giving up licking that 100th stamp, or tossing out last year's cards, you should start a collection of your own, and let your grandchildren and great grandchildren unravel the puzzles they create.



Smaller lots permissible under cluster development

by Jean Saille
of The Clarkston News

It is possible to build homes on 10,000 square foot lots in Independence Township, according to Planning Director Larry Burkhardt.

That's true, despite the fact that the zoning ordinance calls for a 15,000 square foot minimum in its R-1-A (or smallest lot size) residential district.

The lesser lot size is permissible

only in cluster developments, which the newly adopted zoning ordinance allows under several residential classifications.

In essence, the total density of the acreage involved is to be no more than its zoning classification would allow under conventional platting procedures, Burkhardt said.

Certain common land is set aside for the benefit of the area as a whole, and Burkhardt admits

that formation of a subdivision association becomes almost mandatory as a means of taking care of the common property.

Cluster development, however, does allow privately owned, even fenced, yards.

Burkhardt points out that good cluster development can shorten sewer piping and road construction and keep traffic internalized and off main roads.

A 10,000 square foot lot is 100 by 100 feet, 90 by 115, 80x125 or of irregular size, Burkhardt points out.

They will be allowed for the first time in recent years on 126 acres off the southeast corner of the Maybee-Sashabaw intersection. The property is zoned R-1-A, and under that classification could have accommodated 250 homes, Burkhardt said.

Under cluster development—the final plat yet to be approved by the township board—the property will support 238 homes ultimately, Burkhardt said. Sewers are being run into the area for a first stage of 42 homes, he reported.

The development, when finished, is planned to feature an internal lake and a strip of park area along Lake Oakland on which the property fronts.

Occidental began processing the cluster zoning under terms of the old ordinance. It is the only such cluster development tried in the township, and has entailed the ironing out of several wrinkles, Burkhardt reported.

Cluster developers, who had to appear at the planning commission prior to going to the zoning board of appeals, found themselves back in front of the planning commission, with another appearance due yet at the zoning board before the cluster concept got truly underway.

Burkhardt thinks the new zoning ordinance adopted a year ago, will simplify procedures, and allow the use of cluster in a manner that will benefit everyone.

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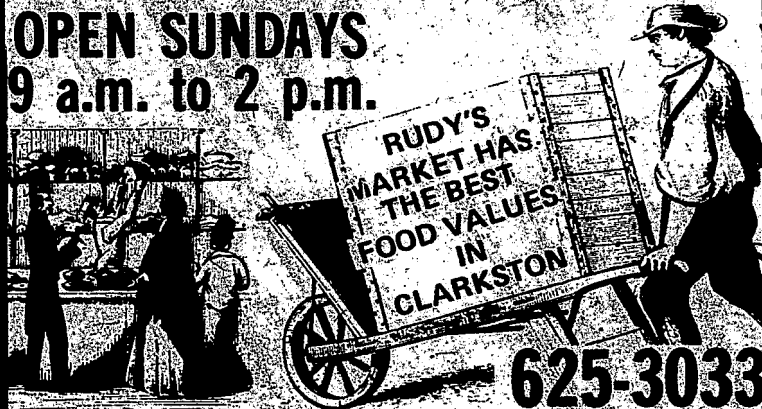
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Wed., Dec. 24 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
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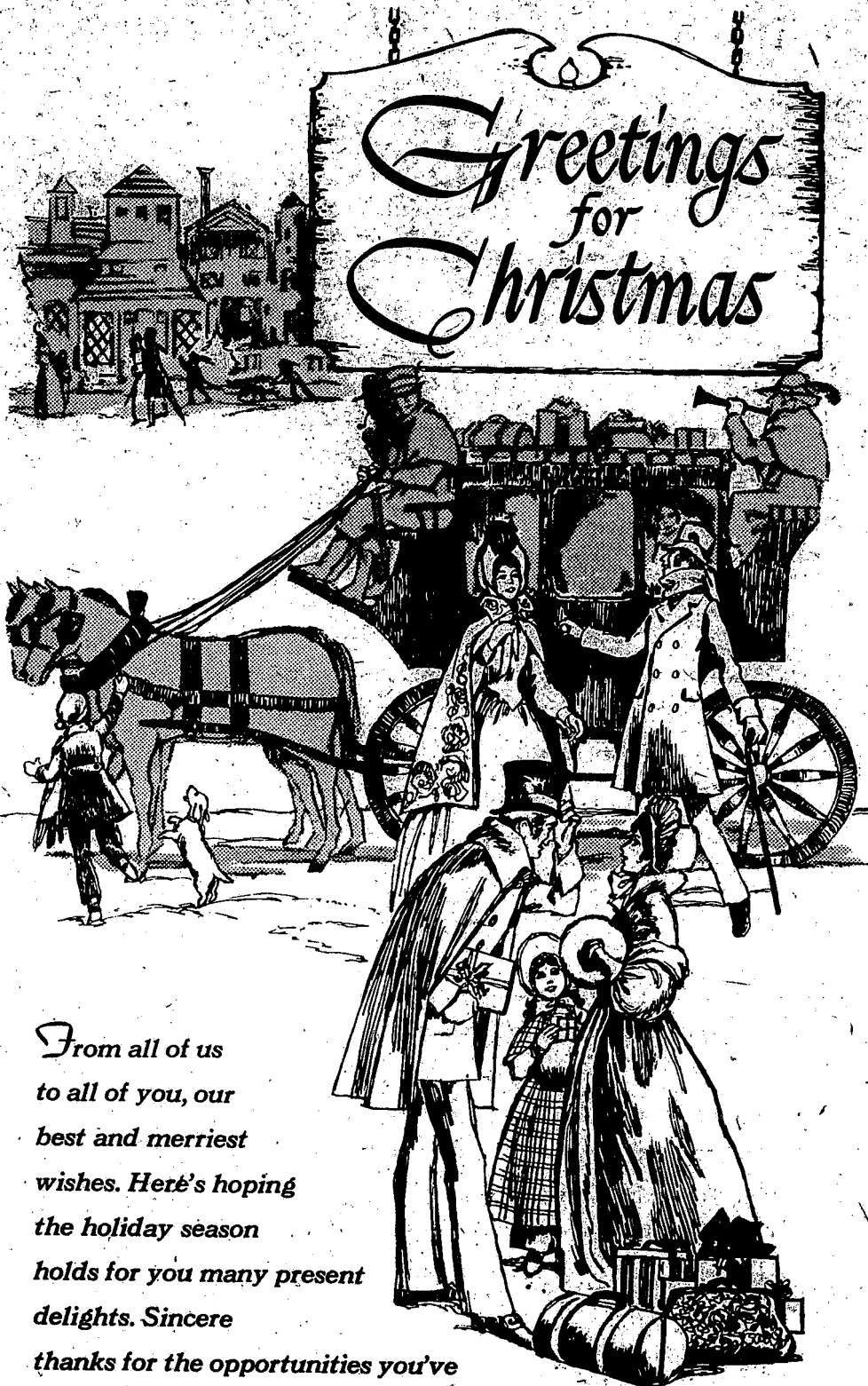
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Editorial

Some Christmas gifts we'd like to give

To chip away at the cynicism honest individuals find some of the world, we should like to reward. We do not ask for 100 offer the following Christmas percent recognition, only enough so that some benefit a significant chance for integrity remains visible. It exist that truly concerned and might even encourage others to take up a noble cause.

As a measure of self-protection, we would dispense an ability to overlook others' shortcomings in the hopes that they would do the same for us. We would further grant honest discussion between adversaries in the belief that some of our more horrendous problems might be solved.

Further, we would give pleasure in small things, and the time and the will to enjoy them. Sometimes it's only a smile.

Finally we would grant good health and good spirits—and a great capacity for enjoyment. May you have a happy holiday season!

PEEKIN' into the PAST



25 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS
December 28, 1950

Serving will start at 12:30 at the Annual Dinner at Davisburg Church.

Keith Broddus is planning on visiting his Aunt and Uncle in Berkley over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jantz have moved into their home after redecorating following the fire that destroyed most of their home.

10 YEARS AGO IN THE CLARKSTON NEWS
December 30, 1965

Clarkston State Bank and Pontiac State Bank merged December 20.

Unsafe ice was reported on area lakes and skating was not advised, yet!

Kelly Burnette headed Clarkston school's March of Dimes Campaign.

'If It Fitz ...'

Non-Christians not welcome

by Jim Fitzgerald

Jesus Christ!

No, I'm not taking his name in vain during the holy season. And this isn't going to be another explanation of why I don't go to church. Who cares whether the clown goes to church?

I just wanted to get the attention of all you good Christians. I have a question for you.

Do you have any objections to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness starting a school in your town?

You know the Krishnas. They shave their heads and wear long gowns and preach in the streets. They often hang around bus terminals and airports, looking as if they fell off an old-fashioned

Christmas card.

It is strange to see the Krishnas as jets roar overhead. They look like they should be in Bethlehem, maybe in a manger (Pay attention now, you Christians. I am getting meaningful).

The Krishnas recently tried to buy an abandoned military academy in the small farming community of Aledo, Ill. They wanted to use it for a school. But the good Christians of Aledo didn't want anything to do with the Krishnas.

"The academy definitely suited our needs, but the townspeople obviously did not want us there," said the Krishna's business manager. "The prevailing attitude was such that we were concerned about

the welfare of the children should we move there."

The Krishna leaders were shouted down when they tried to plead their case at a public meeting. Mrs. Glen Stancliff, who led the Aledo drive against the Krishnas, explained there was no room for the sect or its children because Aledo is a Christian community and the Krishnas aren't Christian, they are Hindu.

"Toleration? Our country was founded on that, but remember everyone that came to our country accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior," Mrs. Stancliff said. "We're trying to protect our own religion is what we are trying to do." The Jews must have been

stowaways on the Mayflower. They probably snuck ashore while the good Christians were ripping off the Indians.

The sad truth is that there are millions of Christians who agree with Mrs. Stancliff. They think theirs is the only path and everyone else must either be saved by the missionaries or kept out of town. They are small people who can't see over their bibles and they cannot possibly pray hard enough on Sunday to make up for the hypocritical poison they ooze all week. The Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem would be ashamed to listen to them.

No room in Aledo, Mrs. Stancliff said. No room in the inn.

hill'n gully

Christmas concert

by Joan Salle

I wish I could remember all with the visit of Santa which the "recitations" I had to learn followed the program. His for the Christmas concerts put dispensation of candy sacks on at our one-room country was also an event of some importance.

There were hundreds of them, chosen from well-thumbed recitation books and dealing with old truths and country humor. There wasn't a lot of money floating around on the prairies in those dreadfully dry years of the 30's, but somehow life stayed good.

About a dozen of us attended Beaver Dam School in those days, and all of December was given over to preparation for the Christmas concert.

Because there were so few of us, we all had to assume double and triple roles—and it was quite possible that St. Joseph was also the bad little boy who always "got nuttin' for Christmas."

Our costumes were courtesy of our parents, or made in school. I can remember a pale blue crepe paper dress which I wore for the execution of a minuet dance. We frilled the edges of the crepe paper with great care before attaching it to a slip.

There were any number of musical numbers in this two-hour presentation, and lack of voice didn't deter any of us from taking part.

The school Christmas concert was the big event in December for all the families of our area, whether they had kids in school or not.

On stormy concert nights they came by team and sleigh to exchange greetings with neighbors, and to give we youngsters an audience.

Applause was loud and frequent and almost on a par



Bailey Lake students greened their corridors with unusual and attractive decorations.





Willard Hill

Letters to the editor

Save diabetic funds

Below is a letter written by Dr. Piero Foa, (credentials), etc. As the mother of a diabetic child, I am distressed to see these research funds eliminated, particularly now, when important strides are being made everyday. May I urge everyone whose life has been touched by diabetes, to unite in support of reinstatement of this research appropriation. Just a few minutes of your time can make a big difference. Petitions to the governor are available for your signature, or better yet, for circulation to your family, friends and neighbors. Please write me at 9598 Oak Hill Road, Holly, 48442, or call 634-8960. If you have diabetes, or know someone who has, won't you

please help? More than a quarter of a million persons in Michigan have diabetes, a disease which, according to a recent study by the National Commission on Diabetes, is the third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer. Considering that diabetes is a major factor in the development of arteriosclerosis, it well may turn out to be the greatest killer of them all. In recognition of the magnitude of this public health problem, Rep. Joyce Symons, D-Allen Park, with the concurrence of more than 70 co-signers, introduced and was instrumental in the passage of Public Act 335, a bill providing \$200,000 for diabetes research in 1974-75 and mandating similar

appropriations in succeeding years. On the strength of this bill, six important projects in two of our leading universities were started, but will have to be scrapped even before their fruit can be harvested because Gov. Milliken, by executive order 1975-12, took the appropriation out of the state budget. Wise economy move? Perhaps, but then it is disheartening to learn that the \$800,000 for the Pontiac stadium was allowed to stand. Piero Foa, M.D. Chairman Department of Research Sinai Hospital Physiology Professor WSU School of Medicine

She's got ideas

Dear Editor Saile: I read your newspaper all the time and enjoy the reading. I am not old enough to vote or participate in Government, but that does not keep me from enjoying the letters that are written with regard to government policy. From my school studies, I believe that I understand the growth and policies of the following political parties and their memberships, the Republican Party, the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Democrat Party. Perhaps some of the members of these parties are not always recognized. There is this old gentleman, a Mr. Grogen, that writes so much.

