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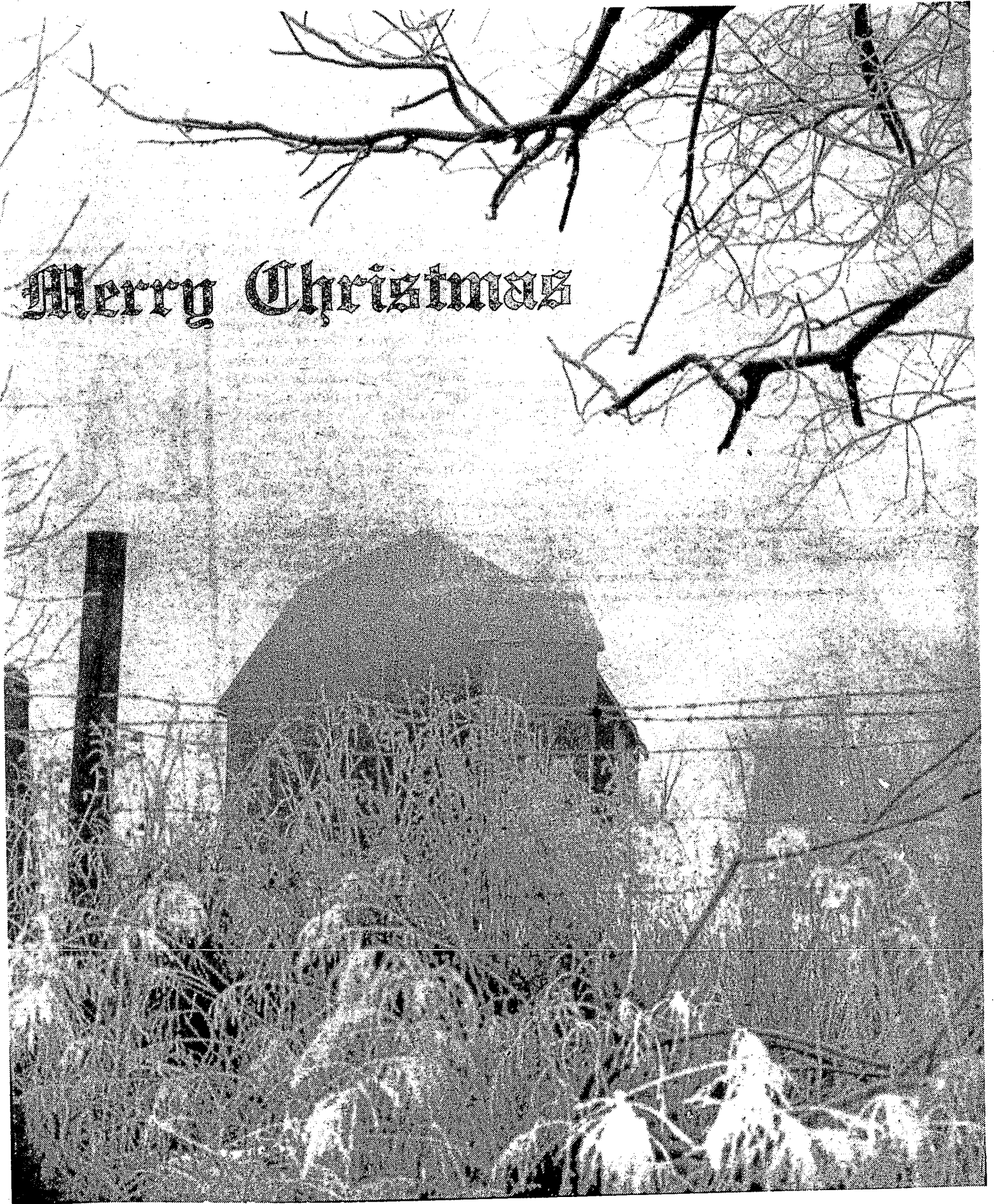
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Seasons
greetings

Merry Christmas

The staff of the Clarkston News would like to wish its readers a very Merry and Holy Christmas and may the new year fulfill all of your wishes.

Happy holidays from
Jim Sherman, publisher
Dan Trainor, news editor
Hilda Bruce, reporter
Joe Gitter, reporter
Maralee Cook,
advertising sales
Donna Fahrner,
business manager
Lorna Bickerstaff,
asst. business manager



... and a happy New Year

Police daily log

DECEMBER 14, 1976

7:50am—Animal, wild cats, Ellis Rd.
 9:24am—Animal, lost dog, Cramlane
 10:47am—Animal, strays, Cecelia Ann
 10:52am—Attempt arson, Pine Knob Rd.
 11:27am—Animal, loose dog, Pine Knob Rd.
 1:21pm—Animal, stray cat, Wellesley Terr.
 3:32pm—Hit & run PD accident, M-15
 3:36pm—B&E, Robertson Ct.
 4:40 p.m.—Abandoned vehicle, Reese N/Holcomb
 4:59pm—Citizen assist, N/B 75 — 86 mi. marker
 5:30pm—Hit & Run PD accident, Waldon/Sashabaw

DECEMBER 15, 1976

8:00am—Animal, opossum, Cramlane
 10:00am—Animal, cows, Reese Rd.
 10:20am—Animal, loose dog, Columbia
 12:10pm—P.D. accident, Middle Lake Rd.
 2:42pm—Animal, dead, S. Eston
 3:04pm—T.W.S., Church St.
 3:40pm—Animal, lost, 2 dogs, Sashabaw
 5:28pm—Stolen wallet, Middle Lk. Rd.
 7:13pm—Animal, lost 3 bulls, Hadley N/ M-15
 9:34pm—Run away, Juv., Felix Dr.

DECEMBER 16, 1976

9:35pm—Animal, loose dogs, Pine Knob Trail
 10:59am—Animal, puppies, Colgate
 11:30am—Animal, wild cat, Ellis Rd.
 1:22pm—Suspicious car, Rattalee Lk/W Reese

DECEMBER 17, 1976

8:57am—Larceny, Snowapple
 9:00am—Animal, lost dog, Ellis Rd.
 9:38am—Animal, pack, Sunnyside /Cecelia Ann
 10:29am—Narcotic, Pine Knob Rd.
 12:38pm—Citizen assist, Main/Washington
 12:56pm—Animal, stray PU, Lakeview
 6:54pm—P.I. accident, Sashabaw-2 mi. N/Glk. Rd.
 8:27pm—Cars racing, Pelton Rd.

Fire

INDEPENDENCE TWP. FIRE CALLS

DECEMBER 14, 1976

8:35am—Fire in locker at Sashabaw Jr. High. The fire is under investigation at this time.

DECEMBER 17, 1976

6:57pm—Car accident at Sashabaw north of Sally. Washed down gasoline spill. First aid given.

DECEMBER 18, 1976

11:42am—Resuscitator run at 6239 Eastlawn. Fleet Ambulance on scene. OCSO on scene.

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Program seeks area students

Youth for Understanding is looking for students from the Clarkston area to participate in its international student exchange program.

Sandra Thornberry, assistant area representative, said the program gives an excellent opportunity for high school students aged 15-18 to experience life in another country.

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The program incorporates student exchanges for summer vacation or for a complete school year.

Those interested in participating in the program or becoming a host family may do so by contacting Sandra Thornberry, 10271 King Road, Davisburg, Mich.

The deadline for applications is April 1.

Accidents mar season

The Christmas traffic rush took its toll last week with two injury accidents marring the Christmas season.

An auto driven by Amanda Harris, 6254 Shappie, Clarkston, left Sashabaw Road and went out of control Friday evening.

According to witnesses, Mrs. Harris hit a patch of snow along the roadside, lost control of her car, and ended up in the ditch. She was taken to Pontiac General Hospital with minor injuries.

Wednesday afternoon a collision took place on the Dixie Highway north of Scott Lake Road.

The auto driven by Dennis Abdo, 10200 Andersonville Road, Springfield, containing his wife and three children, struck another car driven by George Herr, 4551 Ennismore.

According to police Abdo's southbound car attempted to make a U-turn. At the same time Herr, also traveling south, tried to pass Abdo's vehicle. A collision resulted.

Abdo and his eight year old daughter, Grayce, were admitted to Pontiac General Hospital. Both were released later in the week.


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The meaning of Christmas

Christmas, what it means to me.

Christmas is a time for joy for every girl and boy. Its a time for pleasure and you can wish up a treasure. Parents cry when they see what they have. We children say, "why?" Christmas mostly means love and togetherness. That is the best present of all.

Christmas is a time for secrets to keep. "Oh, no! Don't you cheat."

When Christmas is over I say, "Well it will come another day."

And I hope we are together. Filled with love and pleasure

Written by Mike Clem
6th Grade, Pine Knob

Christmas means the birth of Jesus and when Jesus was born he received gifts. On Christmas morning we receive gifts too. Christmas is the most wonderful day that can be! And thats what Christmas means to me!

By Michelle Overbay
6th Grade, Pine Knob School

Christmas is most wonderful holiday to me because the most wonderful thing happened on Christmas. (It was when a beautiful baby boy was born. His name was called Jesus. His parents names were Joseph and Mary but now his father is called God.

And something else of Christmas is to give and not want back. You should not give to receive. That is the true meaning of Christmas and thats what Christmas means to me.

Jacque McDermott

Christmas means to me having fun and getting presents.

Ronnie Mulhaupt
Pine Knob, 2nd Grade

Christmas is a time when you get together and have a good time and also a time when kids have a nice time because they get presents and girls and boys like getting presents a lot.

Jackie Hazinski
Pine Knob, 2nd grade

Christmas is the birth of Christ, When everyone is being so nice. Christmas is lights, presents, and a tree.

Decorated with pretty things that we see,

In Christmas shops, Yummy lollipops and some candy canes to.

Christmas is the best season, And that was my reason why.

By Robin Toretta
5th grade, Pine Knob School

Christmas is a joy for every girl and boy. All the presents by the fire and are thoughts begin to get higher. Are parents open the presents with joy not like us girls and boys we tare them in a rush and there is a bunch more under are tree, The best present of all is love and togetherness. When Santa comes to our town our frown faces will turn into clown faces. On Christmas morn. Are hopes get high just like the drifting sky this year there will be no tears shed because of are pleasure and love. Next year we will maybe not have nothing to fear. And don't forget to have a Happy New Year.

Written by Brian Clem

The Lord's son, Jesus, was born on December 25 in the little town of Bethlehem. Everyone gave gifts to him, so the discovered Christmas. Christmas means that Christ our Lord, was born in Bethlehem.

It's a time of giving and receiving and thanking the Lord. Amen.

By Kim Beardsley

Christmas is a time for giving and recieving gifts. It's a time for happiness. It's a time for loving. It's a time for going out and playing in the snow with some of your new gifts and then going inside and play with the gifts you don't want to take out. Christmas is a time to brag about your presents to your friends.

By Tom Dewey
P.S. Christmas is a time for Santa Claus to come down my chimney.

5th grade, Pine Knob School

Christmas is the most happy time of year. It's really Jesus' birthday. If you only get a book you shouldn't be mad because Christmas is giving thanks and Christmas is love. And like I said Christmas is fun with Christmas trees and gifts and Santa and reindeer.

Mike Ware
4th Grade

Christmas is a time to give and receive. To have a good dinner with the family and to play games.

Little kids believe in Santa and they have a right to. I am a kid who knows what Christmas is about. I think Christmas is to have fun and to rejoice and sing Christmas Carols. And think God for all our blessings.

By Jay Smith

One day everyone in a small town was getting ready for Christmas.

In that town was the cutest little girl which everyone loved. Especially Santa Claus. Every Christmas Santa gave her everything she wanted. Because her family was poor.

But one night everyone was getting ready for Christmas at the North Pole and one of the elves came out of the workshop and told Santa that they didn't have anything left to make the things the little girl wanted. Because she was the last one on the list.

So Santa said; "Why she was the first one on the list. The elf said; "Well, we thought we would start from the bottom. After Santa heard that he ran right outside and went to the little girl's house and explained to her that he didn't have any presents for her this year but next year he would.

She said; "Oh! dear, Santa, I don't care I have enough presents now. The best present you ever gave me is your love. Then she gave him a kiss and they said, "Good-bye to each other and Santa left.

Debbie Walters

I think Christmas is full of kindness because when we all open up the presents everyone smiles and thanks each other. It is also filled with happiness because when someone gives somebody something that they wanted they're really happy. It is also full of sharing because people share their presents with other people.

By David Hopkins
5th Grade, Pine Knob School

This is what Christmas means to me. It means the birth of a baby named Jesus that slept with sheeps in a stall and slept in the cold. And how he made a sheep come to life. When he was older he repaired a blind mans eyes.

By Henry Vanderpool



The town of disbelievers

Once upon a time, in the land of Disbelievers, there was no such thing as Santa Clause or even Christmas. So, every year while the rest of the world was having Christmas, the disbelievers were just having a regular day.

Well, finally, Santa, who knew about this land of Disbelievers, decided to do something about this, so he set up a plan.

He was going to go there, for his last stop of the day, and he was going to stay there until day.

When day came and the children and parents woke-up they saw Santa Clause. They all (the children) hastled their parents to go see who he was.

Finally, the parent let thier children go see him, and Santa really liked them. He gave all of the children presents and candy.

Then he told them stories of how all of the other children hang out thier stockings, and how they always stay in bed unt'l 8:00.

The land of Disbelievers soon turned into the land of Believers, and Believed in SANTA CLAUSE and CHRISTMAS, forever

Sheila Adkins
Cheryl Hodgson



The most precious gift

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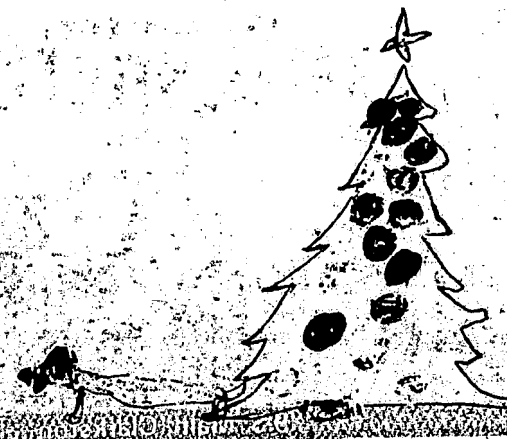
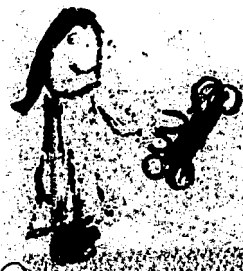
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Debbie Walters



Zoning board revokes Bit-Cons gravel permit

The Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals has temporarily revoked Bit-Con Corporation's gravel extraction permit for the operation of its Sashabaw-Stickney Roads site.

Before operations can resume the company must comply with township conditions.

According to Ken Delbridge, building supervisor, since the permit was issued five years ago the gravel extractors have failed:

- to provide the township building department with statistics on restoration proceedings at the site

- to keep roads oiled to the satisfaction of residents in the area

- to retain storm run-off on pit property

- to fence the area being mined

Bit-Con was called before the appeals board December 15 because of numerous complaints from the residents in the area and the company's failure to respond to the building department's correspondence.

Discussion between the board and Hal Hardy, operations manager for Bit-Con, revealed that, although the company has had the permit five years, gravel

has only been extracted during the summers of 1975 and 1976 for a total of 64 days.

According to Hardy 170,000 cubic yards of gravel have been mined. Forty thousand cubic yards are stockpiled at the site.

The building department and appeals board are concerned that enough material be left to restore the site to a usable condition.

The original permit set December, 1977 as the completion date of the mining operation.

Before the case returns to the board the company must furnish the engineering studies requested by the building department.

Bit-Con must also submit plans for storm run-off control and a proposal for control of the dust problem.

The company's escrow account, used by the building department for its own engineering studies on the pit, must be replenished to \$1,000 immediately and the company's surety bond must be

renewed immediately.

The permit conditions, is set at \$500 per acre. There are 23 acres ship that Bit-Con will live up to involved.

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Tellus Russell Services held

Services for Tellus P. Russell, 66, of Drayton Plains, were held Dec. 20 at the Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Holly.

A member of the Pine Knob Missionary Baptist Church, he was a retired tool and die maker for Chrysler Corp. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge 464 in Royal Oak.

Surviving are his wife Pauline; two children, Mrs. Phyllis Smith of Burton and Jerry of Rochester; his father, Wander of Flint; two brothers, Fount of St. Helen and Kirtman of Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Flint and Mrs. Esther Reynolds of Ellenton; and seven grandchildren.

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A Snuffleupagus?

Being Santa isn't all fun and games

By Joe Gitter
of The Clarkston News
Wall to wall children crowded the waiting room in Winship's photographic studio last week. A veritable sea of small bodies clinging to their mothers or wandering about like lost souls flowed about the room, constantly asking mommy, "Is it our turn yet?"

Remember what a thrill it was to sit on Santa's lap and share with him your innermost hopes and desires for Christmas.

Well, if the reactions of some of the kids at Winship's is any indication, the jolly old elf may be out of a job in the near future.

Take the case of one little girl as an example. Her grandmother, Santa and the Winship photographer tried in vain for nearly 15 minutes to persuade her to get even near Santa.

Finally, the screaming, thumb-sucking youngster was placed on Santa's lap. It was like trying to hold onto a greased monkey. Despite threats from the man in red about not getting any Christmas presents she stood her ground.

Eventually the trio gave up and the red eyed, terrified little girl was carried away.