He must not be able to get out and have fun like other people. I suppose he stays home all time and writes those forceful letters. Lately he seems to be repeating himself. His idea of one acre parcels is real good for then when this country goes full Socialist or Communist we will all have our communal share to raise our good on. That beats walking miles to work on a communal farm. I certainly hope that Mr. Grogen improves and will not need institutional care. I enjoy reading his fine letters, they seem so dedicated to the parties teachings. Sincerely, LaVone Foster

Santa's Shed

Dear Editor, Santa's Shed was a huge success, thanks to many people: Jean Saile for great coverage and publicity. Police Services Dept. especially the help and cooperation of Beth Tower. Edwin Glennie for use of the Township Hall. Gary Kay, custodian on duty. A number of Jr. Miss Contestants who helped with Gift wrapping and guiding children. Girl Scouts of Troop 201 who helped small children. Last, but not least, thanks to our Clarkston Community for their support. We couldn't have done it without them. Sincerely, The Clarkston Jayette's Rosalie Kruep and Pam Randall Chairpersons

A story about Santa Claus

by Beth Hunn In the north pole the Clauses are getting ready for christmas eve to come. the elves are busy making toys. Santa is getting fat for christmas. Mrs. Claus is making food for santa. And last of all the reindeer are taking their lessons for flying. Christmas eve is here the elves are packing the sleigh for santa. Now Dasher, Now Dancer, now Prancer, Now Vixen, now Comet, now Cupid, Dunder, now Blitzen, now Rudpf. they flew fast in the dark blue sky. They came to every house even Beth's Hunn's house. He left a box for her, he left a box for her sister, and left a box for her other sister, and her mom and dad.

Merry Christmas they all said to each other. I gave my dad a belt and my mom some perfume and my sister some earrings and my other sister a book. They all said thank you to me and I said Merry Christmas.

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Public Notice

Nominating Petitions for the 1976 Village Election are available from the Village Clerk. These Petitions must be turned in to the Clerk by 4 p.m. Dec. 29, 1975. Offices up for election are: President, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and three Trustee positions. All are two year terms. Any questions, please contact the Village Hall at 625-1559.

Bruce Rogers Village Clerk

Public Notice

Independence Township Treasurer's Office will be open Friday, December 26 and Saturday, December 27 from 9 AM until 5 PM for the collection of 1975 taxes.

Elizabeth Hallman Treasurer

Public Notice

REGULAR MEETING INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD Dec. 16, 1975

1. Conducted Public Hearing on Proposed uses of CDA Grant for 1976.
2. Discussed Federally Funded Sewer Extension.
3. Approved issuing petition to Mr. Sklar to extend sewers up Sashabaw to Waldon Road.
4. Documented original layoff of employees in Nov. 1974 and Jan. 1975.
5. Tabled acreage split ordinance.
6. Paid bills totaling \$27,335.74.
7. Revised School Traffic Ordinance No. 85.
8. Appointed J. Powell, Mel Vaara and J. Smith to the Planning Commission for new terms.
9. Resolved to have one constable on the ballot in 1976.
10. Tabled request to sell .13 acres on township property.
11. Discussed setting up salary review commission, to make recommendations on township officials salaries for 1976.
12. Appointed Donald Foote and Robert Randolph as police reserves.
13. Discussed possible layoffs of Ceta employees.
14. Adjourned 11:00 p.m.

Robert D. Lay, Clerk

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TINKER'S TOY STORE

By Lisa Angus

Hi, my name is Teddy. I am a teddy bear. I am sitting on the middle shelf. I have lots of problems! Every time someone likes something on the shelf above me, they reach up and and... Boy, what a under-arm odor!! At night I sneak over to monopoly and play a few games and then go back to my place on the shelf. Sometimes I wish someone would buy me and sometimes I don't. Well good-bye, here comes the night watch man.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Christmas is coming beten watch out don't jump in the fish tank or you'll get water in you snout?

THE MANGER

Little manger far away little Jesus was born today - Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa comes on Christmas eve to bring you lots of toys and if your good all thru the year you'll even get lot's of joy.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like tiffany Taylor. I have been good. I would like record player. I would like Doll. I

From Pamela Bellows

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a tonka crane. I have been good.

Jeff Frick

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like Tiffany Taylor.

Stacey Stricklin

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Some cheerful Junior High students prepare to escort some Clarkston Elementary students home at noon.



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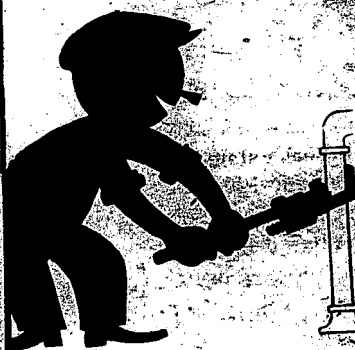
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Season-high scoring leads to victory

By Dave Johnson
Sports Reporter

Clarkston's varsity basketball team had little trouble upending Milford last Friday as they captured their first league victory, 75-45.

The victory is the Wolves' second of the year and leaves them with a 1-1 league record and 2-4 overall.

In other league action West Bloomfield dumped Waterford

Kettering 55-41 to take the pole position in the GOAL race with a 2-0 record. The Lakers are 5-1 overall.

Victory for Clarkston was never in question as the team shot out to an 18-8 lead behind Weldon Graham's nine points. By half-time the Wolves controlled a 32-20 lead.

Pulling away from Milford in the third quarter, Coach McDonald sent in his substitutes.

Playing against the Redskins starters, Doug Manigold sank five of six floor shots for 10 points and Don Farnsworth added six points as Clarkston increased their lead to 48-34.

Clarkston blew Milford out of town in the fourth quarter as they hit for a season high in one quarter - 27 points. They held Milford to 11 points in the final quarter to take the 75-45 victory.

Weldon Graham, Clarkston's leading scorer with a 14.7 scoring average led all scorers with 17 points. Other contributors included Don Farnsworth with 12 points, Manigold with 10 points and Don Blower with nine points.

The Wolves shot a season high 46 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line as they made 21 of 28 attempts.

They will try to retain their hot shooting over the holiday season before returning to action, Tues-

day, January 6 at Lapeer. Game time is 8 p.m.

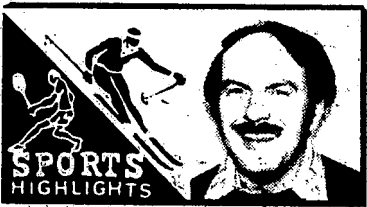


Parking fine process altered

If—after the next 30 days—you are issued a ticket for illegal parking on school property, you'll have some different options to follow.

Independence Township Board has determined that the ticket, if paid in 48 hours, will cost \$2 at the township offices. If paid in 14 days, the price is \$5. If not paid in 14 days, a warning is issued and the matter could wind up in court.

The ordinance amendment, which provides for the process, extends the period of time before such cases get to court. Until the new amendment becomes legal, people must go to court if their tickets are not paid within 48 hours.



by David McNeven, Coach

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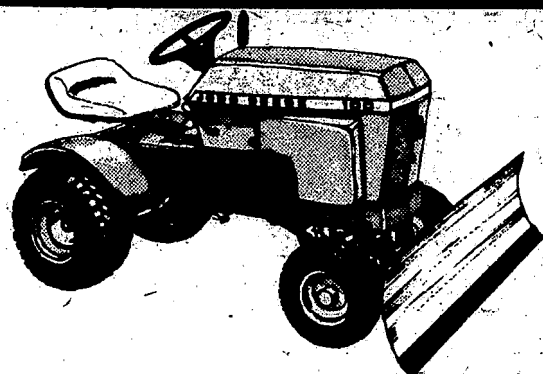
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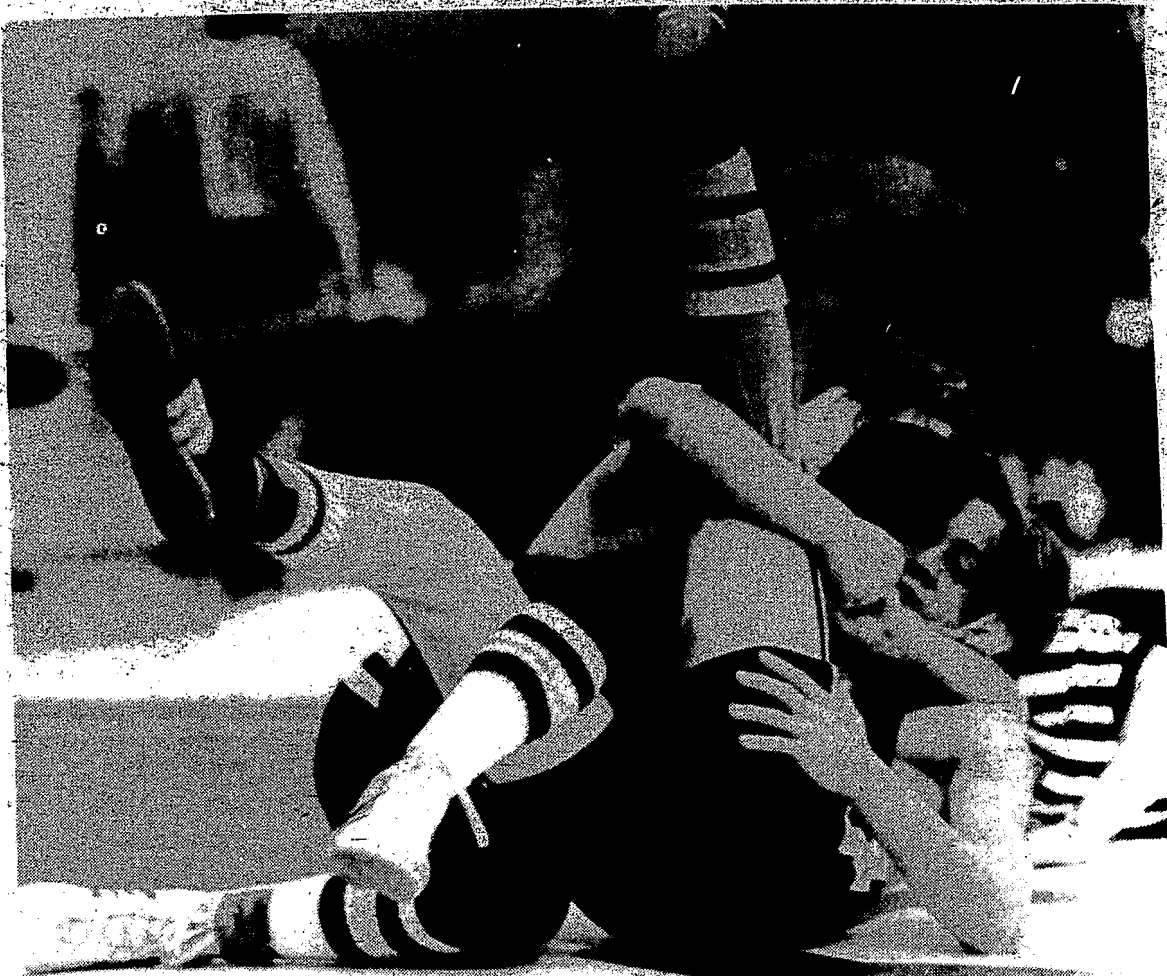
The Clarkston Wolves competed against 32 other teams from the Oakland, Wayne and Macomb area during the two days tournament.

Rowland Hayward, in the 132 weight class, placed in the finals but lost to a Pontiac Catholic grappler with a score of 6-3.

Placing seventh in semi-finals confirmation was Ray Funck, 112 weight and Bill Mc Cluskie, 138 weight class.

Brad Griggs also won two matches during the tournament, but was eliminated during the semi-finals competition.

Clarkston High School's league wrestling competition begins January 6 at home against Birmingham Seaholm.



Wrestler Brad Griggs (left and top) won two matches in semi-final competition Friday.



JVs win second

John Bullen and Ken Schulte led Clarkston's Junior Varsity to their second victory of the season, sinking 16 and 12 points respectively, against Milford December 19. The outcome of that game was 63-58 in Clarkston's favor.

Bullen, who has been averaging 14.7 points a game, pumped in 10 of his points in the first quarter. He scored his remaining six points in the second period before retiring for the evening. Coach Dave Bihl inserted his reserves in the second half after Clarkston built a 53-24 lead.

The Redskin starters remained in the game and outscored the Wolves 34-10. It wasn't enough to win the contest.

The Wolves resume action January 6 at Lapeer. Game time is 6:30 p.m.



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Fri., Dec. 12	West Bloomfield	Away	6:15
Fri., Dec. 19	Milford	Home	8:00
Tues., Jan. 6	Lapeer	Away	6:30
Fri., Jan. 9	Detroit Thurston	Home	8:00
Fri., Jan. 16	Andover	Away	6:30
Tues., Jan. 20	Waterford Mott	Away	6:15
Fri., Jan. 23	Waterford Kettering	Away	6:15
Tues., Jan. 27	Rochester Adams	Away	6:30
Fri., Jan. 30	West Bloomfield	Home	6:30
Tues., Feb. 3	Waterford Township	Home	6:30
Fri., Feb. 6	Milford	Away	6:30
Tues., Feb. 10	Lake Orion	Away	6:30
Fri., Feb. 13	Detroit Thurston	Away	8:00
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Are students smarter, or just wiser?

Computer analysis shows more of them get 'A's'

by Jean Saile
of The Clarkston News

Where once only about seven percent of Clarkston High school students received an "A" in any given course, there's now about 22 percent who attain the perfect mark.

The information is available via computer print-out, and Conrad Bruce, director of student services

thinks there may be a number of reasons to explain the change.

While kids are undoubtedly more aware now of how to attain good grades, and Bruce thinks many of them have better study habits than his generation did, the real reason, Bruce says, is probably the largely elective curriculum offered at the school.

"Kids are taking courses they want, sometimes only those they'll do well in. Where a course used to last a full year, it now lasts only nine weeks and students have the option of getting out or staying in any given field of study," he explained.

The computer grade print-outs show that the normal number of failures -- 7 percent -- has also increased, to 13.5 percent. In

recent years more than the 24 percent average of "B" marks have been handed out, the lessening coming in the "C" and "D" grades.

Bruce said until about five years ago, educators believed most students got "C" or average marks, with the high and low grades falling off equally on either side.

The computer print-out also gives administration a chance to check teachers, and some of them have been asked why the high preponderance of a given grade.

Besides handling grades, the computer -- for which Clarkston School District pays the intermediate School District \$2 per student per year -- shows courses taken, grades and points received,

absences, and handles class scheduling.