Not all the kids displayed such a violent reaction to red suits and bearded old men. But most appeared scared out of their little heads when confronted by the white beard and spectacles.

In fact many of the kids were already getting jumpy while waiting to see "the man." But, most were able to choke out answers as to what they wanted for Christmas.

Tracy Ellis, 3, said she wanted a 'Hush Little Baby' doll and not the other one because when you feed her she stinks."

One mother related that her child told her earlier that "I wish I could give A Santa to somebody else. The excitement is killing me."

"I like Santa (at least someone did), because he's fun. He's nice and he gives me toys." Not the most honorable of intentions but at least Amy Leake, 6, said she liked him.

Her older sister, Tina, who is nine, wants a "a stereo and a new

TV" for Christmas. But she added, "I don't know if its worth it ... my feet are aching."

Little two and a half year old Leslie Hartwell apparently likes candy. When asked what she wanted for Christmas all she said was "suckers, candy canes, and gum ... five of everything."

Parents continually marvel over the changes in their children between the ages of two and nine. It's the difference between candy and a new stereo for Christmas presents.

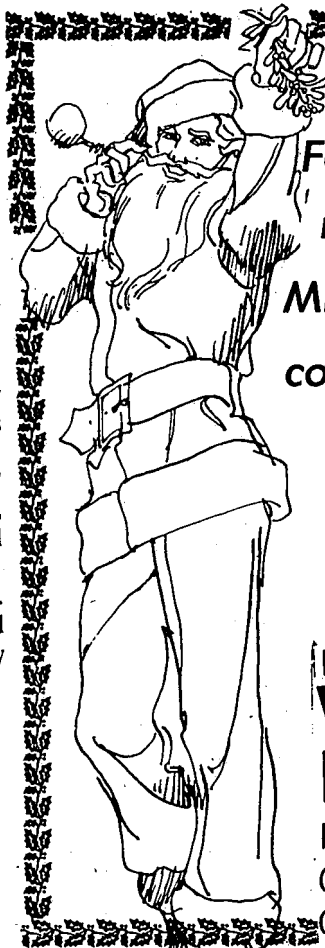
What's a Snuffleupagus? Whatever it is Jason Wanger, 4, wants it for Christmas. Good luck!

The trials of being Santa Claus. Sticky fingered kids climbing all over your best and probably only red suit. The constant screaming of the unwilling ones, and the tiny babies who don't realize the significance of their opportunity, but still know how to drool.

It takes a great deal of patience to be a Santa. Only a special kind of guy could put up with all those kids and still manage to keep ho, ho, hoing!

Wixom to rebuild - maybe

Bruce Wixom will build a home on an existing burned out foundation at 4093 Meyers Road providing the Independence Township building department finds the foundation adequate. Appeals said in granting the permission. The new structure must comply with present standards, not those in effect when the former structure was built, the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals said.

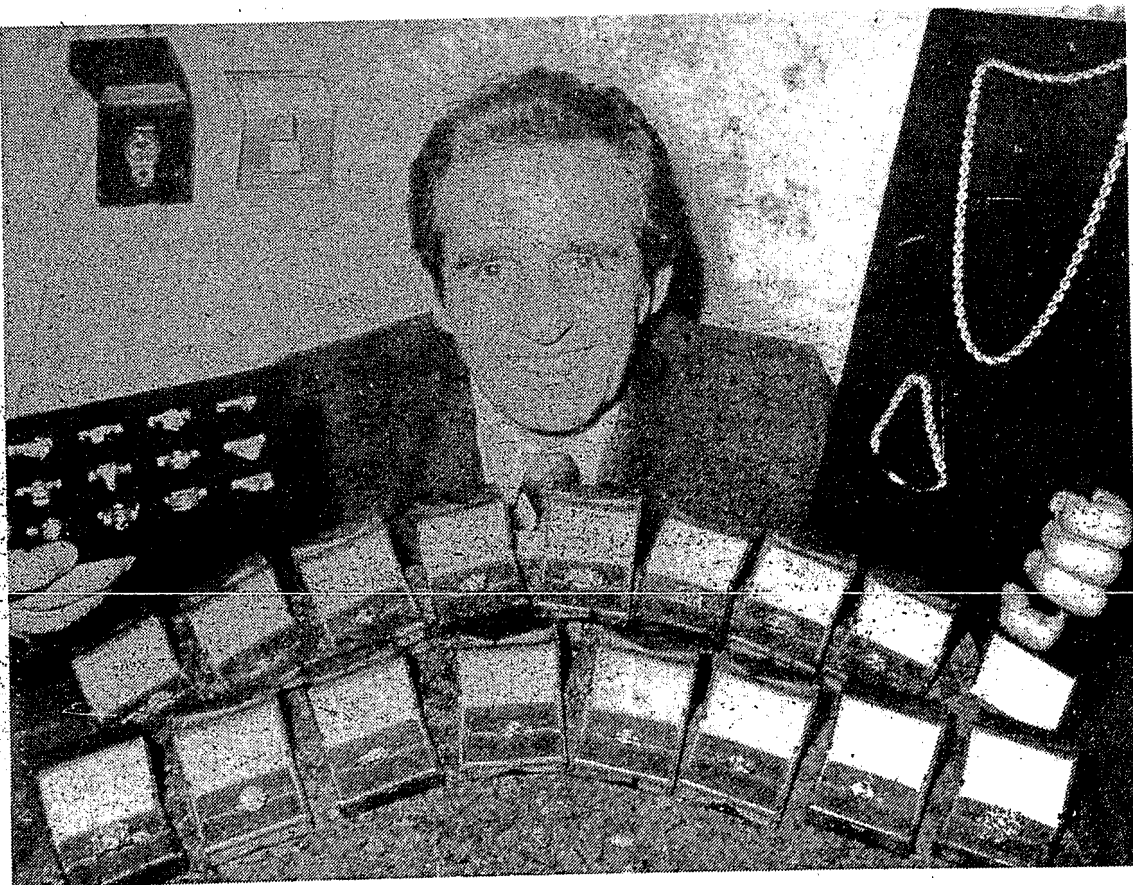


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Editorial

Christmas the year round

A comment was made recently concerning how pleasant people are around Christmas time and the fact that it is too bad the spirit doesn't last for the other 11 months. While the goodness in people is more noticeable this time of the year, an exception must be taken to the statement that it doesn't exist from January to November.

People, unfortunately remember the negative aspects of life and events. The memory of the good is often short lived. People, in all likelihood, would be able to name more of those involved in the Little League Baseball squabble than, let's say, the people who put in countless hours of their time make the bicentennial celebration a success.

Last week there was a story about a Pontiac family whose home was heavily damaged by fire and how the Clarkston based Concerned Citizens CB'ers aided the family. That would have happened regardless of the time of the year. The Kops for Kids program, while designed for providing Christmas presents for under-

privileged children, actually starts in July when the participating police departments begin their fund raising events and the list of families in need. The list of people who donate their time and money to civic and charitable organizations would go on and on. The reaction of individuals to a call for help to those

is always tremendous. Yes, the goodness of people is more noticeable at this time of the year. However that goodness does continue during the other 11 months of the year.



The Clover Patch

That special time

by Dan Trainor

To start with a not too original comment, Christmas has always been my favorite time of the year.

It became even more special to everyone.

Having nine brothers and sisters, the Yule season was always a big event at my parent's home.

It is a time of year when brothers, sisters, their spouses and a total of 25 children are able to renew family ties. Christmas took on a new dimension for me a few years back.

And as the family grew older, and the members married and started families of their own Christmas dinner came with the season, but I

Not only was there the excitement and happiness that

was able to share in the enthusiasm and the waiting for Santa Claus through my now six-year-old, Shannon, and four-year-old, Sean, and in a year or two Erin who is just nine months.

It is a time of the year when you don't mind bundling up to brave the cold weather in search of that special Christmas tree to chop down.

It's a time you kind of look forward to going to those packed shopping malls to find gifts for those special to you.

Christmas is time for a family cookie baking session when the cookies are consumed almost as fast as they are baked, iced and decorated. It is a time of year when friends you haven't seen for some time drop by the house for a visit.

Christmas is strangers wishing one another Merry Christmas as even though it may be just a smile as they pass in the stores or holding a door for someone whose arms are full of Christmas packages. Christmas is the Good-Kops for Kids and a host of other organizations who make sure everyone has a Christmas. Christmas is just a special time of year.

'If It Fitz . . .'

No bah in his humbug

by Jim Fitzgerald



Each year it is interesting to note exactly what point my Scrooge attitude begins to melt before the relentless onslaught of my wife and the Christmas Spirit.

I would like to remain a grump no matter how many little kiddies wrap their arms around my neck and thank me for giving them some dumb toy which I never gave them at all, my wife did.

But I never make it. Always the joy of the season somehow invades my cynical frame and forces me to forget, for a little while, that Santa Claus will return to being a wino after the department store closes Christmas Eve.

This year I turned to tinsel earlier than usual. It was Monday evening. My wife, who hangs the mistletoe on Labor Day, insisted that we attend the Christmas Carol Sing that is staged amidst Detroit's skyscrapers every year by the Free Press Action Line staff.

Actually, I began to sparkle on the way to the sing. We stopped for nourishment at the Bull Market restaurant, a few yards west of Kennedy Square. A young man named Bill Murphy was singing "The Christmas Song" and I thought Nat King Cole had been blessedly resurrected.

That song about chestnuts roasting reminds me of many marvelous Christmas Past, and whenever I hear it I couldn't bah a humbug if it bit my nose. Mr. Murphy sings it splendidly and I recommend him to all yuletide groups in search of succor from Gene Autry and Rudolph.

After Murphy, I was easy prey for 5,000 carolers singing "Silent Night" and waving their song sheets in the starlight furnished by TV cameramen. J.P. McCarthy led the singing, as adroitly as he leads the cheering at WJR, and everyone loved him. It wouldn't hurt me to lead a cheer once in a while, my wife said, and she's right. So here's a cheer for J.P. and for Fat Bob Taylor, too. They make a lot of people feel better.

Hark! listen to the herald angels sing, and watch the grump turn into plum pudding.

The metamorphosis was complete when my wife pointed to two carolers and said: "Look at that couple necking. Christmas brings out the love in people."

"Necking is an old-fashioned word," I said.

"So is Christmas," she said. "That's why I love it."

Yes. It is the traditions of Christmas, the old-fashioned caroling and the kissing and the giving and the getting. That's what makes it impossible for us Scrooges.

In the frenzy of my tinsel transformation, I even find myself defending those traditions against university professors who can prove Jesus was born in June.

For instance, there is Father Francis Filas who, several years ago, was chairman of Loyola University's theology department. He said he didn't believe the no-room-in-the-inn legend because it "contradicts all the traditions of Oriental hospitality." Charlie Chan kicks only crooks.

It seems there was plenty of room in the inn, but it was too noisy. Some off-duty shepherds were probably living it up too high in the cocktail lounge. Joseph and Mary preferred a quiet cave which wasn't so bad because it wasn't winter, as you've always thought, it was spring.

It had to be spring, Father Filas said, because Luke wrote "shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night." Shepherds do not watch their sheep at night except in the spring, the time of year all lambs are born. The traditional story is a foolish myth, Father Filas said. So there.

So nuts. Ever since someone finked on Santa Claus, various chrome domes have taken great delight in exposing the "myths" of Christmas. They are so lousy smart they would knock all the stars out of a child's eyes, and all the dreams out of an old man's heart.

The legend of the crowded inn has taught children a worthwhile lesson for years and, during the holiday season, it may even have influenced an occasional headwaiter to give some poor slob a ringside seat without benefit of a \$10 tip.

It's a good story because it teaches love. It teaches that it is right to be kind to a man even if he still wears spats—or even if he has a pregnant wife who looks like she might become a real drag.

Millions of children grew up knowing the innkeeper was wrong because he had no compassion for a family that needed help. It may be a myth but it is not foolish to believe the tale of the innkeeper who was a jerk.

If people would keep believing the old fashioned story of Christ's birth, and keep telling it, there might someday be no more jerks refusing to let Love squeeze through the inn door.

And I wouldn't need a wife and carolers to prompt me to lead cheers for shepherds working nights in December.

Yes Ken, there is a Santa Claus

The Pine Knob Fourth Grade Class last week wrote letters to Santa Claus. Among them was Ken Hayward whose parents mistakenly thought, because he was 10 years old, the belief in Santa Claus was no longer a part of his life.

Ken, despite what his parents told him, still believes in Santa.

To help Ken continue in his belief and attempt to convince others who do not believe in Santa, we are reprinting an editorial that ran in the New York "Sun" in 1897 to answer a little girl's question, Is there really a Santa Claus?

SANTA LETTER—

Dear, Santa.

I like you for you come down the chimney each Christmas little boys and girls believe in you and for me being 10 year's old my mom and dad thinks there isn't a santa claus, my mom's name is Irene Hayward but I love Santa claus.

By Ken Hayward
4th grade, Pine Knob

Written by Frank P. Church
This editorial appeared in New York—"The Sun"—on September 21, 1897

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my

little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in The Sun it is so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
North 115 W. 95th Street

Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect; as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion

exist, and you know that they ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is the highest beauty and joy. Nobody can guess or imagine all dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no

unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle child like face then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no

Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see: Did you



Letters to the editor

A Christmas message from pastors

God doesn't float, like clouds in a kite wind or shimmer, like heat waves off the hood
God takes form—human form—and meets us
in a manger
in the temple
in the marketplace
along the way
on the cross

and then at a fish fry (John 21)
(what a way to celebrate resurrection!)

And if all that sounds improbable, he meets us in and through the followers who are called the church

Martin Luther talked about the miracles of Christmas:

that God became flesh
that Jesus was born of a virgin
but he was most impressed by the miracle

that Mary believed that she

would give birth to God's son.

Martin's very astute, but we can go one up on him.

What a miracle that God's

good news has survived the work and witness of his friends!

and still speaks and works through them—(who needs enemies?!)

such unlikely messengers

(that's what "angel" means, of course)
but such wonderful messengers.

At Christmas we are grateful to you, his messengers to us—all of you wonderful (and a few even unlikely!)

Christmas, 1976
Independence Township Pastors
Jim Balfour, Mark Caldwell,
Alex Stewart, Clancey Thompson,
Bob Walters, Francis Weingartz

A super thanks to CB'ers

A Super Thank You to The CB'ers.

We were contacted by another CB'er and informed that a family had been burned out. We started to broadcast this information over our CB and the other CB'ers picked it up. Within 2½ hours, we had many people who had responded with clothing and cash

donations.

We were able to acquire the services of the Weigh Stations on I-75 to accept donations from motorists on the Expressway. They would call us when they had an appreciable amount of money and we would pick up the donations. Many people donated clothing and food.

We had one trucker that asked if the kids had anything in particular they wanted for Christmas. We called the mother to find out and all the kids said was "That Santa Claus was going to surprise them this year."

We relayed this information to this trucker on his next pass through and he said he would definitely make an attempt to surprise them. (He had gone to Cleveland, picked up some toys, gone to Buffalo, N.Y., and picked up two C.B. coffee mugs, brought them back to Clarkston and called us to make a pickup.)

We also had a contribution from one of the Detroit Metro Park. Services of frozen meat and a fresh cut tree for the family. The total response was more than gratifying.

The C.B.ers have proven themselves as good citizens and able to help out in the case of need. We thank all who have responded to our call, and hope that this generosity that has been shown will not be only during the holiday season, but can continue throughout the year.

Joey and Christen, Yes, I still believe there is a Santa Claus, and have yourselves a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Jim Freitag, Chairman
The Concerned Citizen C.B.ers
Clarkston, Mich. 48016

Santa's Shed

Dear Editor,

Independence Police Services would like to extend our appreciation to all of the people who helped us with the 1976 Christmas Parade.

Thanks to the cooperation and participation of many, we feel the Children's Parade was a success.

Our special thanks to the following area merchants for their support in donating prizes:

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Congratulations are in order to the following parade entries: People's Choice — Independence Fire Department, Most Original — Girl Scout Troop #692, Christmas Spirit Award—Creative Coop Nursery.

Sincerely,
Beth A. Tower
Independence Police Services

A thank you

To the People of Clarkston:

Thank you for your support of the Jaycettes' "Santa's Shed" project again this year. We are proud to offer the community a selection of handmade Christmas gifts priced within a child's limited budget.