The attendance monitoring has succeeded in reducing absenteeism at the school by half, Bruce said. Where students generally missed at the rate of 10 to 12 percent a day, the new figures are now about 5 to 6 percent.

The computer has enabled administrators to pinpoint the days and the hours students skip,

and Bruce infers that some longstanding patterns have probably been broken as a result of the electronic surveillance.

"First of all -- when we started using computer checks on absences -- the students were amazed. They wanted to know how we got our information. Now most of them understand it," Bruce says.

You get the feeling he thinks they respect it, too.

New faces on boards

There'll be some new faces on Independence Township official bodies.

While Supervisor J. Edwin Glennie has reappointed Mel Vaara and James Smith to three-year terms on the Planning Commission, he has substituted Trustee Jerry Powell for Trustee Fred Ritter as the board's representative to that body.

Ritter, in turn, will assume Powell's position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Glennie said. Powell has served in that capacity the past three years.

Glennie also reported Florence Blimka has resigned as a member of the Board of Review which meets in the spring to hear assessment complaints. He said her replacement would be named later.

Salary review group reactivated

A salary review commission Arthur Elliott to the group with expected to make recommendations on township officials' January 6 meeting.

The advisory committee last April is in process of being reformed. The board has reappointed Douglas Carlson, Vince Luzi and

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The theatre is accepting reservations for "New Year's Eve At Meadow Brook," in which the preview of Miss Hellman's powerful study of pride and greed in a nouveau-riche Southern family, "The Little Foxes," will be followed by a midnight candle-light buffet supper at beautiful Meadow Brook Hall. The tickets are either \$18.50 or \$19.50 per person, according to whether Section A or Section B tickets are desired.

Since only a limited number of reservations are available, those interested should call immediately. The box office number is 377-3300. Reservations may be charged to Master Charge or Bank Americard.

Practical wine knowledge is the subject of the Beginning Wine Symposium to be offered again beginning Monday, January 26 by the Division of Continuing Education of Oakland University.

It will mark the fifth year that the popular nondegree evening course has been offered by the Division of Continuing Education and conducted by Walter W. Rosenberg, wine consultant.

The unique three lectures oriented to the appreciation, care and use of wines begin with an aperitif and end with comparative

fastings of six different choice wines and gourmet cheeses. The other two sessions are scheduled for Monday, February 2 and February 9.

Walter W. Rosenberg will conduct the course from 7:30-10 p.m. at Ted's Old Town Inn, Woodward at Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Paid registration is due by Wednesday, January 21. Registration information can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

"Christmas in Greenfield Village" is featuring buildings decorated in historical motif, demonstrations of holiday cookery and crafts, strolling carolers and sleigh rides when weather permits. The railroad is also in daily operation this season.

Crafts are being featured in Henry Ford Museum. Period decorations, concerts of Christmas played on antique instruments and a special exhibit of miniatures will be on display until 9 p.m. daily December 26 to January 4.

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INDEPENDENT view

Clarkston High School Counselor Marilyn Hanson reports the number of college applications being made by seniors are down this year.

She thinks it's probably a combination of lack of money due to financial uncertainty, and lack of direction as to what the students ultimately want to do. The country as a whole is reporting an increase in college enrollments, Mrs. Hanson reports.

Maybe Clarkston is different because folks here fit into that middle slot where they're not wealthy enough to be unaffected by the recession, but too wealthy to qualify for aid or loans.

Mrs. Hanson says the figures could change during the spring term, when financial aid awards are made and students begin to think in terms of enrolling in Oakland Community College.

Thoughts from some of the children at Christmas: "I like Christmas 'cause it is the most important holiday of the year. You should enjoy it and don't go out and drink beer."

And for the weight-conscious: "When you eat Christmas dinner, you won't get thinner."

George White, Pine Knob Community liaison man, wants to hear from people who would like to take part in the Music Theater survey now being undertaken among neighbors. He says they can contact him at 8050 Pine Knob Road, prior to January 21.

The Independence Township Board has decided to accept the low bid of Draffen Electric of Farmington, which has promised to make electrical repairs to the old library for the price of \$1,787.

There had been some discussion about whether the bid should be awarded outside the area, but review by department heads found Draffen to be the significant low bidder, board members were told last week.

Robert Randolph and Don Foote have been named to Independence Township Police Reserves. The two have attended reserve academy classes at Schoolcraft College. They will replace officers who have dropped from the force, and the total number of reserves will remain at 12, according to Supervisor J. Edwin Glennie.

A new acreage split ordinance providing that a three-man administrative committee eliminate some of the current hassle in dividing land parcels is still not ready for passage in Independence Township.

There are other ordinances that the streamlined version will conflict with and Supervisor J. Edwin Glennie says some of them—including the division of land ordinance, and the lot split ordinance—will have to be amended.

Currently the process involves the planning department, the planning commission, frequently the building department and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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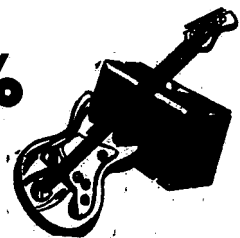
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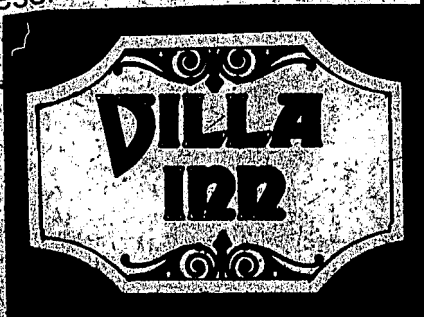
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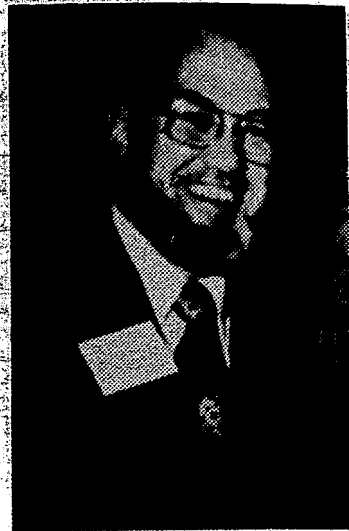
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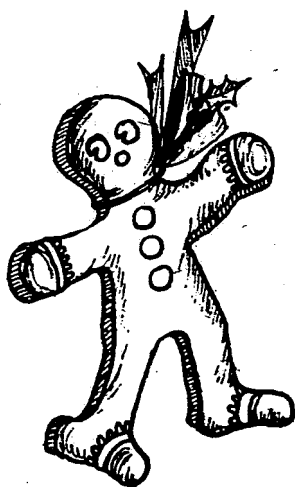
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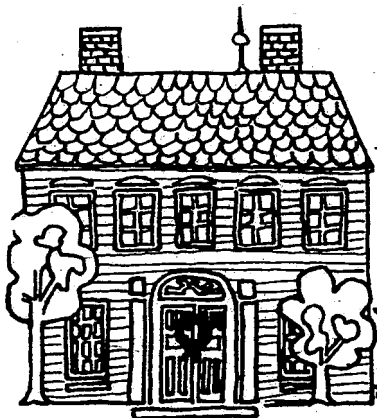
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Tales from Santa's workshop

Kirk Charboneau
 "Whew! You won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today." Santa was walking around watching the elves make toys when a block of wood fell off a shelf and hit him on the head and knocked him out.

They took him to the doctors and the doctor said he would not be able to drive the sleigh on Christmas.

Christmas was going to be called off this year. Santa went home very sad. When they got back, Mrs. Santa had an idea. She would drive the sleigh.

Santa thought it was a fine idea and Christmas wasn't canceled.

Santa's Workshop
Michelle Overbay

Whew! You won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today. I was trying to help the elves make a big train when all of a sudden I bumped it and it fell and broke. Santa was so mad he made me fix it all by myself.

When I was done every one was gone. I knew it because it was so dark out. I almost broke a doll.

The place was locked so I couldn't get out but then the window. I could get out through the window.

When I got out Santa saw me and said "Sorry". I forgot you were in there.

"I said, 'That's ok'. Do you want to see the train?"

Santa said, "ok".

We went in and looked at it. I turned it on and it broke again. Santa was so mad and said fix it. So I did and went to sleep.

Lisa Mawhorter

"When! You won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today." The elves made so many mistakes on some of the toys that there weren't enough toys for all the boys and girls yet and its just

about Christmas.

I was walking past Santa's workshop when Santa asked me to help make toys.

I was so happy that I almost knocked a Christmas tree down!

Santa said I could help the elves wrap presents, load the sleigh and more.

It was time for us to get everything ready. When we got finished wrapping and loading the presents we left.

I got to ride the head reindeer, Rudolph.

That was the best Christmas I have ever had.

Tina Gann

Hi, my name is Tina, I live in the North Pole and I would like to tell you about my experiences in Santa's workshop.

"Whew! You won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today."

It was a week before Christmas and Santa and his elves were very busy making and wrapping toys. There were dolls, trains, yo-yos, boats and all sorts of things.

Santa had said he needed some help, so I offered to help. He gave me a choice, painting or building of course, I picked painting.

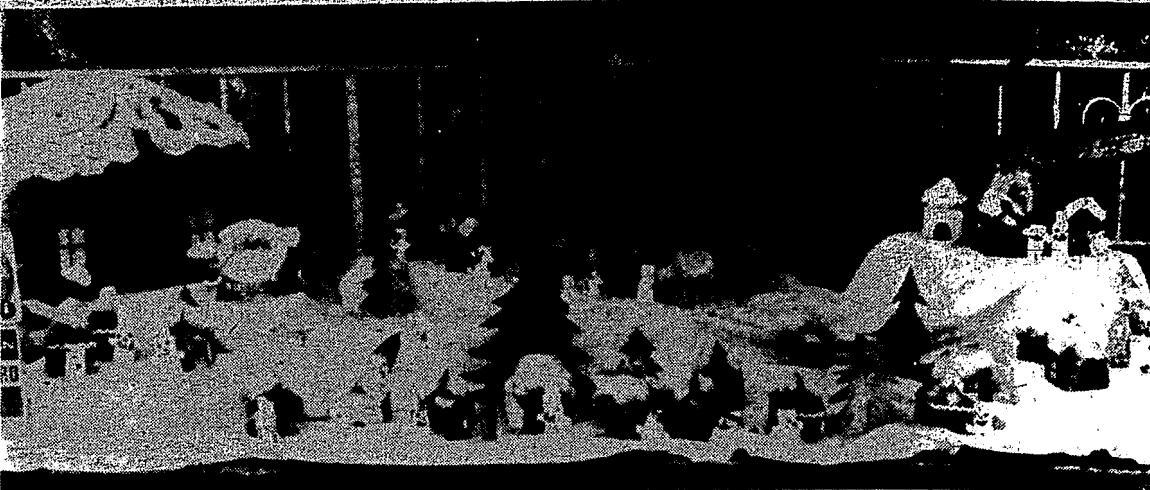
Now it was only 2 days before Christmas and the elves and I were busy wrapping the toys. You wouldn't believe how much tape they used!

Well, today was the big day. Christmas Eve.

Santa was packing the sleigh. Then Santa called all the reindeer to line up. Well they were ready except Rudolph's nose wasn't working. I ran downtown and bought a small red lightbulb for Rudolph. He tried it on. It fit!

They were on their way! The elves and I started picking up for next year. As I went in the workshop I heard Santa shout,

"Merry Christmas to all and to



Mrs. Robinson's first grade at S. Sashabaw built Santa's workshop in the window of the Sewing Basket.

all a good night!"

John Herron

"Whew! You won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today."

I saw lots and lots of presents. I couldn't find any of mine though. I saw a teddy bear for Janet and a drum for Joe and a doll for Jean I even saw a puppy dog for Don with black and white spots.

It was fun to see all the presents but the best thing I saw was Santa and Mrs. Santa and all the elves working together making toys for all the boys and girls all over the world.

Santa even asked me to help wrap the presents.

Richard Beckman

Whew! you won't believe what happened in Santa's workshop today," said Eric.

"Try me"

"Well, its like this: Santa walked into his workshop to see how many toys the elves had made. When he asked, this was their reply, "we have made one".

Santa said, "One! Only one?"

"Yes, only one." "Well, what is that toy said Santa?" "Well a

rockomatic it is a rocket that will carry a child by this automatic switch."

Santa said, "Well let me try it."

Santa got into the rockomatic and blasted off. That was the last seen of Santa for a whole week!

Then one day they saw a thing come out of the sky and crash right in front of the workshop. It was Santa!

Santa Claus
Gary Watson

Santa claus elf made different kinds of toys for all the boys and like candy and so does my brother, but I like it more then he does. Now back to santa claus. Santa claus, is a very good man he rides a sleigh on Christmas night.

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Hallman's Apothecary [left] and The Village Inn Coffee House were decorated for Christmas by children in Mrs. Smith's first grade and Mrs. Gard's second grade, respectively. The window-decorating project was promoted by the Clarkston Education Association.

MRS. CLAUS' CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPE

Lorie Crass

Hello! I'm Mrs. Claus. I would like to tell you my magic Christmas cookie recipe. It's the only kind I make. But of course it is why would I make any other kind I think they taste find. Oh no here comes Santa he will have to wate a while. When Santa came in he said Sally I want a big dinner so I can be nice and plump. So Santa got his dinner and left. Mrs. Claus said he will probably be gone for the rest of the day so we can surprise with a batch of my cookies. We began to make the cookies. She said the ingredients are: rocks, mud, chocolate, water, frost bit grass, white sand, cookie mix, magic powder, and some snow for topping. We all said yuck. But Mrs. Claus said that is nonsense I think you will like my cookies very much. So everyone went out to get the stuff while Mrs. Claus got the chocolate, magic powder and the cookie mix. When we finished the cookies tasted just as good as Mrs. Claus said they would. And the only kind of cookies we make are Mrs. Claus Christmas cookies!!