Remember that the profits made on all Jaycette and Jaycee

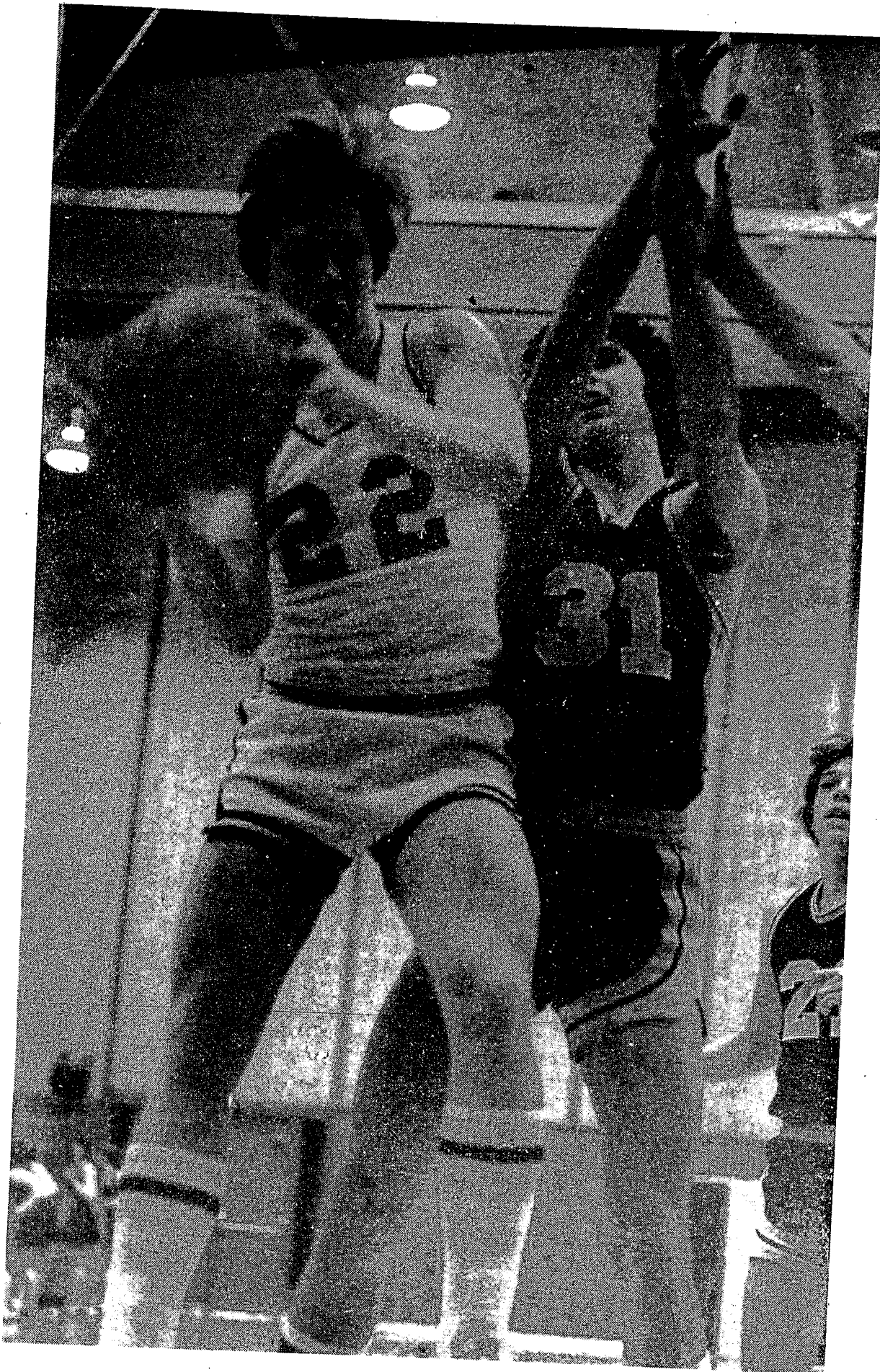
projects are used to benefit you, the community, via other projects over the year such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Operation Red Ball, Junior Miss Pageant and many more.

Once again, thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Carol Cherney
Co-Chairman



Jerry Lynch, right, representing the American Legion, helps get the Kops for Kids 1977 program off to a flying start by presenting Sheriff's deputy Doug Hummel with a \$100 check. The program, initiated in 1973, raised enough funds this year to take 75 children Christmas shopping for clothing and presents for other members of their family.



Merry Christmas Wolves

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Clarkston grapplers roll onward

Four junior varsity grapplers (175 lbs.) were given a chance to eat without worrying about their weight for a couple of days, according to Carter.

Monday, December 13, the Wolves wrestled Lapeer West, replacing them did better than defeating them 36-34. Four varsity players were given a rest by replacements won their matches. One by decision and the other by pin.

Brad Griggs (126 lbs.), Bill McClusky (145 lbs.), Kevin Drake (178 lbs.), and Louie Warren (191 lbs.) were left almost defenseless. They lost 21-9.

The Wolves also participated in the Oakland County Tournament held Saturday, December 18.

Thirty-two teams participated, according to coach Carter. "There were a lot of state champions there. It was a pretty good tournament," he said.

No Wolves placed. Seven grapplers won in the first round. Three won in the second round of action, but all failed to advance after that.

But Carter is not overly distraught with their performance.

"It wasn't too good a showing appearance-wise, but I thought we did a pretty good job." The team didn't expect to steal the show, Carter said. "We did it for the experience and the exposure."

When the grapplers return to competition after the Christmas break Carter expects the meets to get easier.

League wrestling will start in January where the toughest competition will come from Rochester and West Bloomfield.

"If we could win both of those meets we'd win the league title," Carter said.

According to Carter, the wrestling which takes place in December is mainly a warm-up for the league competition. Each

wrestler is allowed 20 weigh-ins every year. The Wolves have 18 matches this year.

The victory over Lapeer West brings the Wolves' season total to two victories against one defeat in dual meet competition.

Clarkston 36, Lapeer West 34
98—Rolando Flores (C) pinned Steve Johnson 1:04

105—Darick Touchette (LW) pinned Randy Perigo 3:23

112—Todd Angle (LW) won by void

119 — Mark Haynes (LW)

pinned Brent Johnson 2:37

126—Mike Nagel (C-JV) dec Tim Angle 4-3

132—Bradd Griggs (C) pinned Gary McHugh 5:54

138 — Mike Dorner (LW) pinned Dan Griffith 3:59

145—Andy Delph (LW) pinned Mark Shall (C-JV) 2:20

155—Bill McClusky (C) dec

Dave Smith 5-2

165—Harvey Fulk (C) pinned Bob Brinker 3:48

178—Carl Sierokoeski (LW) dec Kevin Edwards (C-JV) 13-3

191—Scott Koch (C-JV) pinned Mike Cunningham 5:03

HVT—Pat Cadwallader (C) pinned Devin Themm 3:48

JV: Lapeer West 21, Clarkston 9



by Jim DuBach & Fred Sunman

One of yachting's great pleasures is merely to look at the infinite variety of ships found at sea. "All boats are beautiful" is the claim of many sailors. Most sailboats are designed for specific purposes. Each is likely to have characteristics that enable it to perform admirably in certain combinations of wind and water. The sailfish is a wonderful boat for beach use, and is also raced seriously. The sloop is for day sailing. The catamaran is in current vogue because of its great speed.

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Taped five days a week, the Hotline offers information on daily ski and snow conditions at the major resorts of Southeast Michigan. It includes skiing and weather outlook for the weekend.

The tape is recorded by staff of the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association in cooperation with the resorts.

Base, inches of natural snow, inches of man-made snow, grooming conditions, number of hills open, number and kinds of tows and lifts operating, and overall skiing opportunity is the kind of data reported, along with the weather.

Soviet hockey

Interested in seeing some good hockey?

A team consisting of the best Soviet hockey players will be at Olympia Stadium, January 7 to take on Team Michigan.

The finest junior hockey players from the Detroit Junior Wings, Paddock Pools Saints, Wayne Americans, and the Fraser Highlanders will face off against the Russian team. In a similar national tour last year Team Soviet finished with a 7-1 record. The Michiganders, talented themselves, will be up against some rough competition.

Tickets are priced at \$7, \$6 and \$4 and are available at Olympia, Olympia Travel in Birmingham, and all Wards stores. For more information call Olympia at 895-7000.

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Girl cagers honored by county

Four members of Clarkston's girls' varsity basketball team were selected last Monday in Greater Oakland Athletic League, All-League voting by the league coaches.

Two of these girls were also cited for All-County honors in a meeting of Oakland County girls' basketball coaches last Thursday.

Sue Frazier, a 5'8" junior center, was voted to the All-League First Team and the All-County Second Team. She led the

Wolves this year in several categories: she maintained the highest average in points per game with 11.3 points (12.1 in league); she topped all rebounders averaging 10.5 rebounds/game (10.4 in league); she led in free-throw shooting with 59.7% (66.2% in league) she captured the most steals with a total of 34; and she was responsible for blocking 21 opponent shots.

Jane Tatu, a 5'6" junior forward, was voted to the All-

League Second Team and cited on the All-County Honorable Mention list. Jane was the team's second leading scorer, rebounder, and shot blocker. She averaged 7.6 points/game, 10.1 rebounds/game, and blocked 9 shots. She led the Wolves in assists with a total of 30. Jane was also one of the team's co-captains.

Two players, Marcia Mason and Mary Jane Anderson, were placed on the All-League Honor-

able Mention list.

Marcia, a 5'7" junior forward and co-captain, was the third leading scorer (6.4 points/game), rebounder (5.9 rebounds/game), and blocked 8 shots.

Mary Jane, a 5'6" senior forward, was the Wolves' second leading free-throw shooter averaging 59.6% (63.2% in league) from the line. She averaged 5.8 points/game and 3.6 rebounds/game.



Greater Oakland Activities League girls' basketball coaches gathered Thursday, December 16 to select players for the All League honors. Clarkston players Marcia Mason (left) and Mary

Jane Anderson were named to the All League Honorable Mention list. Jane Tatu was named to the All League League Second Team and Sue Frazier to the All League First Team.

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Radio-TV/Electronics Repair	Diagnosis and repair of radio, tv and other electronic devices.	M & W	7:00-10:00	60	\$35	\$ 5	\$40
*Residential Refrigeration	Repair and maintenance of home refrigerators, freezers, window air conditioners.	M & W	7:00-10:00	60	\$35	\$ 5	\$40
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*Safety Glasses Required but not furnished.

NOTE: Medical Office Assisting II and Dental Office Assisting II are offered this term. Enrollment is limited to students who have completed Medical I or Dental I or who have the Instructor's permission.

REGISTRATION FEE AND LAB FEE TO BE PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Wolves continue erratic play

Down most of the game the Clarkston Wolves fought back in the final six minutes of play to defeat the Oxford Wildcats, 63-57.

"We hadn't been playing ball for three quarters," Coach Gary Nustad said. "We finally woke up in the fourth."

Led by Kit Pappas' eight points in the final quarter Clarkston outscored a much improved Oxford team 23-14 to pull out a victory.

It seems they've been pulling out too many of their victories in the final few seconds. "We're going to be in trouble if we try doing that against some of the better ball clubs," Nustad said. However, the Wolves did put

together a well balanced scoring attack Tuesday evening. Eight players scored, led by Jeff Williams with 17 points, Kit Pappas added eight, Chris Lorradas, eight, and Steve Evans had eight with ten rebounds.

The Wolves hit 30 of 55 shots from the floor for an impressive 55% shooting percentage. Their free throw shooting was not quite as good. They hit a disappointing 33% from the line.

"We've been shooting real poorly from the free throw line," Nustad said.

It was Oxford's excellent free throw shooting and Clarkston's fouling that kept them in the lead most of the game. They hit 19 of 25 from the line or 76% of their shots.

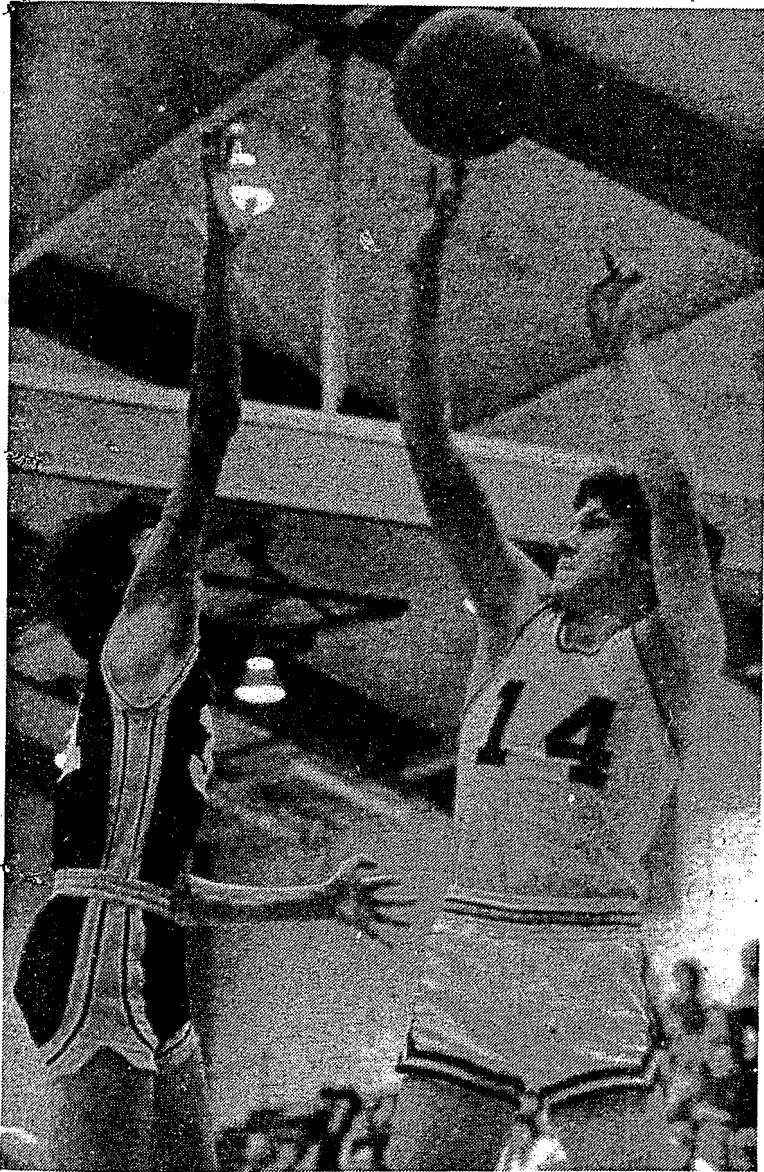
"We have a lot of room for improvement," Nustad said. "We haven't played up to our potential."

It showed in Friday night's contest against G.O.A.L. competitor Milford.

The Wolves' poor free throw shooting came back to haunt them, this time costing them the game, 48-43.

The varsity hit only three of 11 shots from the line for a miserable 27% shooting percentage. Only one player, Ron Fraley, hit any free throws at all. He went three for three. The remainder of the team was cold as ice.

The loss to Milford brings the varsity's record to 3-3 overall and 0-2 in league competition.



Charles Robertson, 14, skies over an unidentified Oxford defender for an easy shot in action Tuesday evening.



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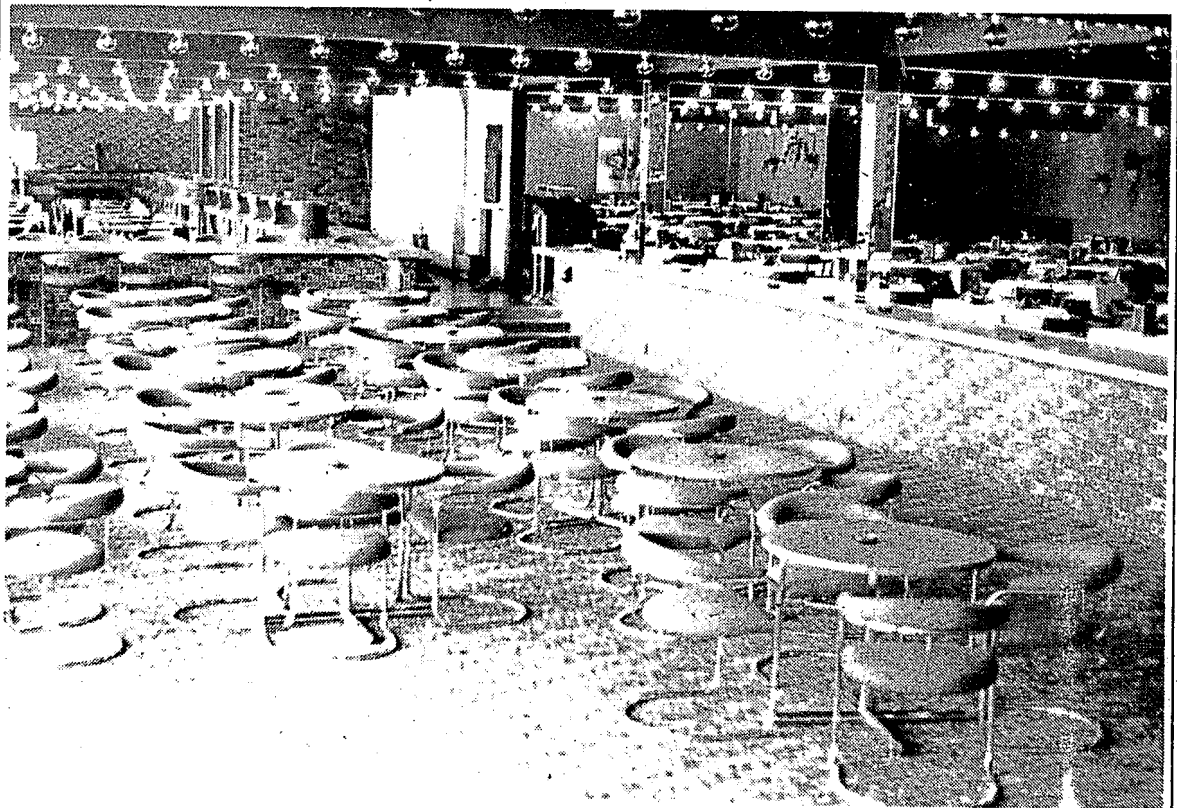
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Candlelight Communion Service, Senior Choir, 11 p.m.
December 26:
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.

A noncredit geography course aimed to acquaint motorists with topography and the history of the United States will be offered by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education.