MRS. CLAUS CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPE

Janice Fowler

One day I was visiting Santa's Clau's wife. She was very cubby and had a redish-pink face. She was pretty in a way. Well, one day she was making up a Christmas cookie recipe. I asked her, "what kind of kind of cookies she was going to make?" She said, "Double layer chocolate cookies." She thought and thought of a

recipe to make up. Finally she wrote a recipe down. She let me look at it. It said sugar, flour, black berries, dough, chocolate, a table spoon of water, and coke. I said it looks O.K. Then she put the recipe on the table. That night everyone was in bed. The house was quiet as a mouse. Bang. Crack. Creek everyone jumped ran down stairs, turn on the kitchen light everything was O.K. Oh Mrs. Claus said someone told

my recipe for my Double Layer Chocolate Christmas Cookies. some of my cookies for you for a reward. So Mrs. Claus made some of her Double Layer Chocolate Christmas cookies. The police ate all of them. He told the world about them. The Double Layer Chocolate Christmas cookies came the most famous cookies in the world. Just think she just uses of the police said Look! Look! I found the recipe! We ran to him and chocolate and a tablespoon of this is it said Mrs. Claus. Mrs. water and coke.

And then there were cookies...



COUNTRY LIVING

A Norwegian Christmas

By Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News

God Yul, pronounced go yule, means good yule in Norwegian. Emily Olsen of Clarkston, born and raised in Norway, still speaks the language—and she and her family celebrate Christmas as she did as a child in Norway.

"At 5 p.m. the church bell rang and the work stopped," Mrs. Olsen remembers. "You had to be ready for Christmas."

Getting ready for Christmas meant baking the many festive cookies and breads, making the mutton roll which had to be cured in a crock, pickling the herring and making the Christmas tree.

"We used to go up in the mountains and cut juniper branches and make a tree with them," Mrs. Olsen explained that because the climate is so cold the trees don't grow very fast.

Come Christmas Eve the Olsen family will don their Norwegian "costumes" and embrace the customs that Mrs. Olsen remembers.

The dresses and vests, all made by Mrs. Olsen, are elaborately embroidered. Her own has sterling silver frog closures and the clasp of the purse that hangs from her waist matches the closures.

After dancing around the Christmas tree, "We eat and eat, and drink and drink, then eat and eat," laughed her daughter-in-law, Toni Olsen, who isn't Norwegian but German-Irish. "She makes a pretty good Norwegian though," Mrs. Olsen complimented.

On the menu are such delicacies as lutefisk (fish prepared with lye) served with white gravy and potatoes, baked ribs, pickled herring, rice pudding, mutton roll, cured beef tongue and jetots (goat cheese). The

mutton, tongue and cheese is sliced for sandwiches later in the evening.

One reason Toni has become such a good Norwegian is that she now makes the mutton roll. "But it hasn't been cold enough, long enough, yet this year to get it made," Toni explained that it has to set out in the cold for a period of time after it is put down in the crock.

A Norwegian Christmas must have lots and lots of sweets to go with the kaffe (coffee) which they are fond. Mrs. Olsen starts her baking about two weeks before the big day. Among the cookies she makes are fetigmann (poor man's cookie), Krumkaker (Norwegian cones) struvor (rosettes) and vienastanger, a filled cookie.

Sweet breads are also popular, especially julekake which translated means Christmas bread. Lefse is a sweet that denies categorizing. It is not a bread, a cake or a cookie. It may resemble a pancake only because it is fried.

Sometime during the festivities Santa arrives and gifts are exchanged. "With all the activity I can never figure out when Santa got in there!" Toni said with a chuckle.

"When I was a child you didn't do anything on Christmas day," Mrs. Olsen said. "You ate leftovers and rested from all the work of getting ready for Christmas Eve."

The Olsens also celebrate Christmas with other Norwegians in the area. Eleven years ago they were instrumental in forming the Norwegian Lodge. This year the ladies in the group gathered at Toni's for their annual Christmas party.

The lodge is active year round, having a codfish dinner in January and smorgasbord or



Emily Olsen and granddaughter Cindy Olsen anticipate the taste treat before them.

Norwegian meatball dinner in the fall.

"Boy, do you get fat at those!" exclaimed Cindy, Mrs. Olsen's granddaughter.

Mrs. Olsen has kept in touch with her relatives in Norway, visiting occasionally over the years. Last summer she made what she considers to be her last trip to Eidat-Vesteraale, her home town. She closed up the family home (the family is all gone now except for some cousins) and brought the heirlooms back to her family here.

It was an experience she is glad is over. Mrs. Olsen had to carry a translucent porcelain, 100-year-old lamp with her on the plane. When she landed in England to change planes, there was a strike of terminal personnel and she had to transport all of her own luggage. She gave the lamp to her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Betty Olsen.

The family spinning wheel had to be disassembled and packed so it wouldn't break. That Mrs. Olsen gave to her son Ray and his wife, Toni. Ray still doesn't have it completely together.

She shipped a trunk of smaller mementoes. "I had to send a key to the customs officials in Chicago so they could check it out," Mrs. Olsen said. "Then I had to have it transported to Clarkston. When it arrived, several items were missing, including antique coffee grinders and table cloths."

Still she has much to remind her of her homeland - vases, dishes, and copper teakettle. "I

don't keep much," she said. "I don't appreciate the old things. I'm getting antique myself," she chuckled.

Picking up a gleaming pewter tray Mrs. Olsen said, "This is what I really like, modern modern."

Norwegian things.

Preferring the new to the old, Mrs. Olsen is a true Norwegian. "Christmas in Norway isn't like we celebrate it in the family," Mrs. Olsen said. "It has become modern."



The family spinning wheel came to Clarkston from Norway last summer.



Emily pours kaffe [coffee] from a modern Norwegian coffee pot into an antique Norwegian cup.

COUNTRY LIVING

We can't live without cooks

The truth of the following poem is never more apparent than at the holiday season.

We may live without poetry, music and art;

We may live without conscience, and live without heart;

We may live without friends; we may live without books;

But civilized man cannot live without cooks.

Come Christmas day we all expect a table laden with our favorite foods. Whether the menu is the old fashioned American turkey with all the fixings or a contemporary standing rib of beef or one of international overtones it's sure the cook is expected to out-do herself.

The greatest challenge to the cook isn't necessarily Christmas dinner but rather it is the many extras expected at the time. Wife,

mother, or grandmother spends many a day in the month of December sorting out the recipes, buying the ingredients (some of which are hard to come by) and finally putting it all together. Then the greatest task is keeping the goodies around until Christmas.

But all this is accomplished by the cook. Following are a collection of recipes gleaned from the files of area housewives.

JULEKAKE

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teas. salt
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 2 pkgs. yeast
- 4 cups unsifted flour (about)
- 1 teas. ground cardamom
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped citron
- 1/4 cup candied cherries
- 1/4 cup chopped almonds

Method:

Scald milk; stir in sugar, salt and margarine. Cool to luke warm. Measure warm water into large warm bowl. Sprinkle yeast and stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, 2 cups flour and cardamom. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough additional flour to make a stiff dough. Turn out onto lightly floured board and knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place until double.

Punch down. Turn out onto lightly floured board. Knead in raisins, citron, cherries and almonds until well distributed. Form into round ball; place on large greased baking sheet. Cover; let rise until double in bulk. (May form into any desired shape).

Bake at 375 degrees about 40 minutes. Cool and frost. Decorate with almonds and candied fruit.

Note: To make Cardamom Bread use same dough increasing Cardamom to taste and eliminating fruit and nuts; divide dough

and braid before last rising. Both are Scandinavian breads flavored with cardamom, a favorite spice in those countries. Farmer Jacks Market carries cardamom.

Emily Olsen

BERLINKRANSER (Berlin Wreaths)

Hard-cook

3 eggs

While eggs are cooking cream together until butter is softened

1 cup butter

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Add gradually, creaming until fluffy after each addition

1/2 cup sugar

Cut eggs into halves; remove yolks to a bowl. Mash them with a fork; add one at a time, blending thoroughly.

2 egg yolks

Add the egg mixture to the creamed mixture blending thoroughly after each addition

Measure

2 cups sifted flour

Add the flour in fourths, beating thoroughly after each addition. Chill dough in refrigerator.

Cut off a small amount of dough and roll with hands into a strip about 4 in. long and 1/4 in. thick. The ends of the strip should be slightly pointed. Overlap ends about 1/4 in., forming a wreath.

Brush with egg white, slightly beaten

Sprinkle lightly with sugar

Place cookies on cookie sheets.


Bake at 350 degrees, 10-12 min., or until cookies are golden yellow. Cool completely, on racks. Makes about five dozen.

Emily Olsen



Real Estate HAPPENINGS

by Bob & Marvel White



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Place one layer of herring in bowl. Add 10-15 peppercorns on top of herring. Add large onion rings on top of peppercorns. Repeat process until all fish is used. Add one bay leaf.

Cover fish with a solution of 1/2 vinegar and 1/2 water. Store in a cold place for a couple of days.

Emily Olsen

LEFSA

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup melted oleo
- 1 tbs. ammonium carbonate,
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sour milk or buttermilk
- 6 cups flour

Method:

Mix sugar, egg, oleo, 1 cup flour and ammonium carbonate, and part of the milk. Add remaining milk and flour alternately. Roll out paperthin and fry on an ungreased, very hot griddle. Sprinkle with sugar and fold over by thirds. Cut in one inch slices.

NOTE: Ammonium carbonate must be purchased at a pharmacy. Cinnamon may be added to the sugar. The looser the dough the more tender the lefsa.

Toni Olsen

VIENASTANGER

Sift --

- 2 cup flour
- 1/2 teas. baking powder
- 1/2 cup sugar

Blend --

- 1/4 cup butter in
- 1 unbeaten egg
- 2 teas. French vanilla

Form dough and place on lightly floured pastry cloth. Divide into four parts. Shape into a roll 13 inches long and 1/4 inches thick. Place on ungreased baking sheets 4 inches apart and 2 inches from edges of sheet.

Make a depression 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep lengthwise down the center of dough with knife handle. Fill with red jelly or jam (1/2 cup)

Bake at 350 degrees, 15-20 minutes or until light golden brown. While warm cut diagonally into bars. Cool on wire racks.

Emily Olsen

POLISH NUT BREAD

Refrigerator dough:

- 1/4 lb. butter
- 4 cup flour
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 cup sweet or sour cream
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tbs. sugar
- 3 beaten egg yolks

Method:

Dilute yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water. Add 1 tablespoon sugar.

Measure flour, sugar, salt and cut in butter and egg yolks. Add yeast and cream and knead into dough (dough will be soft) cover and set in refrigerator overnight or four hours. Divide dough into two sections. Roll one section into

9x12 square and spread filling on it. Roll up like jelly roll and place on lightly greased and floured cookie sheet. Do same with second section. Let stand 2 hours or until double in size. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes and 375 degrees for 35 minutes. During last 15 minutes spread a meringue on top or use evaporated milk. Can frost with an icing while hot, hot.

Filling:

- 1 cup raisins or dates ground
- 1 1/2 lb. ground nuts
- evaporated milk - enough to spread easily
- 1 cup sugar

Jan Kirchgessner



Greetings of the Holy Season

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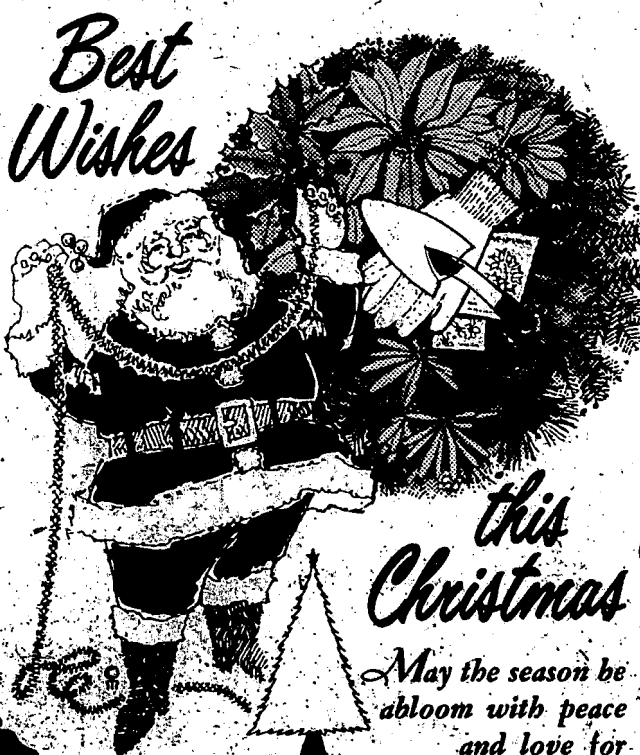
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James Dunleavy
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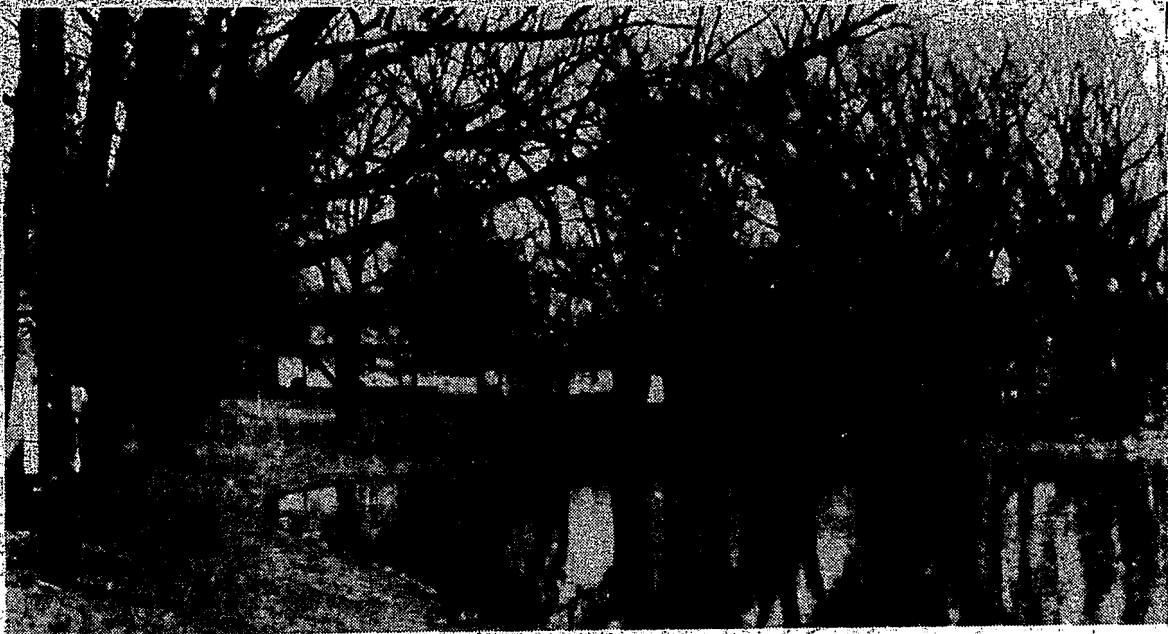
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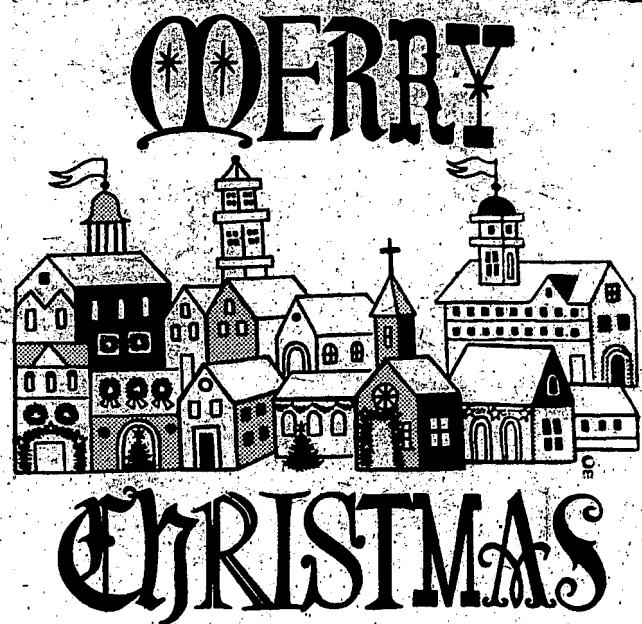


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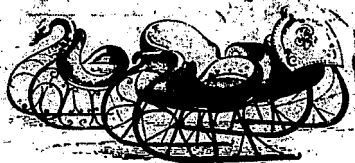
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Jackie Messing

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like
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Heather Wallace

Dear Santa,
For Christmas would like a n e w
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Mark Oldenberg

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For Christmas I would like a
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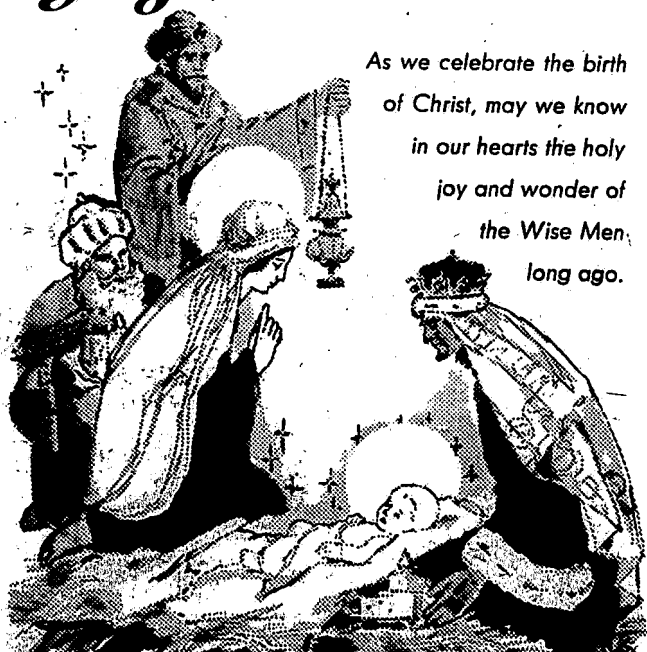


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joy and wonder of
the Wise Men,
long ago.

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time of love and brotherhood.



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Poems

All By Marietta Foster
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Santa is nice
if he gives you some mice
or even some dice
is nice.

BELLS

Ringin', Dingin'
goes the bell
on Christmas Ev
It is fun just to
listen and the lights
will glisten.

ORNAMENT

If you make a
ornament you usually
put them on a tree
with glee.

STOCKING

On Christmas eve
you put up your stocking
make sure its not blocking
another stocking.

CANDLE

The candle burns
with care but don't
you dare
Stick your finger
in there for it is
very hot!



*Sincere
Greetings*

Santa's on
the job relaying
good wishes and thanks to our friends.

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Merry Christmas



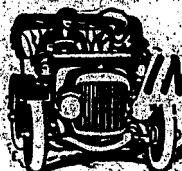
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Merry Christmas to
each and every one of you. May the
season's glad tidings brighten your days.



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Christmas carols... tidings of
comfort and joy. It's time
for peace, goodwill toward men.

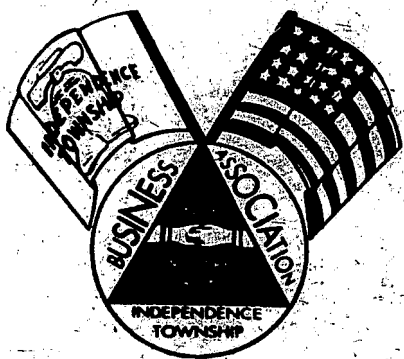
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May it fill your heart and brighten your life in this blessed season and through the year.



Greetings



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Christmas Wishes

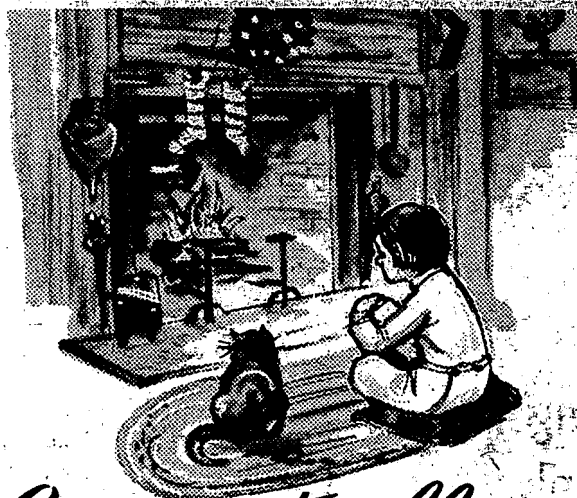
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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

Heather Menzies

Once upon a time a long time ago, Santa Claus came to Clarkston. First he went to the post office and when he got in he tripped and fell into mail drop box. Then when he got to the back of the post office, he put the presents down and knocked into the stamp drawer. When he got out he had stamps all over his face! Then he went to Rudy's market and by an accident put

the presents in the pop cooler! They had cold presents on Christmas morning. Then Santa went to the "Clarkston" sewing basket. When he came out he had a new dress on! Now when Santa Claus comes to Clarkston he is more careful.

CHRISTMAS JOYS

Sherry Holmes
Andersonville

Christmas is a joyfull time all around your town you have a tree in your house try not to knock it down.

SANTA

Santa is coming to your house on Christmas eve do not wait up or you will get no presents under the tree.

YOUR STOCKING

Your stocking is hanging by your tree on the chimney cill and when you wake up on Christmas morn it shall always be happily filled!

MISTLTOE

If you see a little girl standing under it go up her do not be afraid and give her a great big Kiss!

SANTA

by Chris Everett
Andersonville

When Santa flies through the air,
When he brings toys to children everywhere,

I often wonder why,

When Santa flies down on a roof,
He doesn't get stuck in the chimney,

And why his reindeer does not whinney,

I wonder why,
Do you?



GREETINGS

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MERRY



CHRISTMAS

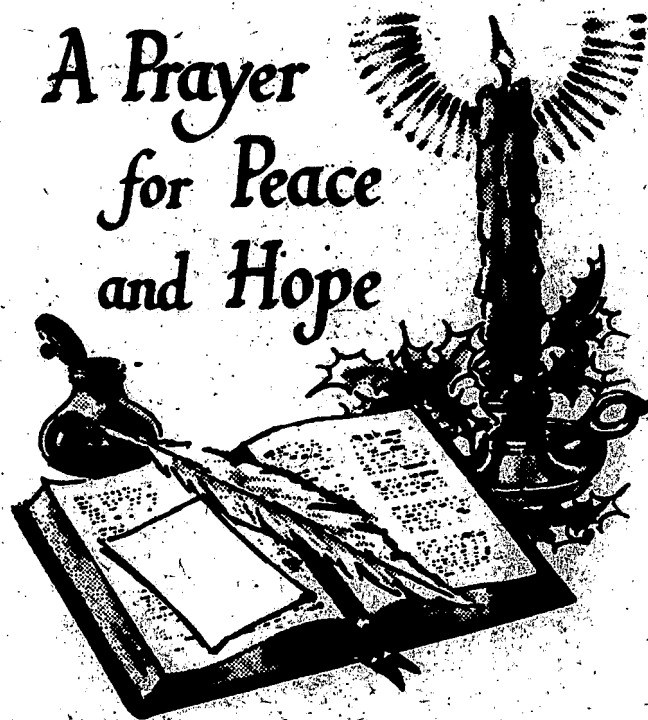
We greet Christmas joyfully, with goodwill to all . . . and we greet you warmly, with our wishes that health, happiness and good cheer may be yours.

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greetings.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On the way to all our customers,
neighbors and friends, good wishes
for a warm, wonderful holiday.
Our "thanks" to everyone.



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Celebrating the holidays

the mill stream

by Mary Warner
phone 625-3370



Pioneer Club of Independence Township celebrated Christmas December 18 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Mrs. Israel Smith had charge of arrangements for the buffet dinner which served 41.

Mrs. Charles Jones of Goodrich, eldest member of the group, recited the Christmas Story and chronicled in the Bible, and Mrs. Leland Masters read a poem.

A letter from Mrs. Paul Cargo thanking the membership for its donation to her late husband's memorial fund was read.

The group will meet January 22, and all senior citizens of the area are invited to attend.

Clarkston is well represented on the University of Michigan basketball coaching staff.

Dan Fife, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fife, is coaching JV basketball there. Team manager for the JV squad is John Anderson, freshman at U of M and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson.

Jill R. Pfeil, 6888 Snow Apple, will graduate with honors from Oakland University next month, majoring in art history. She has been nominated by the university for the Danforth Fellowship, which provides financial help for

prospective college teachers.

Mrs. Pfeil is married to Cliff, a music teacher at Oakland University. They have two children—Bill 12, and Gretchen, 6.

Zachery Lee Bell, a straight A student, and Michele S. Leroux, both of Clarkston, have been cited for academic excellence at Northwood Institute, Midland.

Rep. Claude Trim spoke to Clinton Valley No. 2803 WWI Veterans and Auxiliary at their Christmas meeting December 12, at the Springfield Township Hall, Davisburg.

Borrowing from the Veterans' Fund to meet the State of Michigan's financial obligations was the topic. Trim stressed that the money would be paid back with interest on a definite schedule and that the veteran's obligations would be met from the installments.

After dinner a Christmas exchange of gifts was made and then veterans and auxiliary members went to their respective meetings. They were saddened to learn of the death of member, Marguerite Cavitt, of Milford, widow of Burton Gavitt.

The next meeting will be January 10, 1976.

Judith Kay Brown, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of 4857 Waldon won a \$100 scholarship for Upperclass Residents for the winter 1976 semester at Eastern Michigan University. Judith has participated in intramural volleyball and bowling activities. She is a sophomore majoring in art education at EMU.

Nick Bell, brother of Ms. Leslie Bell, of Clarkston received a letter award for excellence in soccer at The Leelanau School Awards ceremony held December 13.

Nick is a senior at Leelanau, a college-preparatory school in Glen Arbor, Mi.

Coach Bill Ullenbruch announced at the ceremony that Nick had been voted "most valuable player" by the Cherryland All-Conference team.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Binkley of Parview Drive, Clarkston on their 25th anniversary December 23 from their daughter Sharron, her husband Ed and son Erik Lepley of Colorado.

Angela Kraud, Clarkston's Jr. Miss of 1973-74, has recently completed her training at the David Pressley School of cosmetology in Royal Oak.

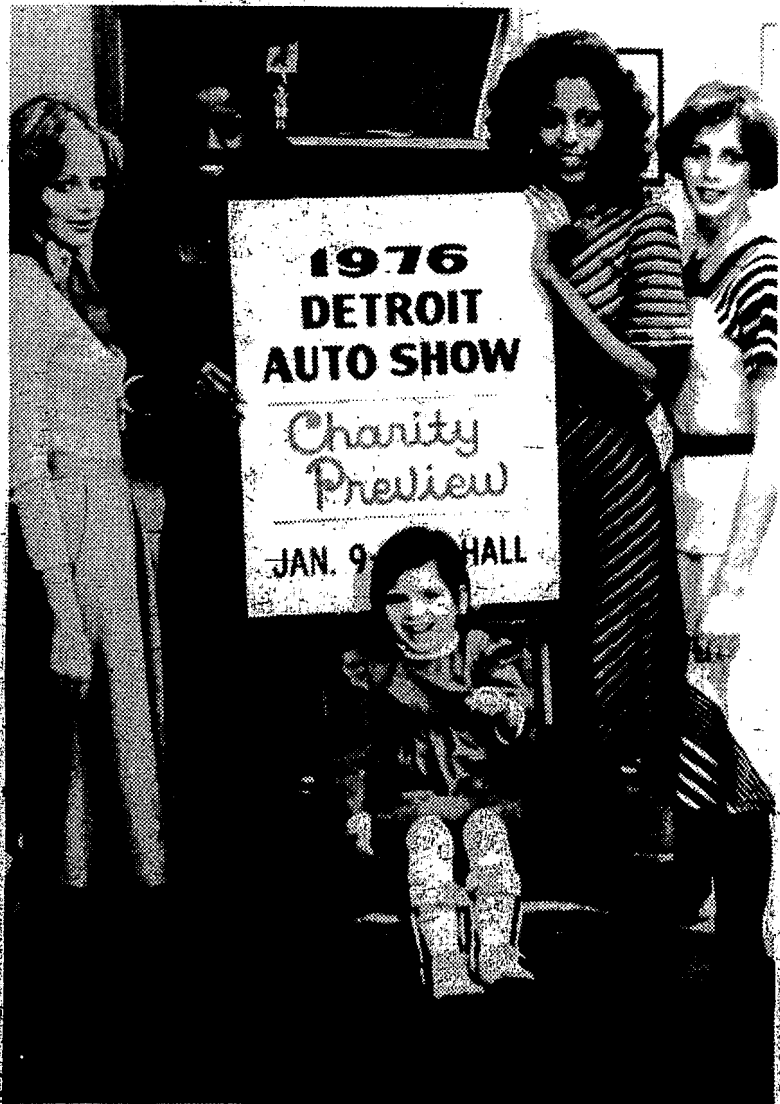
Angie would like to once again thank the Clarkston Jaycees and Jaycettes for the part which they played in helping her to achieve her goal of becoming a licensed cosmetologist.