Natural land forms, such as mountain ranges, major river systems, and deserts, which influenced the routes of early settlers, will be examined for auto routes, as vacation objectives, and for historical significance by Arthur D. Abbott, AAA training instructor.

To begin Wednesday, January 26, the course will be conducted from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for five weeks at the Birmingham Center of Continuing Education, 746 Purdy.

For course details and registration information, call the Birmingham Center, 642-9290, or OU's Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, will offer more Polish "pleasures" beginning in early January.

"Major Polish Poetical Voices," will be offered Friday evenings from 7-9:45 p.m. beginning January 7. Fr. Walter Zebrowski, director of the college's Galeria and doctor of Polish Literature, is the instructor.

"Polish History Since 1795" will be taught by Fr. Joseph Swastek, archivist for the college,

at 2 p.m. every Monday, Major feminist writings will be Wednesday and Friday beginning explored.

Other courses include elementary Polish language, composition, and a seminar.

Registration is in the Administration Building on January 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.; and on January 4 and 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuition is \$40 per credit hour. Scholarships are available.

For more information call the Office of Continuing Education at 682-1885, ext. 39.

The Pontiac Branch YMCA, 131 University-Drive, is sponsoring a special Holiday Program for youngsters in grades 1-6, December 28, 29, 30, 1976.

The program from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day will include swimming, gym activities, a trip to the Cranbrook Science Museum & Planetarium and a Sleigh Ride in Rochester.

The program is open to all area youth. For registration information contact the YMCA at 335-6116.

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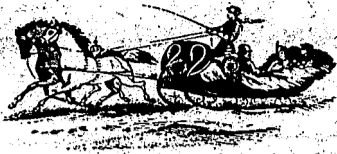
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Road (one mile south of Clarkston in Orion Township). The group will offer support to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call Pastor Charles Kosberg at 391-1170.

Families will have more time to experience the enchantment of an old-fashioned Christmas at Henry Ford Museum this holiday season. From December 26 through 31, the Museum is extending its hours to 8:30 p.m. 30-minute program of early newsreels and cartoons will be presented each evening at 7 and again at 8 p.m.

Tobacco tins, soft drink signs, country oak furniture, paper dolls, and antique watches will lure the novice and serious collector to a free Antique Show & Sale, January 3-11 at Pontiac Mall Shopping Center, Waterford Township. Antique buffs can browse the treasures from across the Midwest daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. To catch up on collecting, anyone can attend a series of 4 free antique classes to be held January 2, 6, 7 and 10 in the community room of The Pontiac Mall. For information call 682-0123.

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course to be offered by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education during winter term beginning Tuesday, Jan. 25. The course will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for five weeks at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, 746 Purdy at Frank. For course details and to register, call the Birmingham Center, 642-9290, or the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

Are you a horticulture enthusiast who would like to teach classes, give lectures or consult with others on vegetable gardening or lawn care? If so, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service is offering a training program in these areas. Participants will receive eight hours of training by Gregory Patchan, Horticultural agent for Oakland County, and other specialists before being certified as Master Gardeners equipped with the latest Michigan State University recommendations. Master Gardeners will be placed on a referral list for providing instructions on gardening. Training sessions will begin in Birmingham on February 1. For further information contact Greg Patchan, 858-0887.

The 1903 operetta, "Babes in Toyland," will be presented by the Greenfield Village Players this January. The play follows Jack and Jill through their flight from their miserly Uncle Barnaby. In the course of their adventures the pair crosses through spider forest and into a magical land inhabited by toy soldiers, dolls and dancing bears. The musical score includes such classics as "The March of the Wooden Soldiers," "Toyland," and "Just a Whisper Away." The two hour performances are set for 2 p.m. January 8, 15 and 22 and 7:30 p.m. January 8 and 15. Tickets are priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. No reserved seats are available. For additional information call 271-1620.

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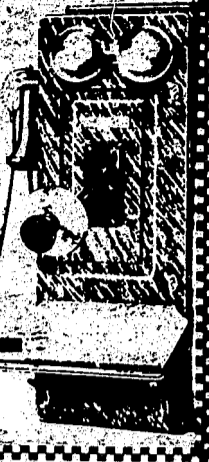
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State Senator Kerry Kammer, his aide Bob Garner and State Representative Claude Trim and his wife Gerry were special guests at the Independence Township Democratic Inaugural Ball Saturday, December 11.

The Democratic Club gave

Supervisor Floyd Tower a gavel and Clerk Chris Rose a pen and pencil set—gifts appropriate to the offices the men hold.

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During the 1975-1976 school year Oakland Schools conducted computer assisted drill and practice studies in reading and mathematics.

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If you were thinking about going to the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at the Springfield Oaks Center, forget it.

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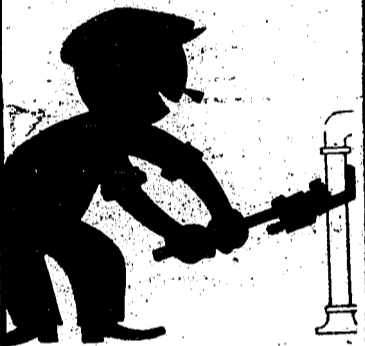
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Oh, there was other mouse house's in Miley's restaurant. Well early in the afternoon Martin called his oldest son Gomer to help come up with an idea to get some food. All of a sudden Martin jumped up with an idea!

He whispered the idea to everyone that would take part in it. The idea was "Martin and his oldest son Gomer would sneak around everybody while the rest of Martin's family would scare the people in Miley's restaurant right out of their shoes, that way they could take his youngest child's wagon to haul the food back to their mouse hole.

They had to start right away at their idea. Martin and Gomer started sneaking around while the other mice children started scaring people right through the roof!

Martin and Gomer started hauling food back to their hole. Then all the other mice started piling back to their holes. And the Martin mouse family had a feasting that very Christmas Eve, only to wake up the next morning finding presents Old Saint Nick had left them.

And from that day on this story is known as "The Mouse Who Stole Christmas at Miley's Restaurant."

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Santa went to Clarkston to give the boys and girls some toys. When he stopped in Clarkston for a cup of tea.

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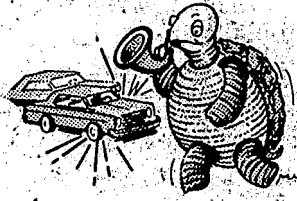
He looked like a chocolate Santa candy the ones he puts in your stocking. So he thought of something. He had deer that push sleigh. He told one of his

deer—"Let's go." The toys to laying on our lazy boy chair. He heavy. He had to take three at a time. He was sleeping. We woke him up.

It took him all night. Our house He told us what happened. He was the last one. When my said, I have to be more careful when I come to Clarkston.

Author, Sonia Woods

(Continued on page 27)



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VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
November 30, 1976

Meeting called to order by President Hallman.
Roll: Present, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Schultz, Thayer, Weber. Absent, none.

Planning Commission members present, Byers, Galbraith, Roeser, Smith, Thomson.

The council and planning commission held a joint meeting to hear a proposal from Jim Scharl of Kieft Engineering, Inc. representing Hugh Garner, developer of Deer Lake Farms, a portion of which lies in the northwest corner of the village. The total development will include 150 single family homes and 30 acres of commercial development along Dixie Highway.

Mr. Scharl reported that the first phase of the development will be on forty lots between W. Church and N. Holcomb. The township has already given preliminary approval for this. There will be no sewer or water mains and it will contain twenty foot roadways.

The council and planning commission discussed the effect the development will have on traffic on village streets and the possibility of sediment going into the Mill Pond during its construction.

Moved by Thomson that the planning commission recommend to the council that they approved the tentative preliminary plat of Deer Lake Farms as presented. Seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Weber that the council give tentative preliminary plat approval of Deer Lake Farms for the portion that lies within the village, as recommended by the planning commission. Seconded by ApMadoc. Ayes, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Thayer, Weber. Nays, Schultz. Motion carried.

The preliminary plat approval will be good for one year. The council and planning commission also discussed moving the proposed site of the village garage to the east side of the stream in the park.

Moved by Weber to have a maximum of four soil borings of the land on the east side of the stream in the park taken as soon as possible. Seconded by Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Granlund to adjourn. Motion carried.

H. Neal Sage
Acting Clerk



The Clarkston Village Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 10, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 25 S. Main St., Clarkston, Michigan 48016. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to discuss proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, articles II and X, dealing with parking requirements in Planned Commercial Centers. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Bruce Rogers
Village Clerk



VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 1976

Meeting called to order by President Pro-Tem Granlund.
Roll: Present, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Thayer, Weber. Absent, Schultz.

Minutes of the last meetings were read and approved. Moved by Weber to pay the following bills:

Wages and Salaries	\$2634.16
Municipal Services	879.20
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Seconded by Sage. Roll: Ayes, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Thayer, Weber. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Trustee ApMadoc reported that the county won't allow a safety barrier along the safety path on White Lake Rd. The council then discussed using 1977 Community Development Act funds for safety walks in the village. These funds will total \$10,000.

Moved by Sage to use the 1977 Community Development funds for the development of safety walks within the village. Seconded by Weber. Roll: Ayes, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Thayer, Weber. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Soil borings will take place soon on the new proposed garage site at the east side of the stream in the park.

The council discussed the proposed zoning ordinance amendments as recommended by the planning commission and the planner. This would change parking requirements in commercial centers from one space per 400 square feet of usable floor area to one space per 100 square feet.

Moved by ApMadoc to hold a Public Hearing on January 10, 1977 for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Seconded by Sage. Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Goyette was present to request permission from the council to apply for a permit to erect a new sign for his funeral home on N. Main. The sign would be the same size but would be lit within instead of by spotlights, as is the present one.

Moved by ApMadoc that the council recommend that Harold Goyette be issued a permit to erect a new sign at the front of 155 N. Main since there will be no change in function and size of the sign. Seconded by Weber. Motion carried unanimously.

Russ Inman of the Clarkston Village Players reviewed the situation of moving their depot to the park with the council. He wants an indication of village support on the matter. The council discussed the situation.

Moved by Granlund that the village council supports the movement of the depot to the village park in the area recommended by the planning commission, and to help in the construction of lavatory facilities as funds become available. Seconded by Weber. Roll: Ayes, ApMadoc, Granlund, Sage, Weber. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Moved by Sage, seconded by Weber to adjourn. Motion carried.

Bruce Rogers
Village Clerk

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Christmas Day
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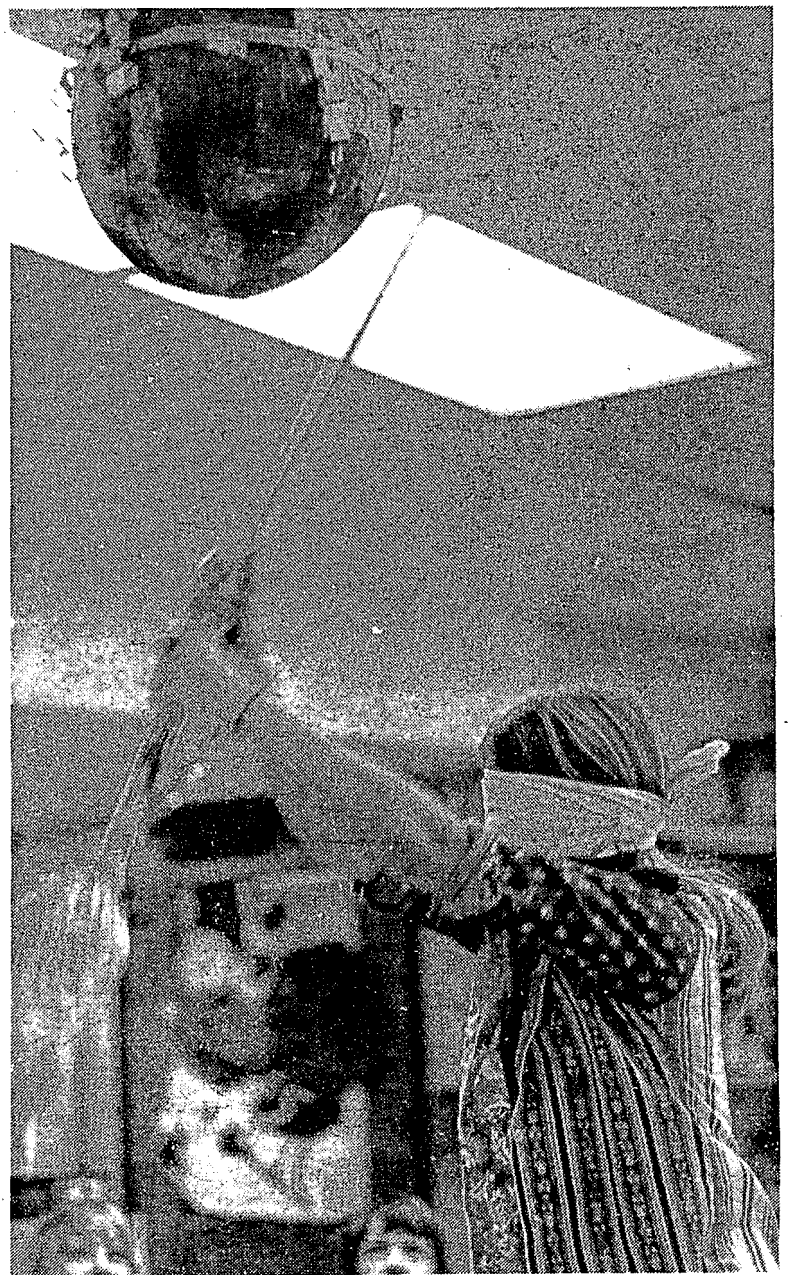
Clarkston News

The Clarkston (Mich.) News

Thurs., Dec. 23, 1976 17



This kindergarten boy gave Santa the old eagle eye for a full minute and never did smile or utter a word to the kindly old gentleman.



The sixth graders in Miss Amy Prechowski's class at Davisburg Elementary spent nearly half an hour trying to break open their piñata Friday.

A look at Christmas in the schools

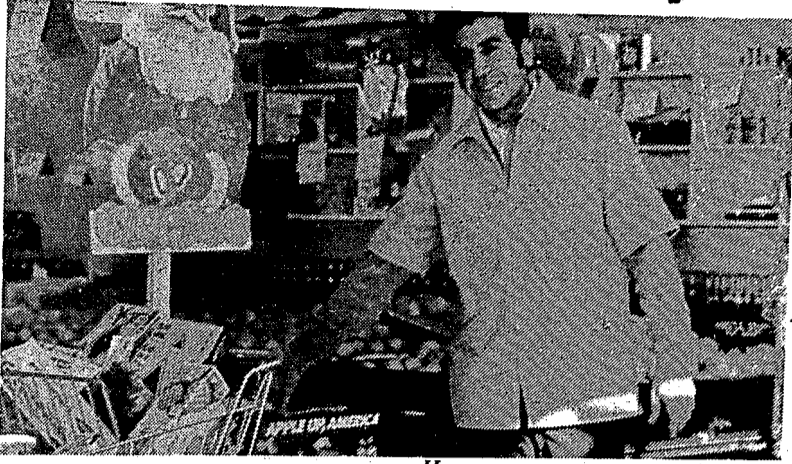


Jackie Amato, in Minda Brown's third grade class at South Sashabaw Elementary applies the finishing touches on her Santa made from a Pringle's potato chip can.



Tommy Sheehy, in Pat Medler's first grade class at Andersonville Elementary came up with a new way of displaying his Christmas wreath and getting a little attention.

Harry's Fruit Basket



Harry caters to a special clientele

Harry Dallou opened his specialty food store on Clarkston Road at Eston Road because he feels the people of North Oakland County deserve a place where they can find what they want and get quality too.

"Where else can you find streudel dough, pilaf, wild rice, olives in the barrel, or heat steamed fruit," Harry asks.

At Harry's Fruit Basket you can, along with spices like Hungarian paprika, and Greek Cavender's spice.

Harry also claims to have the largest display of loose nuts including both white and red pistachios.

There are many varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Of course he has pop and chips,

both of which draw a special clientele, Harry says. Both come in returnable containers. The Whistle Stop Pop sells for \$2.98 a case plus a \$2 deposit.

The pop bottles are returned regularly but Harry has a problem getting the Charlie's Chips containers back.

"People are hoarding them—using them to store other things."

He once counted 35 containers sold and only 7 of them returned.

"Where else can you get that kind of container for 60 cents?" Harry asks.