Angela received her license on November 12 and is now employed at LaVergne's Salon on Elizabeth Lake Rd. in Pontiac.

If there's a new baby born to

Chances are, if one-year-old Troy Joyal wasn't spending his first Christmas with his adopted family, the Edgar Joyals of Independence Township, he would either be in an orphanage or wouldn't have made it to his first year. But Troy, a Vietnamese infant adopted by the Joyals last April, will have a Christmas tree, a visit from Santa Claus and a happy family to help him celebrate. Pictured here are the Joyal children, five-year-old Aaron, three-year-old Erica, seven-year-old Renee and Troy.

parents residing within the Clarkston School District shortly after the beginning of the new year, we'd like to know about it. Call us at 625-3370 by noon Monday, January 5, and we'll try to determine the earliest arrival, printing his or her picture



Poster child

Kerri Hines [center] of Independence Township, National Easter Seal Society Poster Child for 1976, helps some of the participants in the Miss Detroit Auto Show competition promote their contest January 9 at Cobo Hall. Tickets for the charity preview are available through the Oakland County Easter Seal Society, phone 338-9600.



Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Copeman have announced the engagement of their daughter Julie to Barry J. Hargraves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brooks of Allen Road, Clarkston. A July 17 wedding is being planned.

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Methodist Christmas

Clarkston United Methodist Church will celebrate its Festival of Gifts during Sunday School this Sunday.

Christmas Eve services will be at 7:30 p.m. the topic "What Can I Give Him?" A candlelight service will follow.

December

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
When I wake up on Christmas morn.

I remember when baby Jesus was born.
It was a long, long time ago.
When the star in the sky was all aglow.
He looked at his mother while she held him in her hands.
And they all knew then, he would be a very great man.

By Marcia Veltre
Bailey Lake

By Sue Gilbert
December is a time for snow, a time for candles which may glow, a time for presents which we may get, a time for people to have joy and not get upset, a time for love and trust, a time to be nice and not make a fuss, a time to put ornaments up on the tree, to have fun and to be nice to company, but most of all be nice to me.

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4453 Clintonville Road
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Family Prayer Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Gerald K. Craig, Youth Pastor
Wayne G. Greve, Pastor

WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Airport Rd. at Olympic Pkwy.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve. Serv. 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Serv. 7 p.m.
Rev. Roger Campbell, Pastor
Rev. Ken Hodges, Asst. to Pastor
Rev. Chuck Warren, Minister to Youth
Betty Jencks, Children's Worker

ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5860 Andersonville Rd.
Pastor Rev. Ralph C. Claus
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00
Bible School 9:45

LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Road
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9:45 Sunday School
10:50 The Hour of Worship
6:15 Youth and Bible Study
7:00 Evening Service
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
5301 Clintonville Rd.

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
6:30 Training Union
7:30 Evening Worship
Wed. 7:00 Choir
7:30 Prayer service

SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST
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Rev. Lorenz Stahl
Services at 9:15 and 10:30

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH
8585 Dixie Highway
Rev. Paul Vanaman
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
10350 Andersonville
Rev. Wallace Duncan
Worship 11:00 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
1950 Baldwin Rd.
Sunday School 9:15
Family Worship 10:30
Pastor Charles Kosberg

FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH
4832 Clintonville Rd.
Phone 673-3638
Services: Sunday
Sunday School Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Hour 11:00 a.m.
Youth Hour 5:00 p.m. Gospel Hour 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Hour of Power 7:00 p.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
6490 Clarkston Road
Rev. Alexander Stewart
Worship 8:00 & 10:00

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6600 Waldron Road
Rev. Paul M. Cargo
Worship & Church School 10 a.m.

DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Clancy J. Thompson
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Hour
6:00 Vespers
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Family Night

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Sunday Church School and Contemporary Worship 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Service & Nursery 10:45 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST
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Rev. Clarence Bell
Worship 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH
5311 Sunnyside
Rev. David Spurrell
Worship 11:00 a.m.

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
5300 Maybee Road
Pastor Mark H. Caldwell
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
9880 Ortonville Road
Worship 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Rev. John K. Hendley

PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH
3041 REEDER ROAD off Clintonville
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
Ken Hauser
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
5790 Flemings Lake Road
Rev. Philip W. Somers
Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN
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Rev. Allen Hinz
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Father Francis Weingartz
Sunday Masses: 9 and 11
Sat. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.

CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD
54 South Main
C. J. Chestnutt
Worship 11:00 a.m.



ST. DANIEL CHURCH

Fr. Francis A. Weingartz

Spiritual Message

SEASON OF LIGHT

"The People who walked in darkness have seen a great Light. Upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is

given us, upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9:1-6]

The birth of Him who was destined to be "The Light of the world" was fittingly accompanied by a heavenly celebration of light; shepherds saw the glory of the Lord shine around them (Luke 2/9); and wise men were guided by a special star (Matthew 2/9). It was in the night that "The light shone on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it" (John 1/5).

And so it is with good reason that lights have been associated with the Christian commemoration of that first Christmas. In the days before electrical lighting Christians used to place a lighted candle in their windows to give witness to their belief in Jesus as the "Light of the world" and as a sign of welcome should the Holy Family again be seeking lodging. Our own custom of church and home decoration with lights grows out of that rich tradition.

Light is an excellent symbol of what Christmas means. Christmas is really a feast of light. Christmas time is a Season of Light.

Just a few days ago we had the shortest day in the year, December 21, when the least amount of light is possible. From now on the days get longer and the hours of sunshine and light increase in number. This can be taken as a symbol of the coming of Christ to be the Light of the World. Christ, the Son of God, is the shining light of our lives.

Father of the light, we come to give significance to our Christmas lights. Bless them and make them a sign to all the world of our faith in Jesus. Help us to live according to the faith we share, with hope and love for one another. We ask this through Jesus, the Light of the world.

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THE CANDLE

By David Froling

It burns so slow,
cause it has a wick.
It is held by a holder,
and shaped like a stick.
It comes in different colors,
and my favorite one is green.
And the worst one is blue,
cause that one is shaped like a
jumping bean.
I like to see it,
on Christmas eve,
cause it shines in the night,
before Santa leaves.

Patricia Cross
Santa
bringing, giving
nice, kind, sweet
comes in the snow
Jolly old man

Bells
ringing, shining
loud, noisy, hard
loud to the ears

SNOW

By Andrea Russell

Snow
Swirling, falling
white, pretty, decorative
the earths winter blanket
flake



Merry Christmas

Here's hoping everyone, everywhere
enjoys a very happy holiday!

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Holly wreaths, Snowflakes,
And goodwill to men.



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Merry Christmas

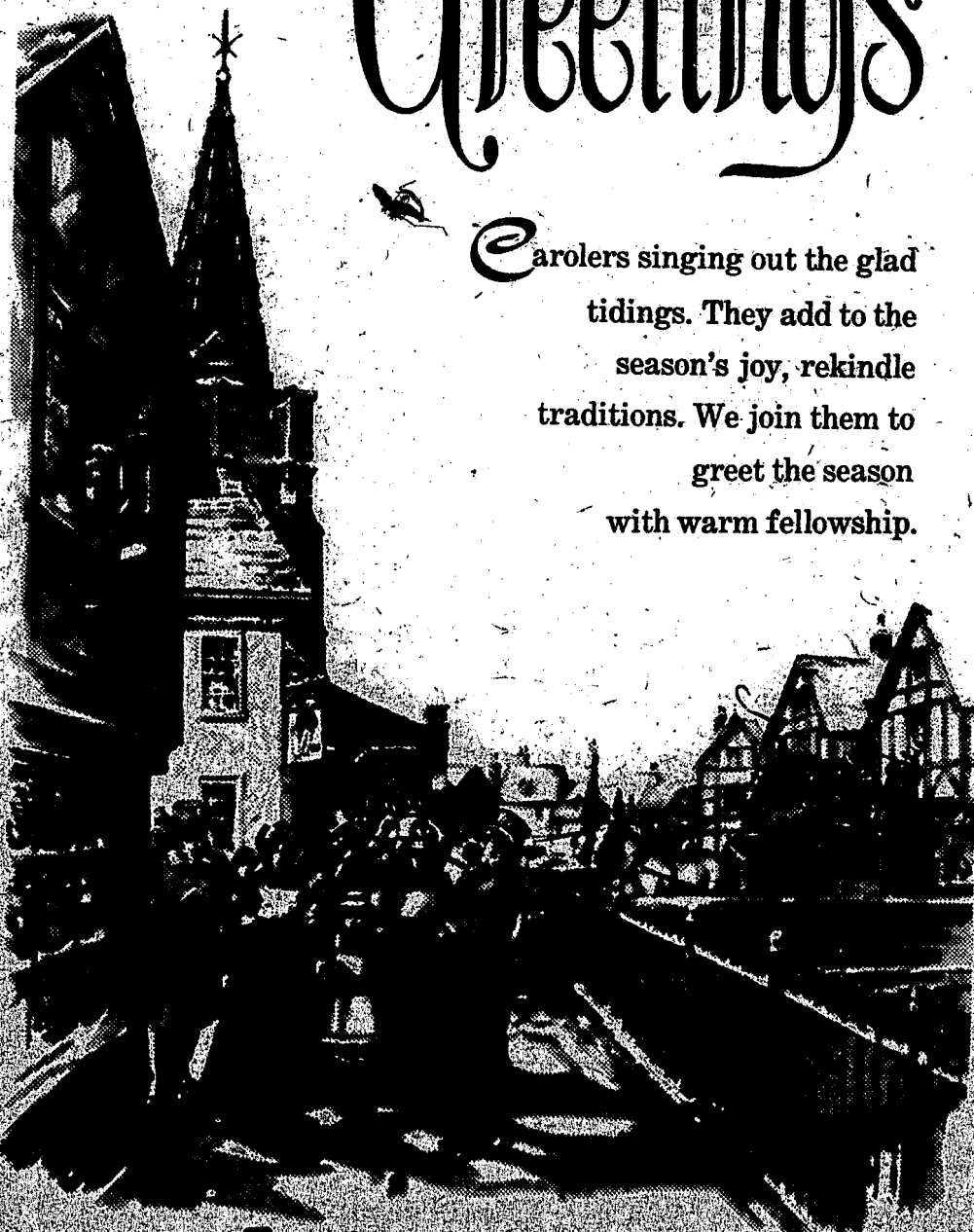
Our wish? The loveliest, merriest
Yule to you and the family. It's
a pleasure knowing and serving you.

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Greetings

Carolers singing out the glad
tidings. They add to the
season's joy, rekindle
traditions. We join them to
greet the season
with warm fellowship.



HOUSE OF MAPLE

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CHEERY GREETINGS

We're building a bonanza of holiday
wishes for all our friends in the
community. Thank you and happy holidays.

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CHS mimes mark season

Pantomime is alive and well—and living at Clarkston High School. Members of the high school drama club have gotten together a series of skits that are hilariously funny and show also the talents of students Steve Cunningham, Marilyn Ridgeway, Missy Pritchard, Jim Hinkley, Renee Lussier and Becky Sackrider.

The group of students, encouraged by drama teacher Barb Gibson, created new twists on fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, who, in the students' version, does in the Big Bad Wolf with a machine gun.

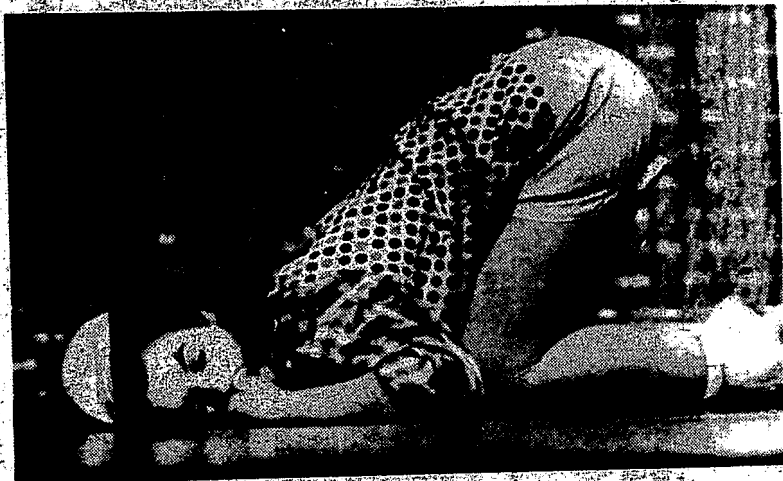
They have shown their "mime" to some of the elementaries, done them for teachers, and treated other students to a sampling on the last day of school before Christmas-vacation Friday.



Jim Hinkley plays a tree while Marilyn Ridgeway is Little Red Riding Hood.



Marilyn Ridgeway [back] and Renee Lussier sit immobile while not performing.



Marilyn Ridgeway is Goldilocks, here taking a little nap in Buby Bear's bed.