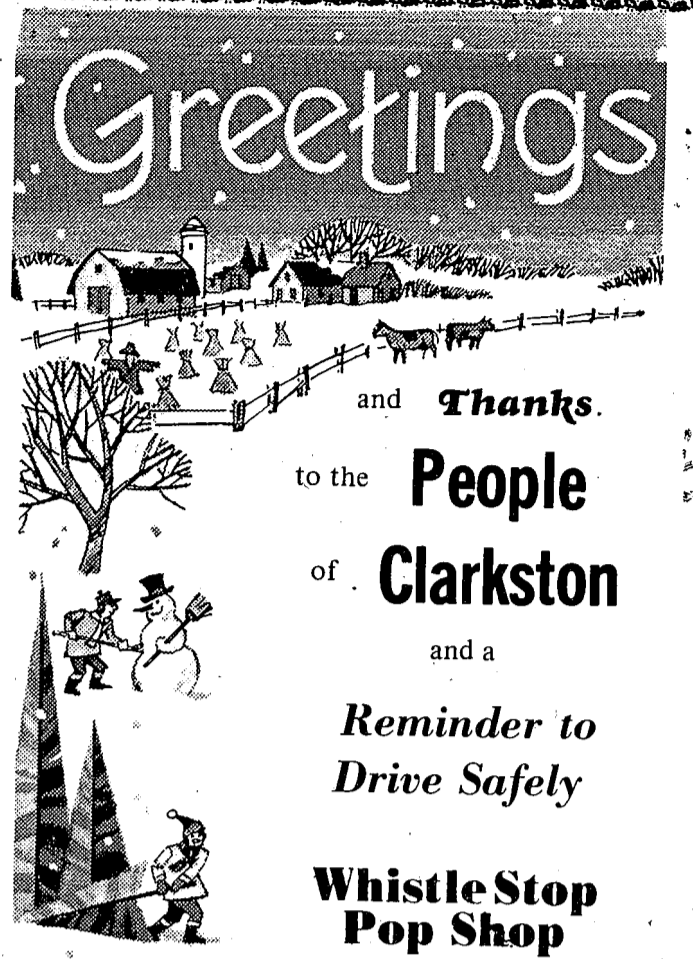
Harry was raised in a retail business but he decided on a college education at Wayne State and a teaching career.

After a year and a half he left teaching and went into construction.

Opening his own store has returned him to the trade he grew up in.

The store is open 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sundays.

His wife Linda substitutes for him each day from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. During that time he can meet with wholesalers and enjoy Elizabeth, the Dallou's six-year-old daughter.



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to the **People**
of **Clarkston**

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Drive Safely

Whistle Stop
Pop Shop

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Pontiac, Michigan
Just North of Silver Lake Road

674-3422

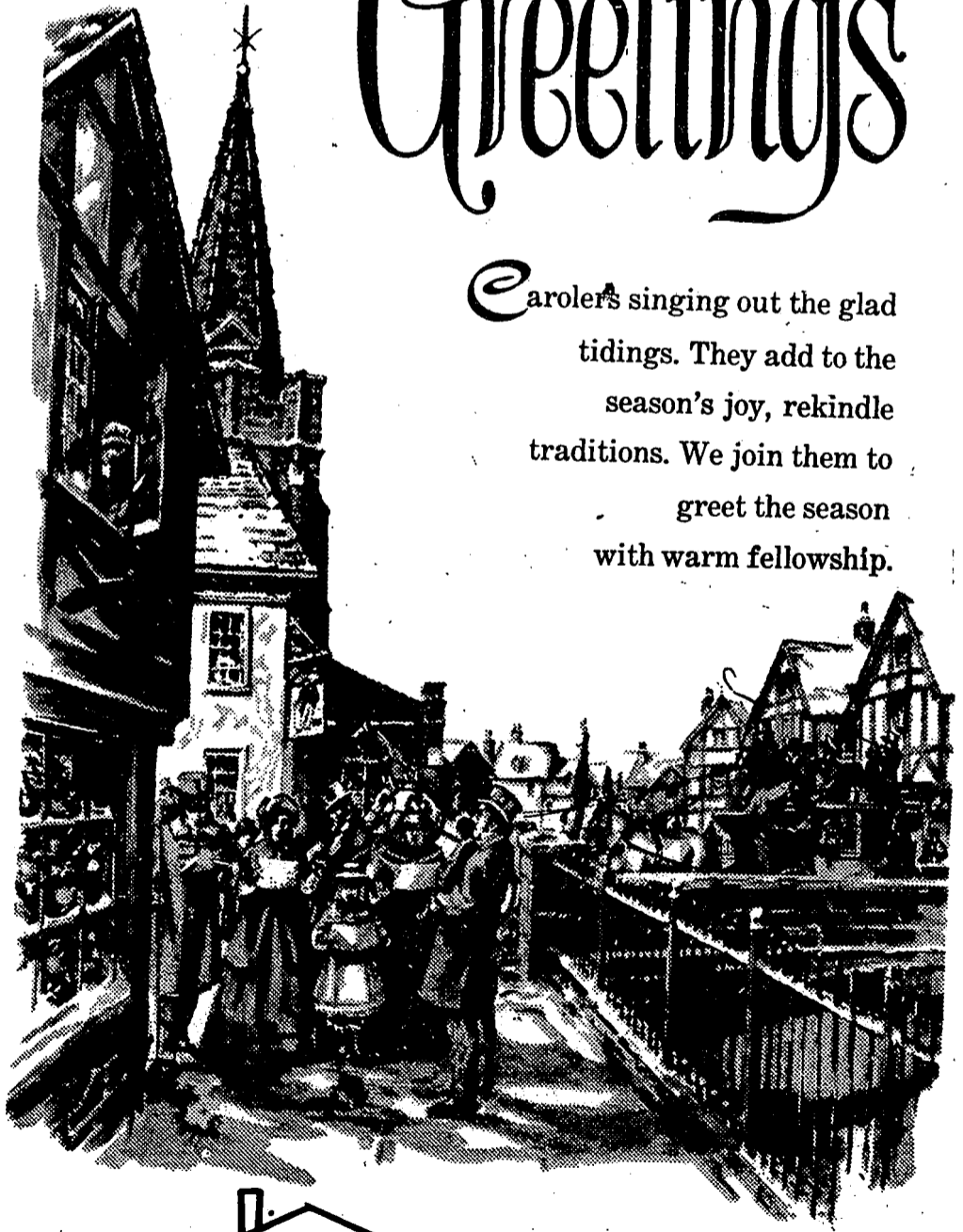


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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



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

6605 Dixie Hwy. 625-5200 Clarkston

ENTERPRISE!!
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Shop talk



by Maralee Cook

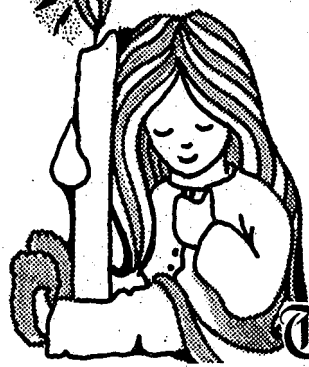
For your apres-Christmas rush we suggest a relaxing brunch Sunday, December 26, at the PINE KNOB RESTAURANT. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. you will be served a delicious array of breakfast and luncheon foods while you watch the skiers perform. It will make a nice break for a busy weekend. Call 394-0772 or 394-0000, or just stop out at 7777 Pine Knob Road.

Keep an eye open for details of The Clarkston News "FIRST BABY OF 1977" promotion in our December 30 issue. We'll have stories and pictures, plus lots of gifts and discounts from area merchants for the parents of the first baby born in Independence or Springfield Township or Clarkston in 1977.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There are no set hours for area stores this Christmas Eve. We suggest that you check ads or phone before going out to do last minute shopping. Many stores will be open until about 6 p.m. Word has it that the Clarkston News will close at noon. Officially, that is. Everyone knows we'll all still be working behind locked doors.

GREETINGS



May Christmas bring you happy hours and shining memories.

Thinking of you, dear friends, and saying "thanks."

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from

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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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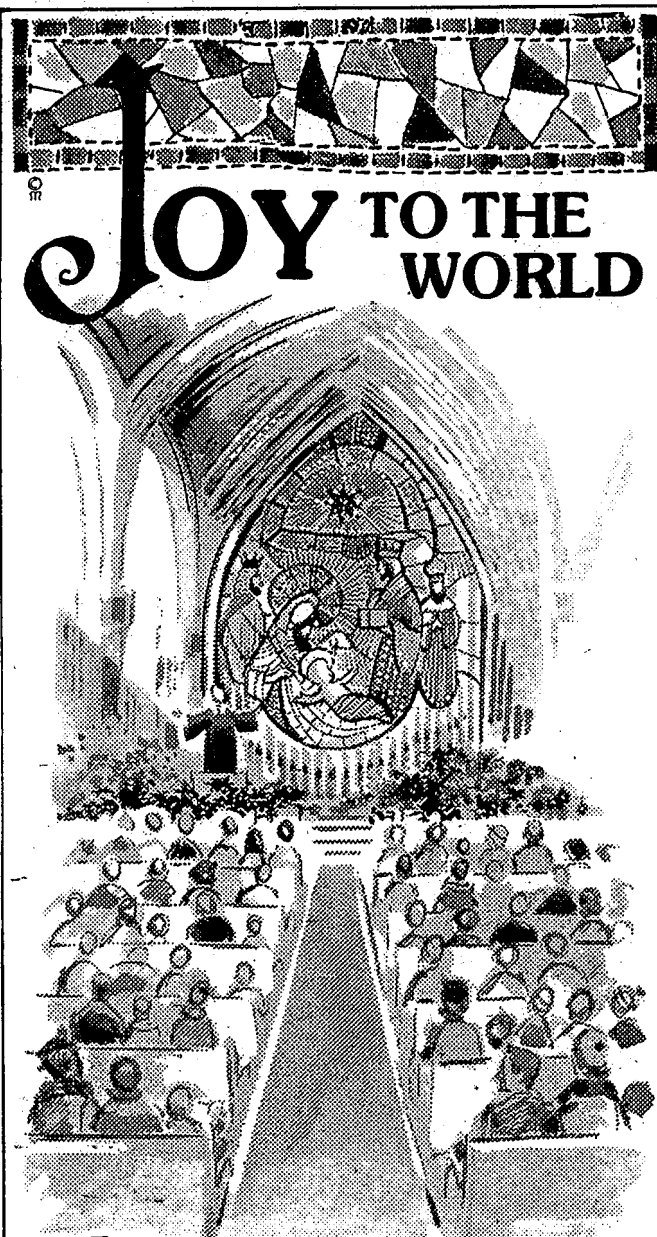


GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes for happiness at this Christmastime go forth to you.

The Candle Factory

634 DAVISBURG RD.
DAVISBURG
634-4214



Let us sow the seeds of love and hope as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We say thanks and wish you a holy and happy holiday.

INDEPENDENCE AUTO PARTS

6670 DIXIE HWY. CLARKSTON

(corner of Dixie & Maybee)

625-1212



ON CHRISTMAS DAY

all bells on earth will ring sounding a message of love and joy to people everywhere.

Our sincere gratitude.

Hallman Apothecary

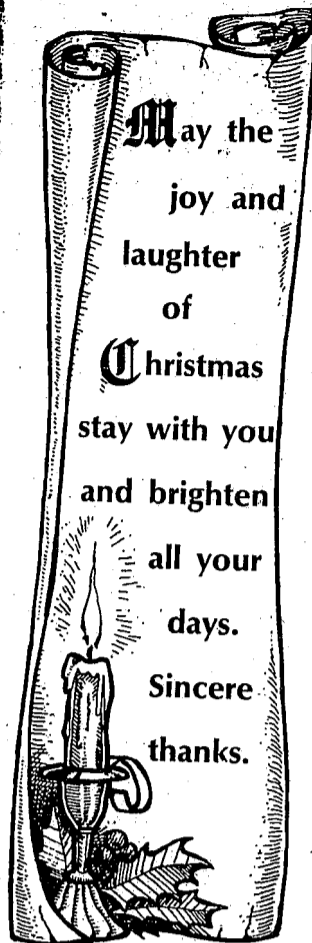
FOUR SOUTH MAIN STREET
CLARKSTON • 625-1700



We send You Greetings

Here's hoping that all of you whose patronage we value so highly enjoy the Christmas season to the fullest.

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God bless you this Holy Season



May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

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7925 Sashabaw Road Clarkston
north of Pine Knob

Dec. 22 7:30 p.m.—Choir Christmas Concert
Dec. 24 11:15 p.m.—Christmas Midnight Service
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Service
Dec. 26 10:00 a.m.—Sunday After Christmas Service
Dec. 31 7:30 p.m.—New Year's Eve Service



Peace on earth

To all the world goodwill... very best wishes and thanks.

To our good friends and customers we wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

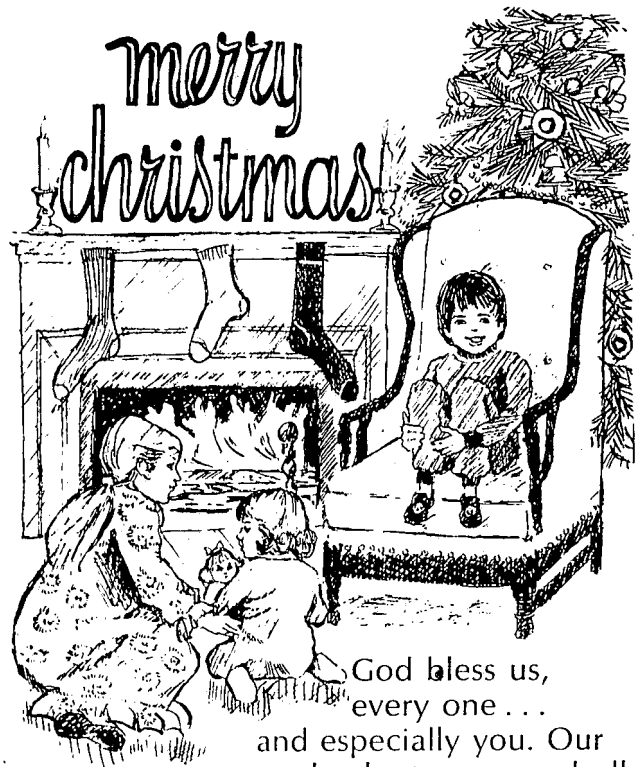
Our sincere thanks and best wishes to all of you whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year.

Thanks.



Senior citizens attended a potluck luncheon at the Clarkston Knights of Columbus Hall, Thursday, December 16. Each senior donated 50c plus a dish to pass around. They were rewarded with lots of company and four door prizes, donated by local businesses. The potluck is just one of many new programs, sponsored by Independence Township's Recreation Department. They include, bowling, card parties, bingo, and

arts and crafts. The recreation department is looking for senior participants in these activities. According to Darlene Bringard, program coordinator, about 60 seniors attend the functions now, but there are over 300 registered as living in the township. "We are trying to get more seniors from the township to come," she said. Anyone interested should call the recreation department at 625-8223.



God bless us, every one... and especially you. Our thanks to one and all.



Judy's of Waterford

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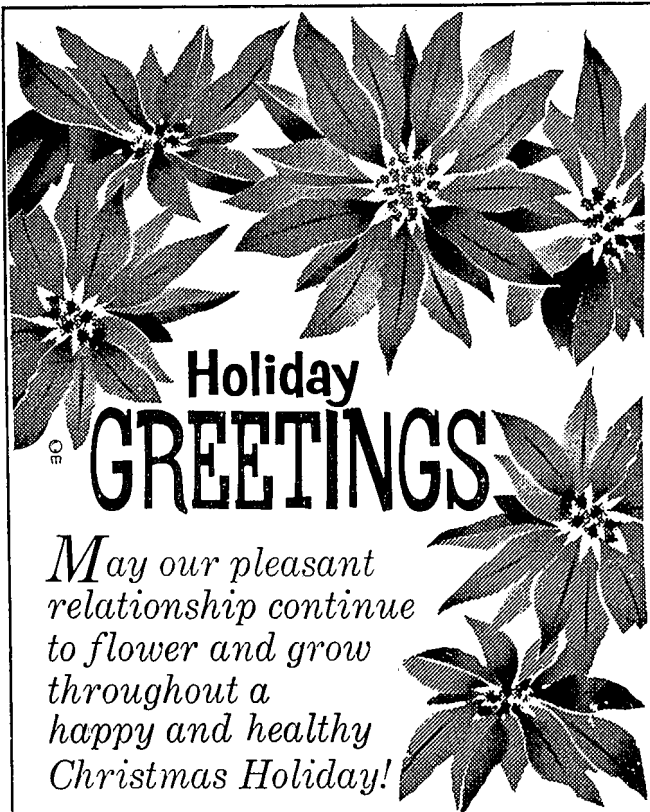


merry merry Christmas

May your pear tree bear fruits of Love, Health and Happiness.

OAKLEY-OLSEN and ASSOC.

6800 Dixie Hwy.
Clarkston Cinema Building
625-3644



Holiday GREETINGS

May our pleasant relationship continue to flower and grow throughout a happy and healthy Christmas Holiday!

Jim's Unisex Styling Salon

Plaza Mall, Ortonville Road
Ortonville

Merry Christmas!



and Happy New Year

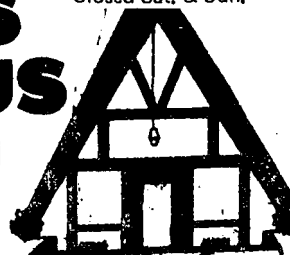
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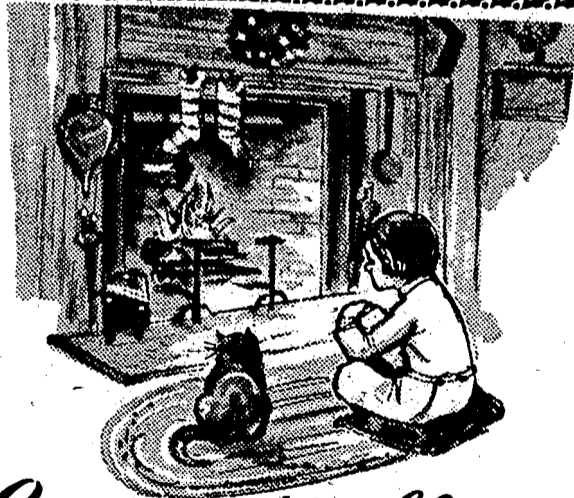
Greetings at Christmas

To our friends, a hearty holiday wish that you may enjoy all the best the season offers.