Class promotes bicentennial awareness

Learning anything from early-American quilt making to Revolutionary folk music will be the

New officers on Springfield commission

New officers have been elected for the Springfield Township Planning Commission.

Walter Cattin, formerly secretary, was elected chairman by commission members at their meeting December 16.

Roger Horton takes Cattin's place as secretary. Al Lopez, who has been chairman for two years, was elected vice-chairman, replacing Dr. Herbert Swanson.

All officers hold terms for one year.

At the commission's meeting, it discussed both a noise ordinance and construction fee ordinance, but no action was taken on either.

Commission members spent part of Sunday, Dec. 20, trying to establish reasonable noise levels for the township by experimenting with a decibel meter.

According to Lopez, the findings were nebulous and the matter would take further study before any recommendation could be made to the township board.

projects of some students at Clarkston High School next semester.

A bicentennial history class has been set up for 18 weeks beginning January 26.

The class is the first of its kind to be attempted in Clarkston, and its success will depend largely on student response.

Already, according to U.S. History teacher Judy Medlin, about 30 students have indicated they would like to sign up.

That's twice as many as Judy, who will be teaching the class, expected, and she may have to set up more than one class per day to accommodate them all.

Open to juniors and seniors, the class will involve writing a paper and doing a research project on anything that interests the student.

The boys may be interested in

military and make a miniature of a battle scene, for example," Judy said.

The girls may want to research how quilts were patterned, or how soap was made.

The end result of the class, Judy said, may be a "real-time country fair" displaying all the students' projects.

The history teacher also hopes to put together a handbook of what the students learned. The handbook could let those students who did not take the class get an idea "what the bicentennial is all about," she said.

And for those who do take the class, she said, benefits include "becoming more aware of some things that aren't taught in history class, such as crafts and in-depth studies of historical figures."

The students will also be able to see more clearly, she said, "what

it is we're celebrating" in the bicentennial year.

The idea for the class was a brainchild of instructors at Milford Lakeland High School, Mrs. Medlin said.

Such a class was begun in the fall there. Students researched folk music in the Revolutionary War period, and demonstrated the songs in the elementary schools in Milford.

One girl even learned a saleable trade through the class, Mrs. Medlin said. "She found out how to make old brooms, is now selling them for \$7 apiece, and can't keep up with the demand."

The Clarkston class has one additional benefit. The now-bare high school lecture room will get a dressing-up from junior Lori Eiden, who will research the evolution of military dress.

Lori plans on painting a series

of military portraits, including a patriot, Red Coat, Rebel and Yankee, which will be hung in the lecture room.

Watson named vice president

What could be a nicer Christmas present than a promotion? Promoted this week to Assistant Vice-President of First Federal Savings Bank in Clarkston was Allen Watson.

Watson has been employed at First Federal for the past five years while attending Oakland Community College. He is currently completing his last 10 hours there and is working towards his graduate degree at the American Institute of Banking.

Watson has been involved in many business activities in the Clarkston community including the Business Association of Independence Township, chairman of the Business Committee for United Way and he has just become a new member of the Clarkston Jaycees.

Allen resides in Waterford with his wife Rhonda and son Allen, Jr., age five.

Building on easements asked

A request by Leonard Mortgage Company of Royal Oak to build off-private easements has been tabled by the Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

The company asked for a variance in the Springfield zoning ordinance requiring road frontage

before building.

They have two parcels of 10 and five acres respectively, off Gibbs Road near Rattalee Lake Road.

Several neighbors objected to the granting of the variance, according to board chairman Al Lopez.

Representatives of the company and neighbors of the two lots agreed to check on the possibility of building a dedicated road back to the Leonard property.

There is 66 feet of easement owned by two residents of Gibbs Road that might be able to be used for it.



GREETINGS

To our friends and neighbors, all best wishes for holiday happiness.

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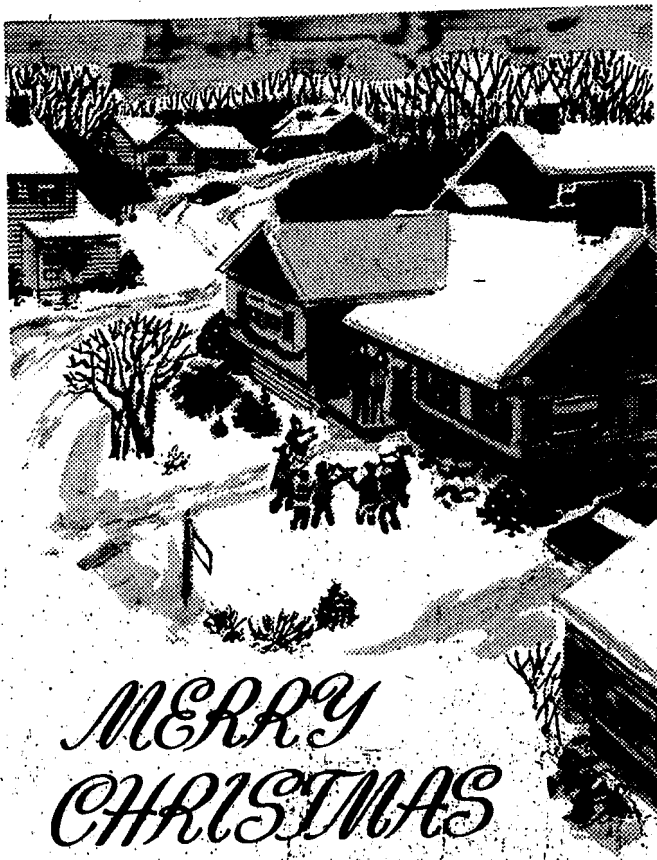


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May your holiday be filled with wonder and all your wishes come true. Many thanks for your loyal, continued support.

BEN POWELL DISPOSAL

625-5470



MERRY CHRISTMAS

With sincere wishes for a memorable holiday season goes our thanks for your friendship and trust.

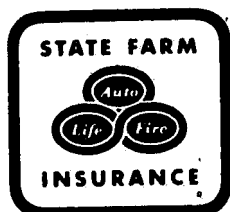
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May the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts all through the holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Rejoice! It is the season to celebrate His birth.

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GREETINGS

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The Candle Factory

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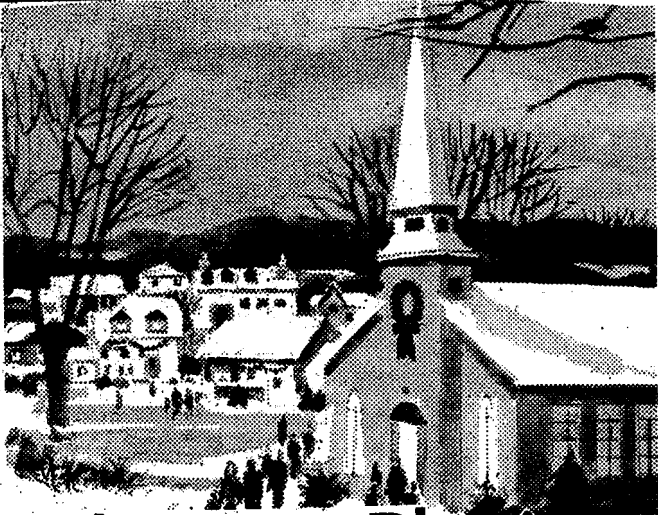
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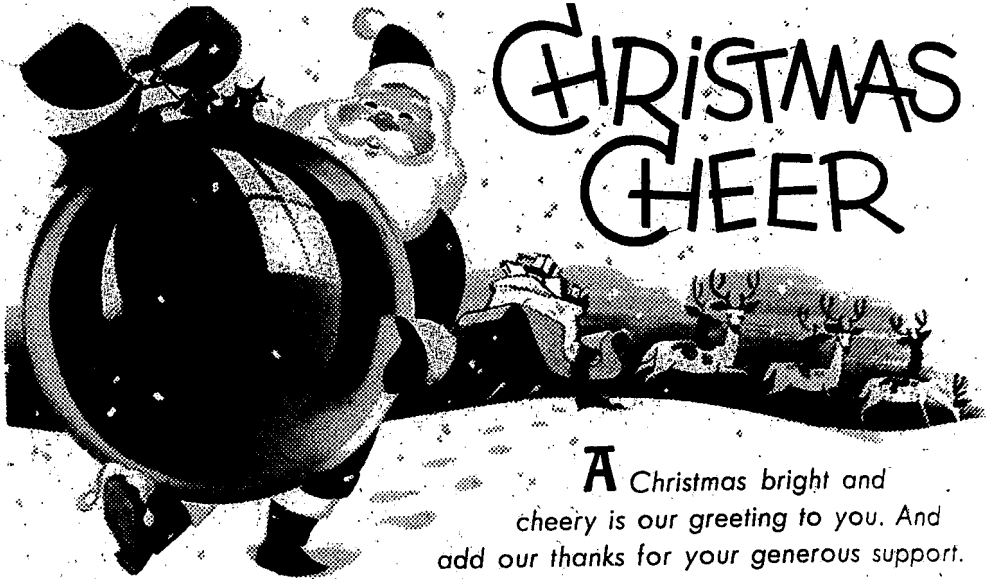


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I heard that you.
Believe in St. Nick too?

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Sally Hammett
Bailey Lake School
As the wind blows the trees all
through the night.
The rain comes down in a fright-
ful sight.
While I'm all cozy wrapped up in
my bed,
I can hear the lightning all
through my head.
It may scare me a little I say,
But here in my bed I soundly lay.

CHRISTMAS
Linda Parker
Bailey Lake Elem.
Christmas is the time of year.
When all the people are full of
cheer.
The children work until the day.
Saint Nicholas comes and then
they play.
HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas.

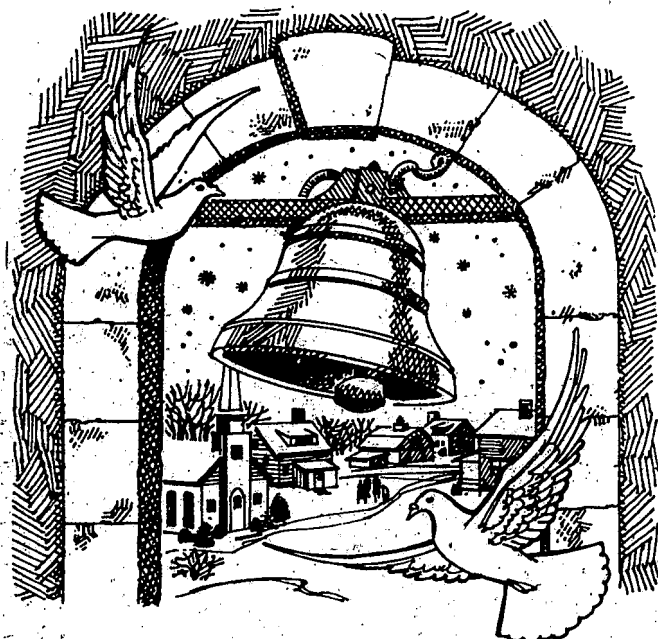
CHRISTMAS
Lisa Ellixson
Bailey Lake Elem.
Happiness, cheerfulness
Giving, sharing, celebrating
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Giving

SANTA
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Christmas
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Fun Giving Love
A time of Joy
Holiday.

Lynn McCormick
Bailey Lake Elem.
Christmas day is so gay.
Hurray! Hurray!
It's almost the day,
I just can't wait.
I can stay up late.
On Christmas night,
Everything's so bright.
Just after that Christmas dinner
My patience always grows thinner
and thinner.
Because I get a special present
each year
And everything is full of cheer.



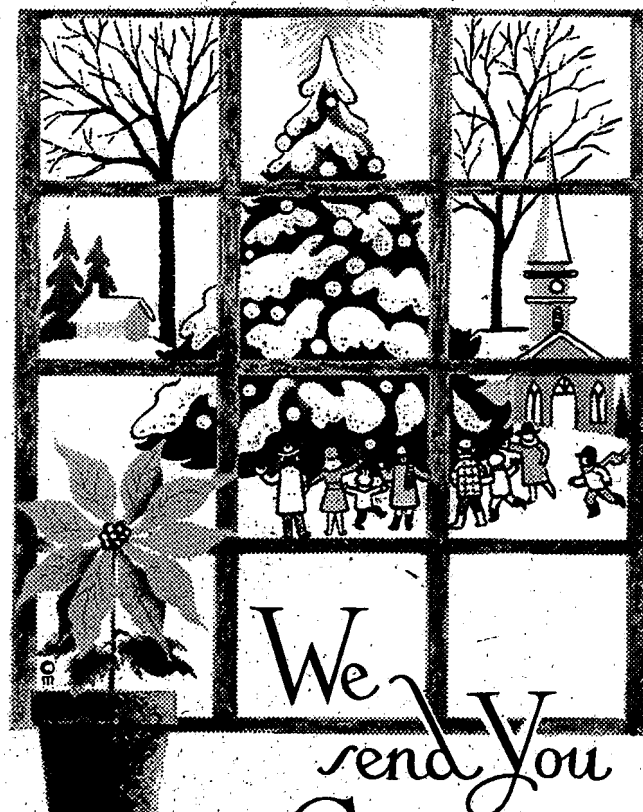
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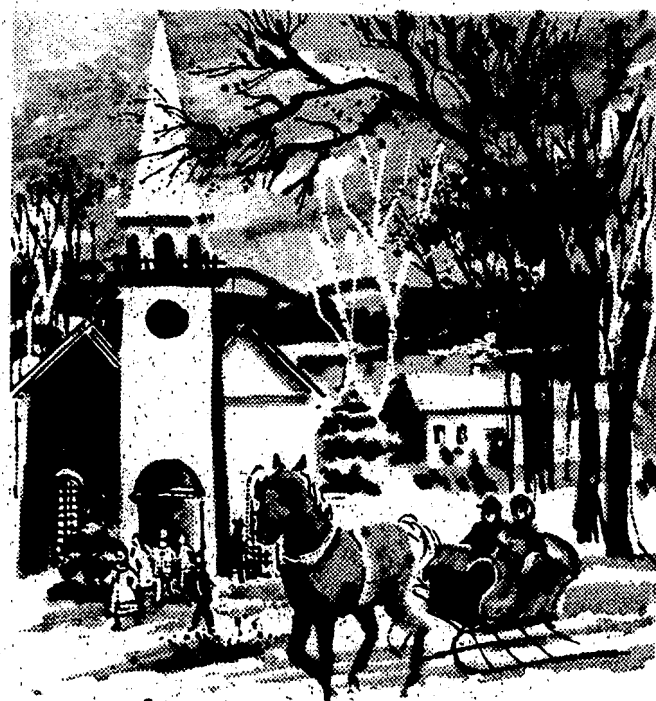
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Greetings

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New Year*



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Parent classes

by Jim and Ellen Windell

Anyone who has worked in a juvenile court or a mental health clinic or has been the least bit observant of people, knows that many parents cause great harm to their children. Good parenting seems to be an art that is acquired in a most haphazard way and even though most married couples produce and raise children, the preparation for this arduous task is, at best scanty.