Shirley and Glenn Pletcher

Village Dry Goods

South St., Ortonville - 627-3960



Greetings to all Here's wishing you lots of joy and laughter to remember all year.

Duane Hursfall Real Estate Inc.

6 East Church Street Clarkston 625-5700

Merry Christmas to All



May you share the twinkle in Santa's eyes, the joy of his smile, with those you love. Our thanks.

The coffee pot is always on

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Ford SALES, INC.
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968 M-15 ORTONVILLE 627-3730



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

Berg CLEANERS & Shirt Laundry

6700 Dixie Hwy. 625-5470 Clarkston



Merry Christmas from our family to yours. Hope it's filled with an abundance of holiday treasures—love, peace and happiness. Enjoy each moment of fun and laughter. Share the good times with those dear to you. Thanks for your loyal support.

HOWE'S LANES

6697 Dixie Highway • Clarkston • 625-5011

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

1. How come you come down chimneys?
 2. How come you ride a sleigh with reindeer?
 3. How come the miss don't come with you?
 4. How come you say HO! HO! HO!?
 5. How come you have a beard?
 6. Why did you ask Rudolph to lead his deers?
 7. How do you go down chimneys?
- Santa, I want a .44 magnum bat and a Chapen 99 B.B. Gun and a baseball and a wached and some more stof.

P.S. I want a 3 speed bike for my birthday.

Sincerely,
Scott Leach

Dear Santa,

I would like to have you bring me a bow and arrows and more accessories with it. And bring a Bowl-a-matic 300, motorcycle, and a cb. I want a special present and their names are Charlies Angels.

Your friend,

Paul King

P.S. My New Years Resolution is I promise I will not eat spinach for the rest of the year.

P.P.S. I hate spinach

Dear Santa,

I want 2 hamsters, a watch, a tape recorder, a stereo, and some pants and shirts some earrings and some records, and—most of all, I want you to have a merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,
Jill Mills

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a new ski coat. And a new baseball mitt and baseball. And I would like best of all a brother.

And say hi to the raindeers.

From Jeff Biggs

Dear Santa,

I don't want a lot for Christmas. I just want a pool table, a swimming pool, a ten speed bike, a new sled, a kitty cat, and a new color TV. and that's all I want. I hope thats not much at least I don't think its much.

By Holly Olliffe

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl since last Christmas.

Your friend,

Paul King

I want a tape recorder, a pair of ice skates, earrings, a jewelery box and PLEASE put a lot of candy in my stocking.

Yours truly,

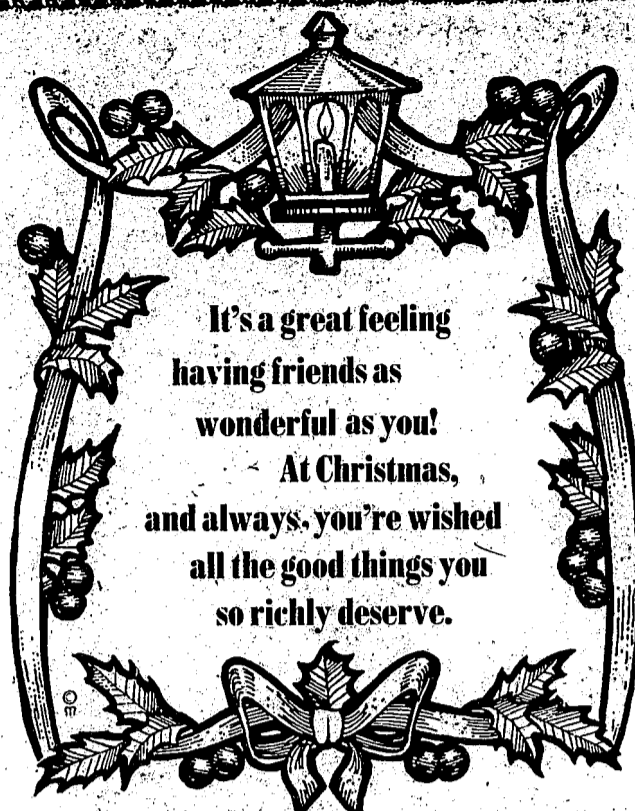
Kathy Terpstra

I wod like a gun and a pooltabel and a BB gun and a plane and a knif.

Jeff Hynes



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wonderful as you!
At Christmas,
and always, you're wished
all the good things you
so richly deserve.

CHAMPION CYCLE

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



We send best wishes
for a holiday season
filled with warmth, love
and peace.

WINT FUNERAL HOME
CLARKSTON



Christmas is the perfect
time for remembering the
friendships we cherish.
We count you among
our dear friends and
wish you every happiness
now and always.



**briarwoode
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inc.**

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More letters

Dear Santa year. I want something good because I could play with it during most of all. I wish I had the doll the year. Also, Santa, I would like that crys went you tack its bottle. I a telestar. It is a thing you attach wish I had two walkie-talkie, to your television.

To Santa Yours truly,
Love Tammy Konkle Tom Kelly
Pine Knob 2nd grade

Dear Santa All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth out and books to read and to kiss you Santa.
Dear Santa, I would like With love from Lisa Ladd age something for Christmas this 7, Pine Knob 2nd grade



PRINCE OF PEACE

May the Glory of Christmas be an inspiration to you now and for all time. Thanks.

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Mon-Sat. 10-6 - Thurs. & Fri. 'til 9

Stocking Stuffers!

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To One and All



May you have
The Spirit of Christmas
which is **PEACE**
Gladness of Christmas
which is **HOPE**
The Heart of Christmas
which is **LOVE**

Greetings



It's Santa . . . set to pass around our message: Merry Christmas and special thanks for your kind patronage.

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa Claus,
From John
I love you Santa Claus. I hope you can make it Santa Claus. Will you Santa Claus. Yes are no.

John Murphy

Dear Santa,
I am 11 years old and in 6th grade and I go to Pine Knob School. My teacher's name is Mrs. Biding.

I have been a good girl this year. And if it is not too much to ask, all I would like for Christmas is a pair of ice skates, size 7 and a tape recorder.

Yours truly,
Kathy Pytlarz

Dear Santa,
Do you get cold when you are out on Christmas? And why do you all ways come down the chimney instead of the door. And I would like a new bike for Christmas and a new Barbie. And one more thing will you send me a letter back.

By Debbie Brotemarkle
4th grade, Pine Knob

Chris Gaul Dec. 13th,
Dear santa,
I think you are nice very nice. Do you think that you can send me a picture of all your raindeer.

Chris Gaul
Pine Knob 2nd grade

Dear Santa
I would like a pooltable and some tools and some iceskates and a racetrack and some magic tricks and be-bes and some bullets for a pell gun.

From Danny Osborne
That all I would like. i love you very much Santa.

Dear santa
I love you very much. you are very speshell to me.

Love,
Pat Hull

Dear Santa
I wated a doll and I wated some candy to and a lot's of toy's to and cran's to

I love you so much!
I love you so much!
I love you so much!
I love you so much!

To Santa
Susan Oxley



The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

HUTTENLOCHERS KERNS NORVELL
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MASTER CHARGE

Dear Santa,
You know which kids have been bad and good. I was trying to be good all year but I had to beat up my sister once. Since I did that I took 50 things off my list. I was a stereo, a tape recorder, a snowmobile, and a knew sister.

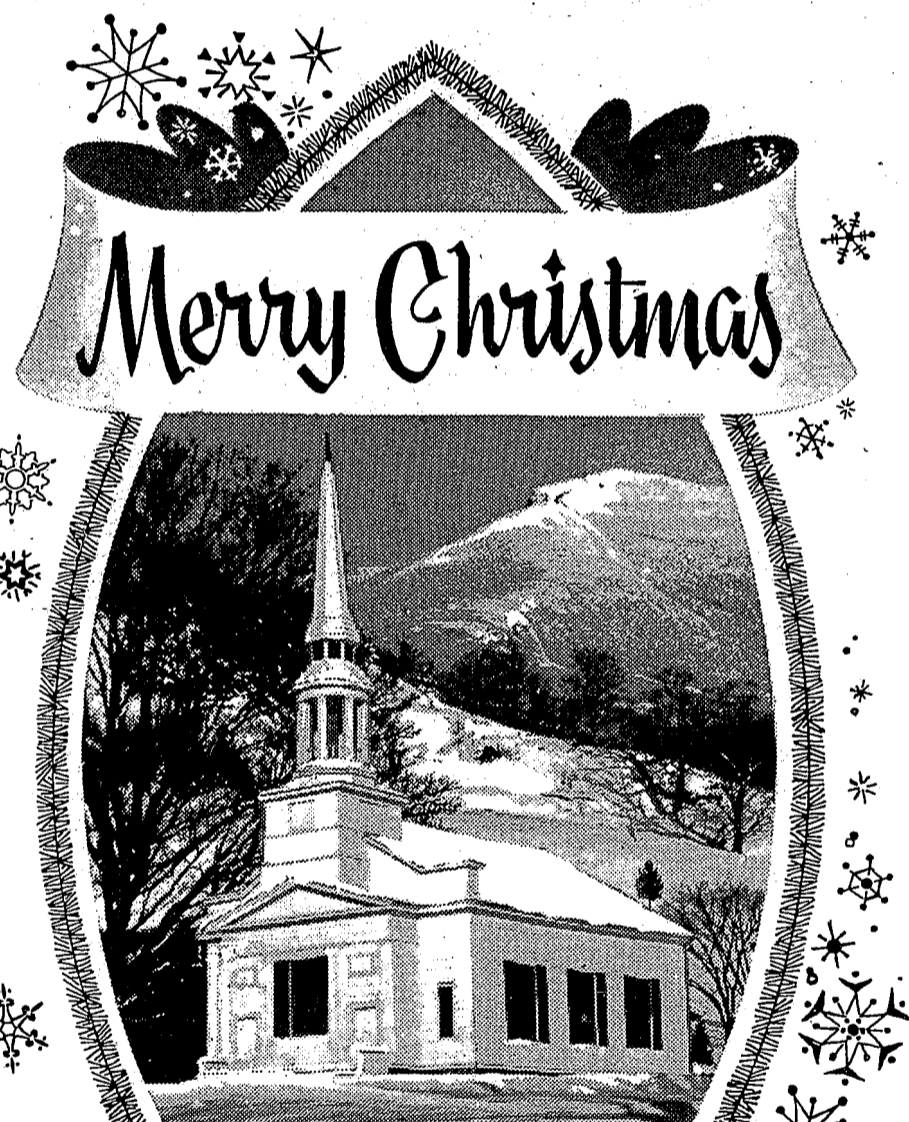
Yours truly,
Rob.

Dear Sata Claus
I like you
I want a choo choo train and a Power Paser and a sno jet and a lot of toy

from Steve Mason
2nd grade, Pine Knob

Dear Santa
How are you I like you you are nice you are nice because you give out toys thats why your nice!

from Steven Boal
2nd grade, Pine Knob



When we count our blessings at Christmas time we think of friends like you and wish you a beautiful holiday in a beautiful world!

Best Wishes from

Denny and Carla Potulsky

and

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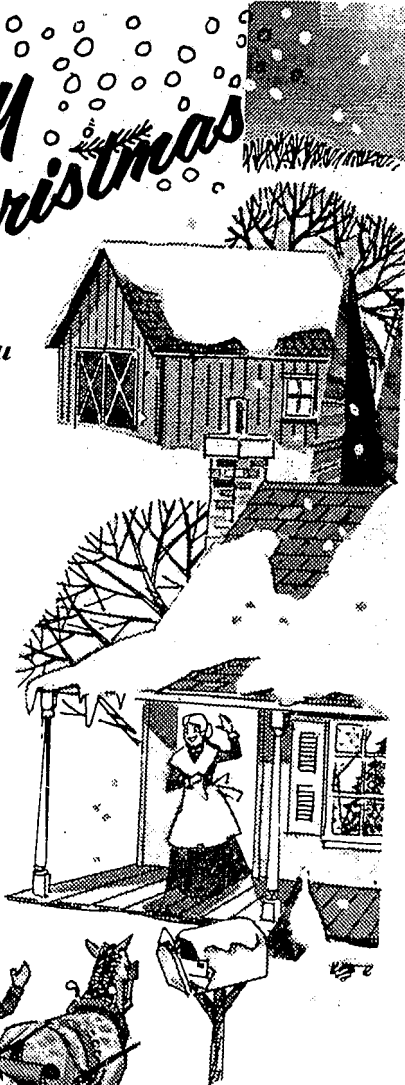
As people everywhere reverently celebrate the Birth of Christ, we pause and give thanks for His wondrous teachings.

Christmas Blessings

CLARKSTON LUMBER CO.
89 N. Holcomb Street
Clarkston, Michigan 625-4940



Wishing you and those you hold most dear all the old fashioned joys of Christmas! Hearty thanks.



Merry Christmas from Doug, Debbie and Dougie Lang, Mike and Jackie Bogle, Calvin and Betty Lang your hosts and hostesses at the new Clarkston

Elias Brothers
Big Boy

Look for our Grand Opening soon!

MERRY Christmas

At holiday-time, we take pleasure in remembering your friendship and loyalty... remembering too, the joys of old-fashioned festivities in the hope that they are now yours.



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Allan Watson, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager
5799 Ortonville Rd.
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More North Pole tales

(Continued from page 16)

The Night Santa got Stuck in a Chimney

A week before Christmas Santa and his elves were very busy. The elves were busy packing the sleigh. Santa was busy arguing with Mrs. Claus about how skinny he was.

"Santa, you're too skinny!" said Mrs. Claus. "You've got to look chubby."
"Well-well, what if I get stuck in a chimney?"
"You won't, you never have before."

But Santa worried about it all through the week.

On the night before Christmas Santa was just chubby enough.

As Santa climbed into the sleigh he remembered about getting stuck in a chimney. He also remembered he didn't have Rudolf for good luck.

At the first stop he made it down the chimney. At all the other stops except the last one, he made it down.

At the last stop, as he was going down the chimney, he felt it was a little tight. But he made it down all the same. On the way up the chimney, Santa got stuck.

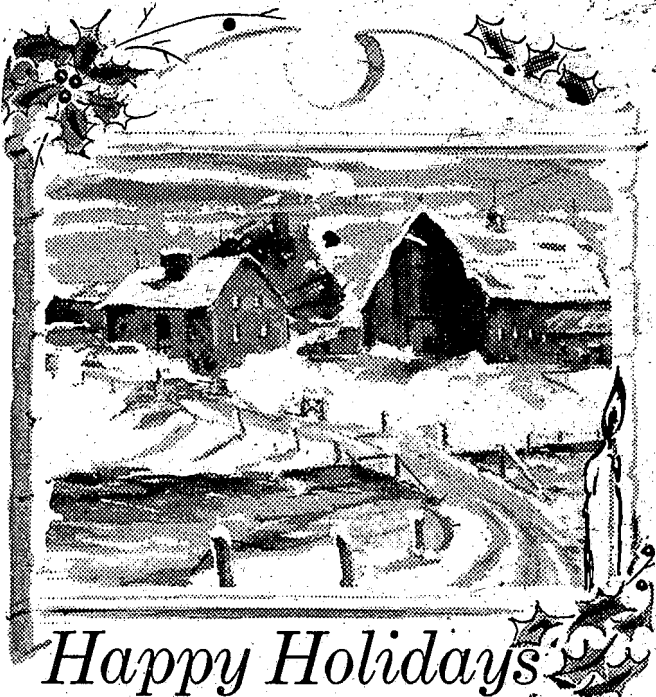
After a while when Mrs. Claus noticed that Santa wasn't home yet, she called to Rudolf and jumped on his back. With her she carried a rope.

As she flew over the houses, she looked for Santa's reindeer. She saw them on the roof of the last house on Santa's list. They were stamping impatiently.

She quickly landed. She looked into the chimney and saw that Santa was stuck. She made Santa tie the rope around himself. Mrs. Claus tied the other end of the rope to the runners of the sleigh. She hitched up Rudolf for more strength. She ordered the reindeer to start flying toward the North Pole. When they started flying Santa popped out of the chimney.

When he was safe at the North Pole he said to Mrs. Claus "I told you so!"

Jill Needham
Barb Eckert



Happy Holidays

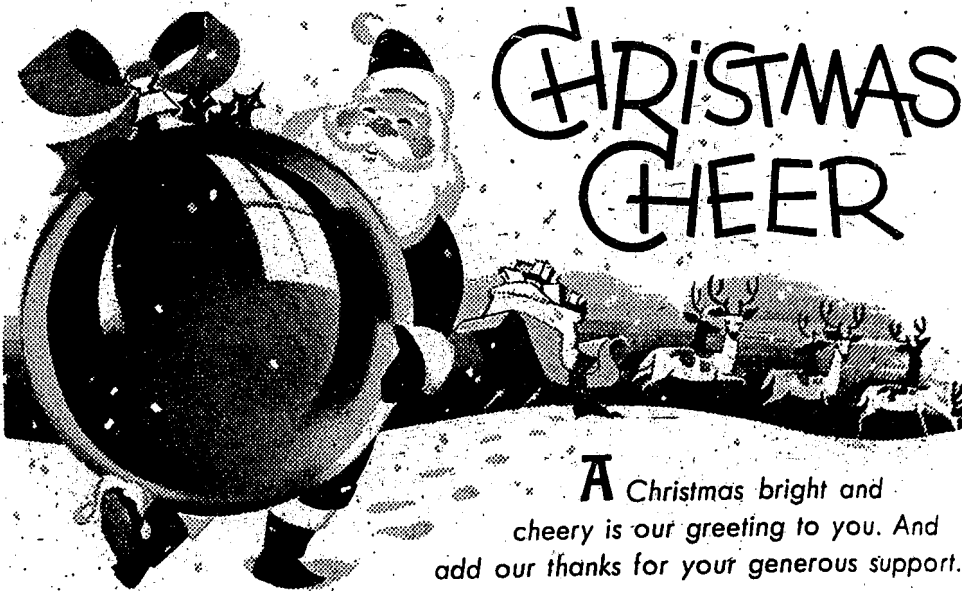
Hoping the beautiful memories of a family Christmas will be shared by you and those you love.

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625-2100



A Christmas bright and cheery is our greeting to you. And add our thanks for your generous support.

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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.

North Oaks

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Prayer for Peace and Hope



With you, we pray for hope and peace, everywhere.

To you, our heartfelt greetings.

Christine's

Delicatessen

5793 M-15

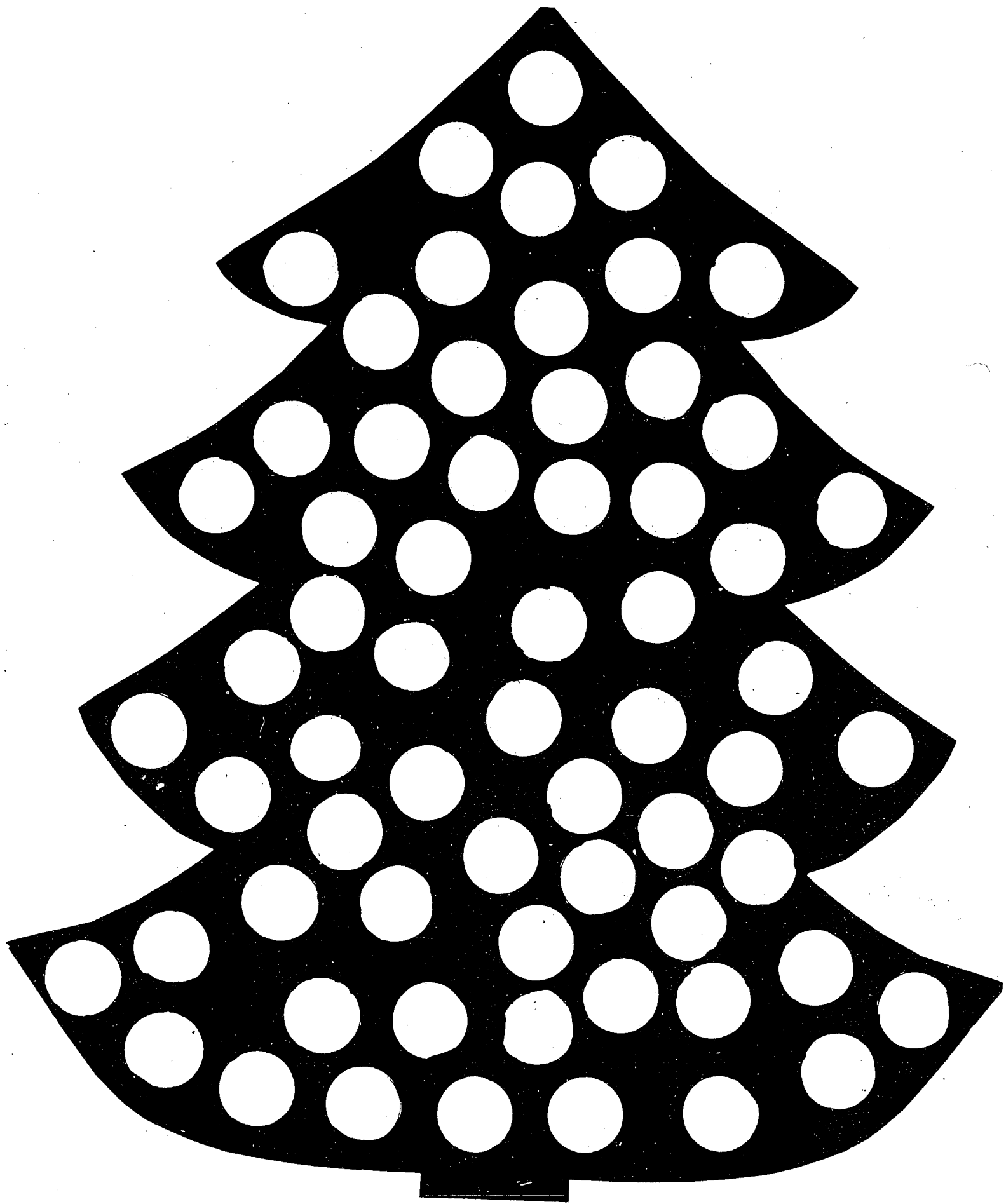
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Clarkston 625-5322

7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

Sun. & Holidays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Merry Christmas!



from the members of the
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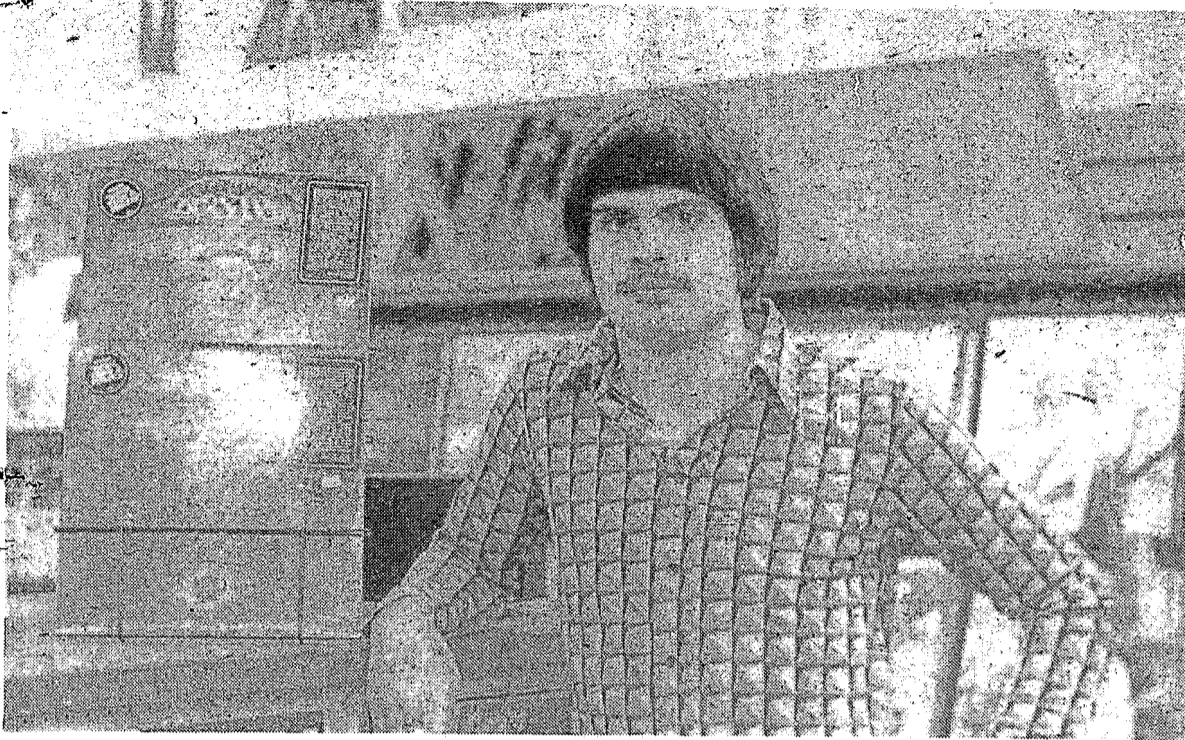
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Mike Wilcox, owner of the New Blue Note in the shopping center at M-15 and Dixie Highway, welcomes area residents to stop in and get acquainted.

The new Blue Note

As the Blue Note music shop moved from one location to another in Ortonville and finally to Clarkston, Mike Wilcox watched with interest.

"Its business really expanded when it moved to Clarkston," Wilcox said.

When Mike got the opportunity to buy the shop he did.

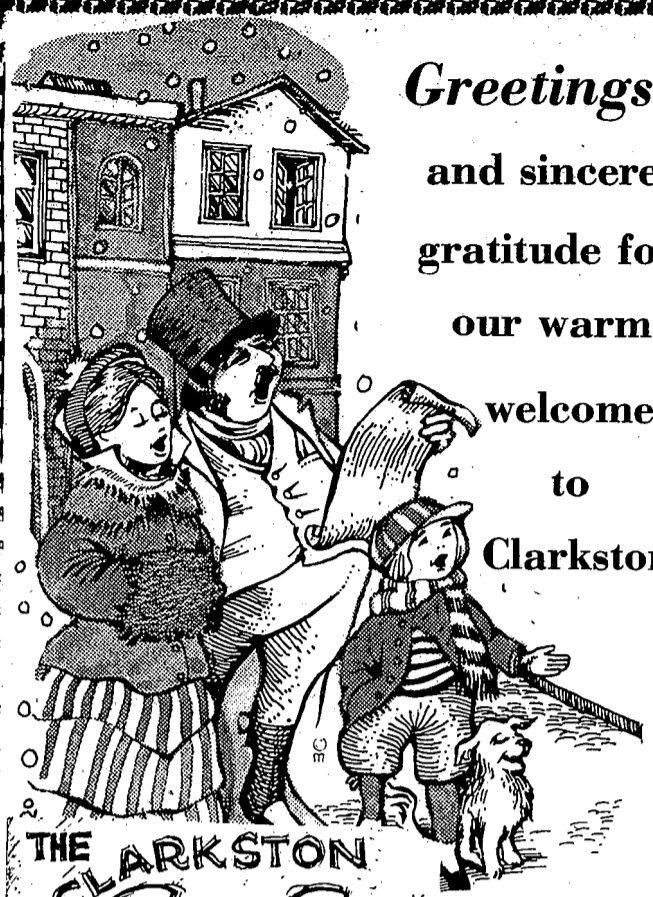
He and his wife Lorie took over on December 4 and hope to build the business by providing what people want.

The new Blue Note near Wonder Drug at Dixie and M-15 is stocked with records, tapes, cassettes, 8-track tapes, stereos, speakers, tape players and accessories. Guitars and strings are also available.

If Mike doesn't have the merchandise a customer wants he will order it.

To accommodate Christmas shoppers the store is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday this week.

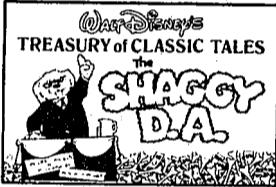
Wilcox has retained former owner Connie Barshaw as store manager.



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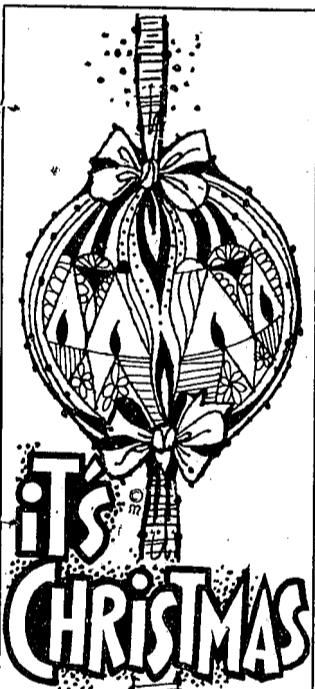


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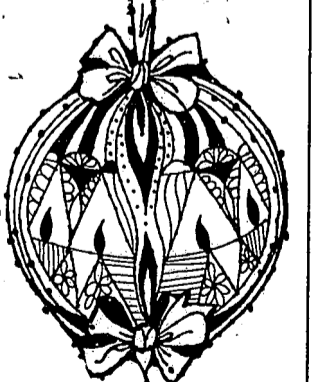
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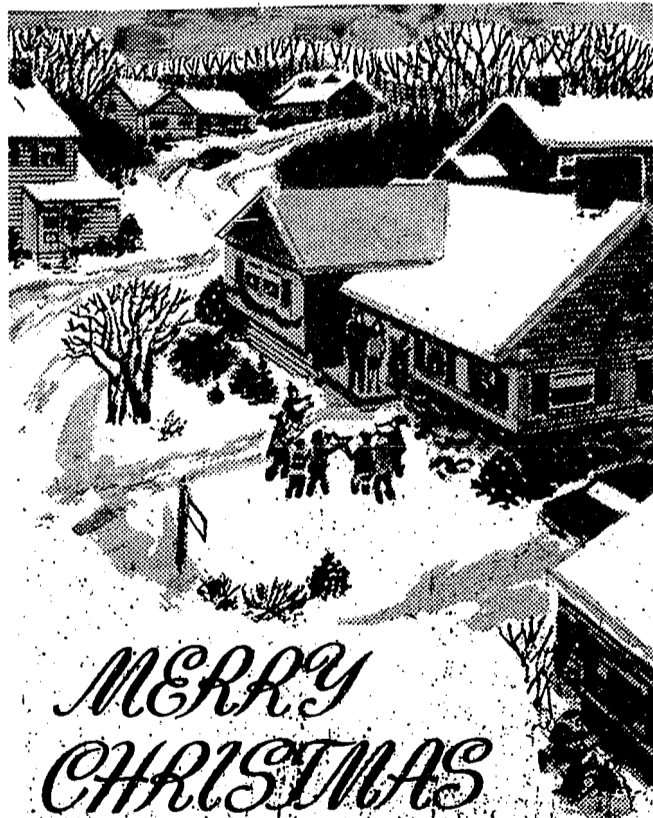


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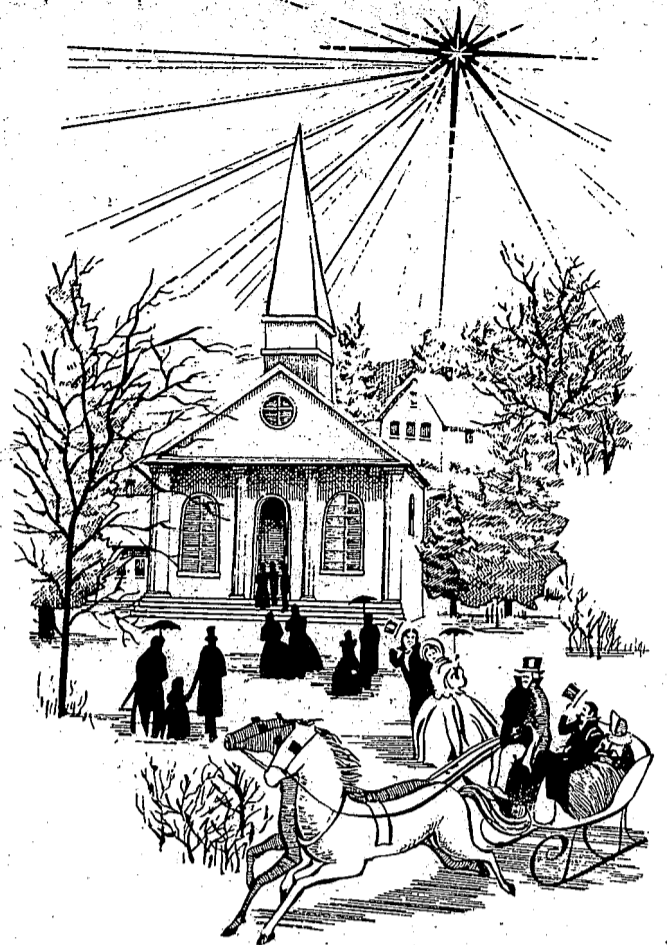
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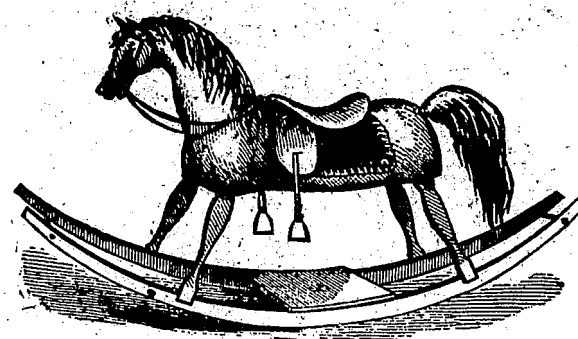
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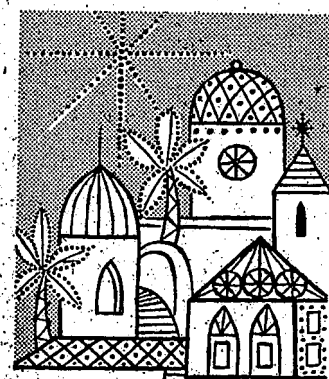
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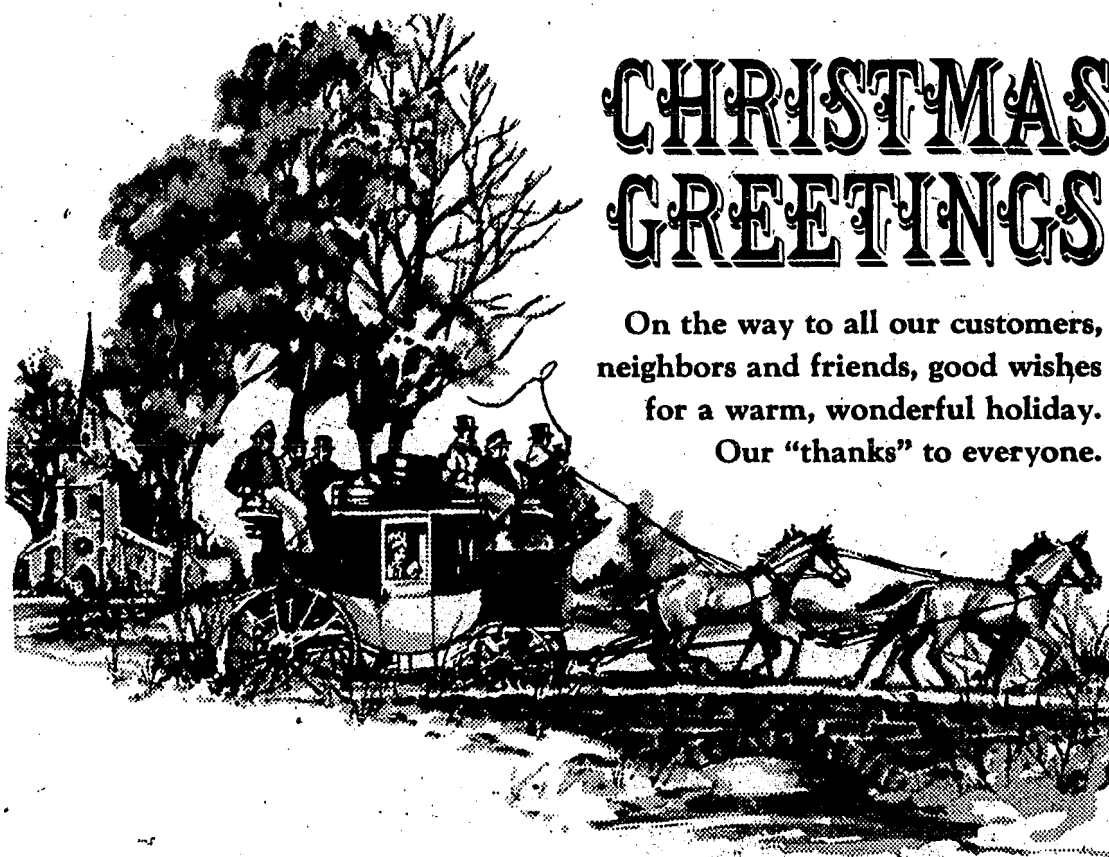
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Merry Christmas from all of us at The Clarkston News