If a great number of parents manage to raise children successfully, it can generally be attributed to the good parenting received from their own parents; however, in a society of great technology and training, parenting is one of the last remaining strongholds of amateurism.

When a child is not developing well, it can be assumed that there

is ignorance, misinformation, and a lack of training on the part of the parent. Even though television and the educational system exerts a vast influence on our children, the parents are the child's initial teachers, counselors, and caregivers, and therefore, their actions have a profound effect on the child's growth and development. Parents who are capable of making intelligent, consistent, and well informed decisions concerning their child will improve the youngsters' chances for maximal achievement of his innate abilities.

Since the late nineteenth century, educators and mental health professionals have urged the establishment of parent education programs. Parent education programs are designed for parents who have young children or for couples who have not yet begun their families. In such programs, which have been attempted in various projects around the United States, parents are taught child-rearing skills, child development, and are given other psychological and medical information with the ultimate goal of the healthy and effective development of the total child.

The findings from the program that have been run over the past few years are that such programs are expensive, but that they are effective in teaching needed information, techniques, and skills. Children, it is found, do benefit and even children who are born and raised after a parent leaves the program derive significant benefit from the training received by the parents.

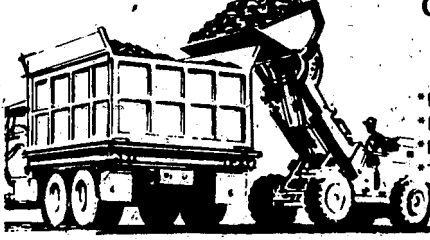
While most people at least agree in principle that parents should be given training prior to their parenthood status, many would object to the federal government being responsible for such programs. The government has funded most parent education projects because of the great expense. Regardless of how training courses for parents come about in the future, the healthy development of children may be at stake.

Davisburg scouts sell candy, collect gloves



Raymond Hinton (left), Johnny Flynn and Donald Benway are top candy sellers in their age categories for Cub Scout Pack 133, Andersonville. Raymond and Donald won sleeping bags and Johnny won a new Cub Scout uniform. Money collected from the candy sales goes to pack activities.

Mittens and gloves galore will go to needy children in Springfield Township, thanks to Cub Scout Pack 133. Families in the pack collected the gloves to give to the Davisburg Rotary, to be used for Christmas presents for the needy.



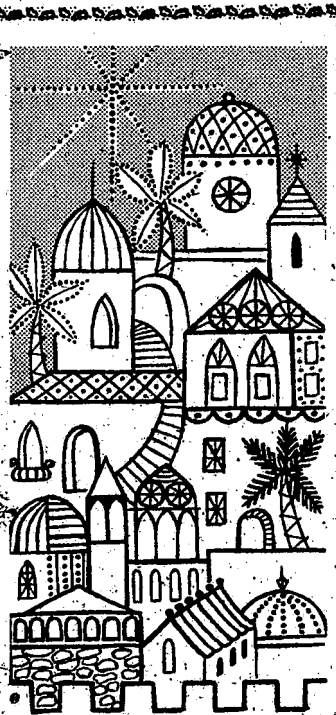
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BY THE THIRD EYE

Out of Santa's bag of goodies this Christmas, I see the following gifts for the following people:

Independence Township Supervisor J. Edwin Glennie will get new leather gloves.

Springfield Township Supervisor Don Rogers will get a book about politics or government.

State Rep. Claude Trim will find a book of religious nature in his gift stocking.

Barber Fred Vess will be wearing a new sweater after the holidays.

Independence Clerk Bob Lay will receive a belt with an unusual buckle.

Independence Treasurer Betty Hallman may get a new ring.

Pat Beach will have a lovely new wrap-around sweater.

There's a new pants outfit for Barb Howe.

Ruth Purslow is admiring a beautiful new china cup and saucer or a figurine.

Doc Greene will be sporting a new lounging jacket.

Something to do with a mill will be intriguing Daisy Dowling.

Judge Gerald McNally may have a new pipe.

Sen. Kerry Kammer will be wearing a new maroon bathrobe.

Marion Lessard has a beautiful new pin coming.

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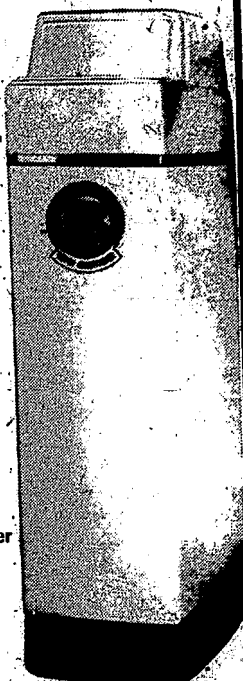
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TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ORDINANCE NO. 85 — AS AMENDED

ADOPTED: December 16, 1975

EFFECTIVE: January 26, 1976

SCHOOL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Section 5.2. Any ticket issued in accordance with Section 1. above, shall notify the offender to appear in Court at a time and on a date designated for hearing such cases. Any person so issued a ticket may settle or compromise the claim without Court appearance by paying in person to the Independence Township Treasurer at the Township Offices, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) if paid within 48 hours after the time which the ticket was issued. After forty-eight (48) hours from the issuance of said ticket, any person so issued a ticket may settle or compromise the claim by paying in person to the Independence Township Treasurer the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00). The Township Treasurers Office is hereby designated as the parking violations bureau for purposes of this Ordinance. Said Two Dollars (\$2.00) or Five Dollars (\$5.00) payment shall be considered a settlement of said notice of violation, and not a plea or Court Appearance of any kind. Said settlement is deemed a reimbursement to the Township for the costs incurred, and shall be paid into the Township General Fund. If said ticket is not settled or compromised by the date set for appearance in the 52nd District Court, the Township Treasurer's office, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, in its capacity as the parking violations bureau, shall send by first class mail, a warning letter to the offender. Said warning letter shall state that said offender has failed to appear in Court at the time and date required and if said ticket is not paid to the Township Treasurer's Office within fourteen (14) days after receipt of this warning letter, a warrant shall issue for the arrest of said offender. At the expiration of said fourteen (14) day period, if said ticket is still outstanding, said ticket shall be forwarded to the 52nd District Court for processing in accordance with this Ordinance and the Court's procedure. This provision is intended and may be implemented solely for the purpose of settling and comprising parking violations. If any person, firm, or corporation enters a plea of not guilty or otherwise contests the issuance of a ticket, the procedure for handling said plea or contest shall be as set forth in Article 6, below.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of Township of Independence, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a meeting of said Board duly called and held on the 16th day of December, 1975, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication of this Ordinance.

Robert D. Lay
Independence Township Clerk

Published December 26, 1975

Media students photograph Santa's visit

Santa Claus paid a visit to Creative Co-op Nursery last Wednesday and Clarkston High School media students caught the magic of Christmas on film.

It was a busy day full of Christmas doings and just plain play as the photographs taken by John Armand, Jan Klein and Tim Westover clearly show.

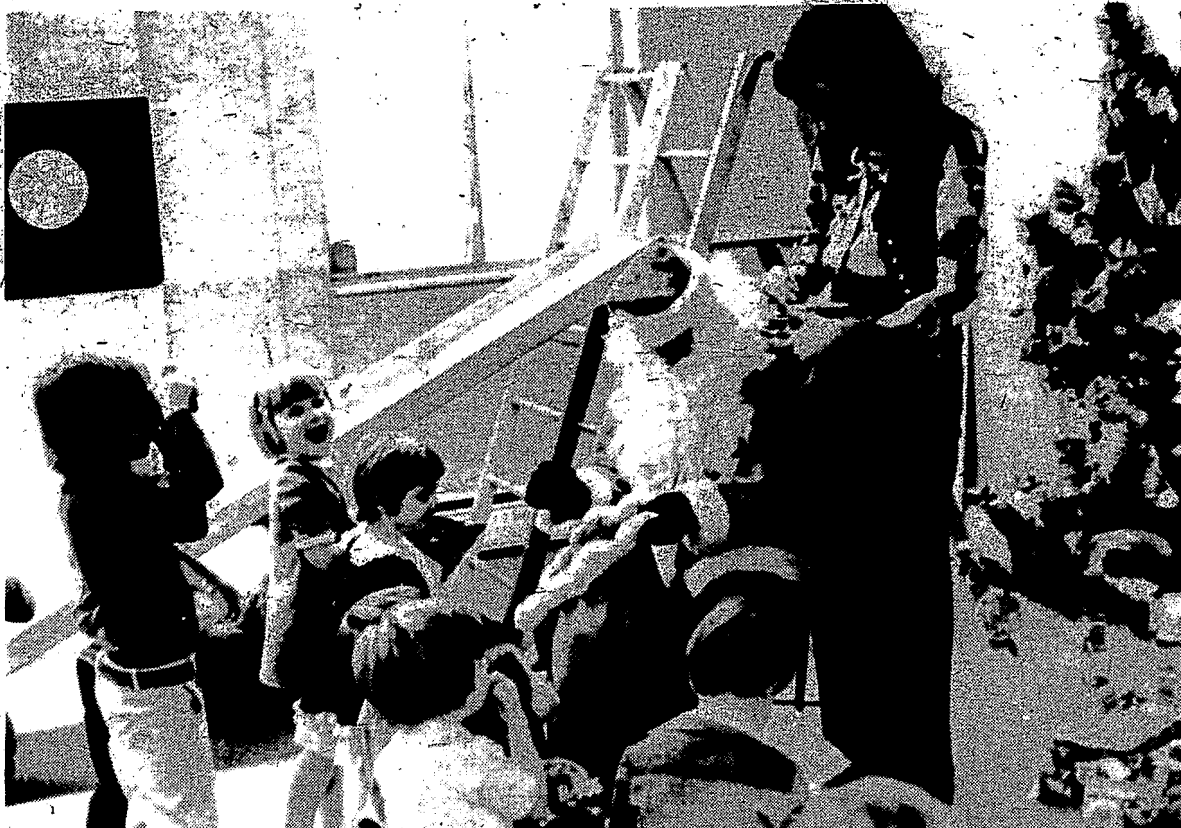
Christmas cards for parents were made early in the day so they would be ready when the parents came. Then icing the sugar cookies for snack time was undertaken. All the icing did not end up on the cookies, as you

might guess.

All of this was leading up to a surprise visit of Santa Claus, who brought along a pre-Christmas present of a book for each child.

After Santa heard the Christmas lists of the Children, the children exchanged gifts and sang Christmas songs.

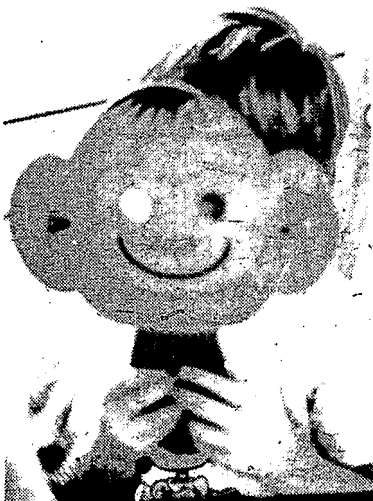
Creative Co-op Nursery School is located on Clintonville Road in the Church of the Nazarene. There are still some openings in the three and four-year-old classes. Further information is available by calling 394-0756 or 394-0598.



A younger set photographer uses a play camera to get a picture of Santa.



Jenna Freund has fun



Were these bad little boys trying to disguise themselves from you-know-who?



John Austin flies through the air to a safe landing on a giant green pillow.



Jim's jottings

We may be the best ever

by Jim Sherman

The death of my dear aunt Hazel Black of Croswell, prompted me to write some letters to relatives last week.

One was to a brother we seldom see in Memphis. Past the necessary information and in keeping with the season, I thought he'd like to know our family is well and I wrote, "In fact, everything may be the best ever with us."

If my memory was better perhaps I could have left the "may" out of that statement, because health-wise our family suffers not even a hangnail.

Security-wise the kids are too young to give a darn, and Hazel and I think we have figured out a plan-for-retirement plan and social security.

Business-wise the downward trend that covered 9 to 10 months behind us seems to have been halted.

Employee-wise the Oxford Leader, Orion Review and Clarkston News are in excellent hands. All are giving more news and picture coverage than ever before, all are giving more service to advertisers (and advertisers more results) than

ever, and the production people are outstanding."

While all of these make us thankful, we are especially merry at having our family well, happy and together at this season of the year.

If you think of it, how often can you say "everything is just right?"

Forget the world news, crime news, and other ills . . . confine your thoughts to the narrowness of your own and I think you'll conclude as I have that the times are few—too few.

Of course, it could be just me. I may be too pessimistic, too calloused, or too miserable to

recognize the amount of goodness about me. Maybe I'm getting old and more mellow.

And, maybe it's the time of year. I would think that just might be closest to the truth.

The Christmas season is mellowing to me. Working at gifts that are sure to please give me great joy. Sharing the excitement with the kids, and the fellowship with friends is always great, but even greater at Christmas time.

I sincerely hope you find it the same way, and that your Christmas will be the merriest yet.