Dan "The Clover Patch" Trainor has two things going for him that WE know of. One is his third-generation nose for news and the second (its being an asset is debatable) is his Irish heritage. You can tell he's a newspaper editor immediately by the record-breaking number of cigarettes he smokes. And then there's this characteristic that seems to accompany former Oakland Press reporters. That is the constant pulling of one's lips with one's fingers. You may remember trying to converse with Ms. Saile and encountering the same phenomenon. Maybe he'll calm down in time. Clarkston really is a milder community to cover than Pontiac. We wish him well.



The one thing we have to say about General Manager Fred Korte, is that he gives as many headaches as he gets. He's the person who tells us we'll have a 40 page paper when we only have enough copy to fill 32, the one who unknowingly puts a 10-year advertiser on the last page, and new competitor on page 2, the one who loses ads and copy when transporting them from Clarkston to Oxford where they're printed. He's also the person who fixes our printing machines when they break down, and our typewriters, and our bad accounts, and most importantly, all of our mistakes.



Maralee we roll along Cook has stopped rolling. In one day she will call 36 businesses and try to sell them an ad. 32 will say no. Two out of the remaining four will complain about their previous ads and later in the day, Donna Fahrner will bring up bankruptcy reports on the last two. The next day when she goes out to sell to new advertisers, she'll find that they've spent all their money in other newspapers. Maralee fears for her job... please give her an ad.



One of the first faces you see when you enter The Clarkston News office is that of Lorna Bickerstaff, ever smiling, ever-cheerful receptionist, book-keeper, classified advertising lady and Jill-of-all-trades. When deadlines arrive without sufficient editorial and/or advertising copy produced, trust Lorna to do and say nice and funny things to break the tension. And believe it when we say that nobody will ever take your money with a nicer smile than Lorna's.



This is gallopin' Joe Gitter, feature-writin', shutter-clickin', photo journalist-in-residence of The Clarkston News. Not an idea is mentioned, a passing thought spoken, but that Gallopin' Joe is on the trail makin' a full-fledged, honest-to-goodness interesting and informative story to be enjoyed by staff and readers alike. And probably more astounding for this young fellow is his ability to capture personalities in his photographs, adding deeper dimensions to his stories. We expect even better things from him after his 21st birthday.

Ford Motor Company thinks they made a big splash with their "Whiz Kids", well, let us tell you that not even Robert McNamara can compare to our Donna Fahrner. Donna is The Clarkston News original Whiz Kid. Her title is Business Manager, and we know it to be true that every customer, be he subscriber, advertiser or whoever, has his very own personal crease in Donna's gray matter. If there is a person or business in Clarkston that Donna doesn't know about, they haven't moved in yet. Her files are in her head, not in a drawer, and we couldn't get along without her.



Heeeeere's Hilda! Hilda Bruce, reporter makes good old Brenda Star look like an amateur. Hilda does the Millstream, Country Living, Independence Township meetings, fun features, serious features, new-store features, general news, all of it, every week. Hilda only works part time. Just think what she could do if she worked full time.

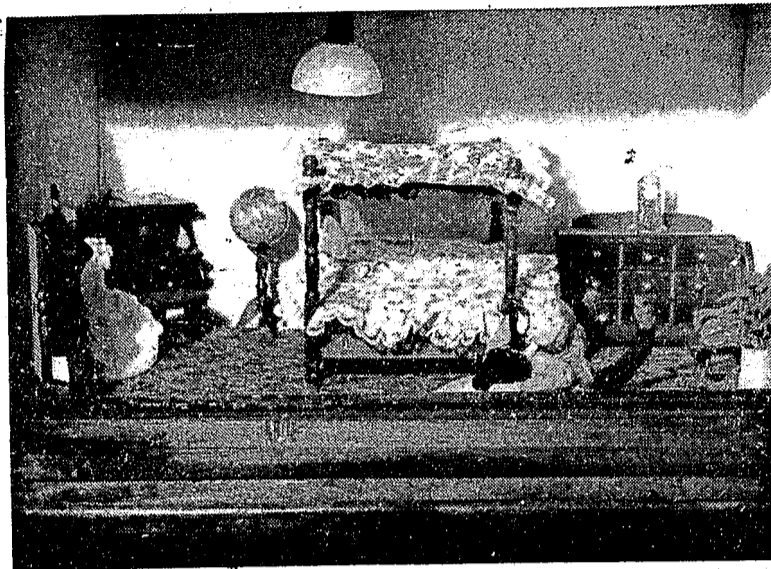


We don't know who he is.





Christmas in miniature is complete with toys for the bisque twins.



This teenage miss even has her own telephone.

Precious Mini Things

Independence woman looks at life in miniature



How about a 12 room house? Doll houses are Lilly's hobby. She is making a nine room house for her granddaughter and "partner" Colleen Guinn.



Lilly is proud of the new addition in the furnishings line—mini oriental rugs.

By Hilda Bruce
of The Clarkston News

Little girls, big girls and collectors alike would have a field day at Lilly Goepfert's store. Called Precious Mini Things, next to DeNikes at 302 W. University, Rochester, it's full of tiny things. Some are toys and some are too precious for anything but looking at—like a doll's doll house so miniature you could wrap it up in the \$20 dollar bill it takes to buy it.

But for stocking stuffers or just the most appropriate gift for a friend there are mini things like the old fashioned telephone that sells for \$1.50.

Lilly, an Independence Township resident, opened her shop in October.

She became interested in collecting miniatures after she had been collecting dolls for some time.

The doll collection started as a means of appeasing her grief at the loss of a daughter seven years ago.

Although many of the dolls were sold so she and her husband Albert could buy a motor home and travel, she still has a few left. A Kaiser doll, fashioned after Kaiser Wilhelm as a baby complete with withered arm, is for sale—\$400.

Another of her special dolls is a composite Hummel.

Lilly uses some of her dolls in her doll house and in single room arrangements.

The Christmas scene complete with decorated tree includes bisque twins. Other tiny toys in the scene include a tricycle, rocking horse, wooden soldier and ship. Typical of Christmas morning, mother is on the scene with the carpet sweeper as father rocks the baby.

Some of Lilly's miniatures are production items, some are hand made. Some are one of a kind.

An example is the overstuffed chair that goes in a room setting complete with marble (real marble) topped tables.

"It cost me \$50 to learn to make that chair. I don't think I'll make another," she said in a tone that indicated many frustrating moments during the construction.

Lilly also makes itty-bitty loaves of bread—some are even sliced for the table and pies complete with lattice crust and both all of an inch across. Donuts are made from cheerios—some are chocolate and some are sugared and some are plain.

Her "partner" is her granddaughter, Colleen Guinn who is a seventh grader at Sashabaw Junior High. It's Colleen who makes the macrame hangers that hold wee little plants.

At Precious Mini Things there is even a picture gallery and "oriental" rugs are on display.

Everything with which to start "housekeeping," to accent, redecorate or completely refurbish is available from Lilly.

If you enjoy miniatures and would like a doll house to put them in Lilly has some already made. One model is made by an 82 year old gentleman and several others are made by Chuck and Gladys Vaughan also of Independence Township.

Lilly not only has the huge doll house at the shop but another at home as well and besides that she is making one, that has grown to 9 rooms, for Colleen.

If you want to build your own house she has books of designs and the finer accessories like dormer windows and Victorian doors. She also has the Vaughans' kits.

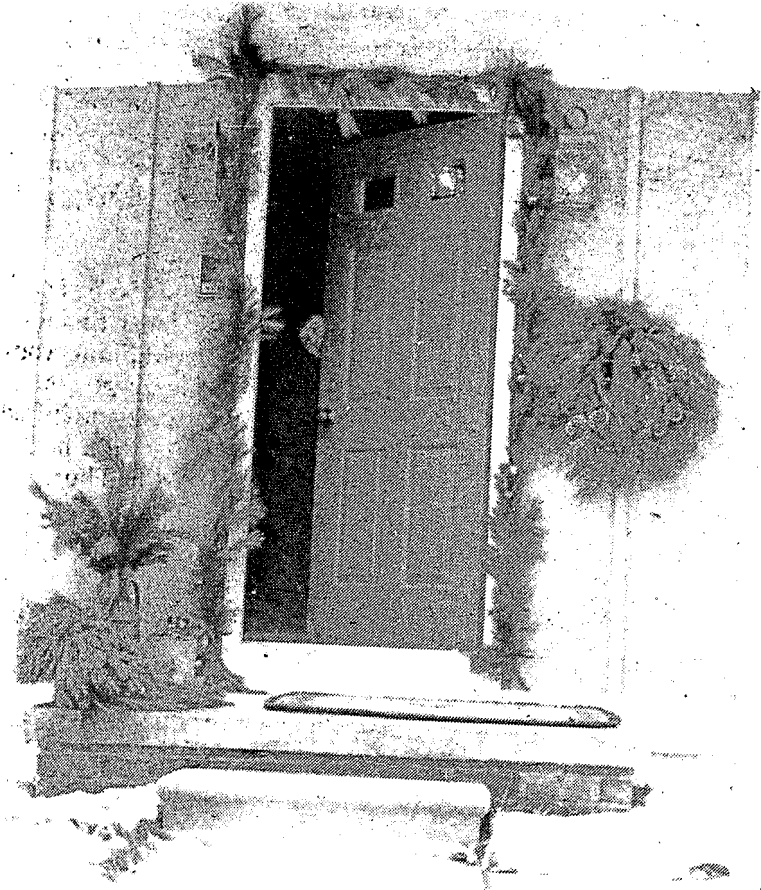


Lilly spent \$50 learning to make the chair in this living room. The table tops are real marble.



Kohler's first Christmas

Country Living



Surrounded by greenery, Ann Kohler welcomes guests to her authentic New England Saltbox home in Independence Township.

That's why the shutters aren't done," Ann said, indicating the room is his retreat.

"They are so nice," Ann said of Don Vuichard and Roger Brochu of Cedar Knolls. "They came to do the shelving and Roger came and hung the macrame plant hanger in the wall."

David, the Kohlers' son who now teaches art, made the six foot hanger. At the top is the Imperial Crown fashioned after the margarine trademark.

The Kohlers have six children. Only Patrick still lives at home. "I wish we'd had six more," Ann said, "they've gone so soon. But the grandchildren are fun."

For them she has a large doll house full of furnishings and dolls they can play with—it's not completed either.

Ann's philosophy is "The fun is in the doing." And the Kohlers are always doing.

They antique and then refinish, cane and reupholster their finds. In time the living room couch

will match the paper on the walls, "It's growing on us. It's the shutters will be stained and growing on us," Ann said of their hung at the windows and still the new house, the woods and Kohlers will watch the birds. Independence Township.



Kathleen's ribbon wreath hangs in the utility room where it accents the red, white and blue of the wallpaper.

By Hilda Bruce

of The Clarkston News

Ann and Jerry Kohler thought a long time before they tore their 35-year-old roots from their Rochester home and moved to Independence Township.

"It's the hardest thing we ever did," Ann said. "All the children were born and raised there. It was home."

But they are delighted with their new Independence Township home, an authentic New England saltbox built by Cedar Knolls Building Company.

"We wouldn't have had it built any differently. The longer we live here the more we like it," Ann said as she surveyed the wooded site through the dining room windows.

"We just sit here and watch the birds and animals and let the world go by."

The Kohlers have only been in the house since October and a lot of decorating remains to be done but Ann is not concerned about it.

Already changes are taking place where decorating has been completed.

Having papered one wall in the master bedroom in a bittersweet pattern (bittersweet grows just outside the window), Jerry has decided that the whole room should now be done. It will be, Ann says. "We especially loved the family room. I could just visualize everything in it," Ann said.

The family room is completed and decorated for the holidays. "We like to use the things family members make," Ann

said, pointing out the gingham bows and ornaments on the trees. Kathleen made the multitude of bows and Kevin made the ornaments.

Kevin, a student at Lawrence Tech, also made the pine cone wreaths and other arrangements. Kathleen made the stockings that hang from the mantle, and the straw and ribbon wreath in the utility room.

Stuffed ornaments that Ann made fill a bowl on the carpenter's tool chest that serves the family room couch.

"I gave it to my husband for a birthday present and Kevin refinished it," Ann said.

Even without the Christmas finery the room is accented with the Kohlers' many interests and antiques.

The plate rail atop the six feet high horizontal paneling on the walls holds the bottle collection.

"I like medicine and whiskey bottles and Jerry goes in for ink wells," Ann explained.

They belong to the Chief Pontiac Bottle Club.

Ann also collects glass and dishes and crockery. And Jerry has a collection of carpenters' tools including many antique wood planes displayed in the library.

Cedar Knolls finished the library completely in wood—even the ceiling. Then Ann had them come back and put up shelves in every possible place so there would be enough room for the books the Kohlers have accumulated over the years.

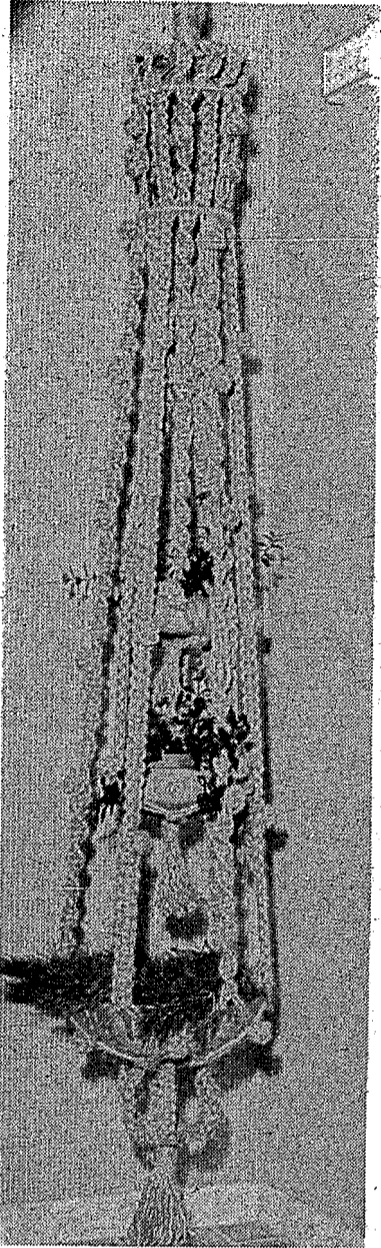
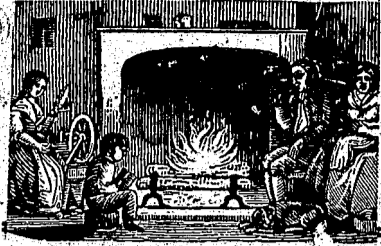
"My husband loves to read.



Antique toys blend with the family room decor and accent the tree decorated with hand made bows and ornaments.

Busy, happy hands

Country Living



Macrame plant hanger in front hall was a gift from the Kohler's son, David.



Jerry Kohler made the cherry hutch laden with Christmas boughs. The dishes are part of Ann's collection.

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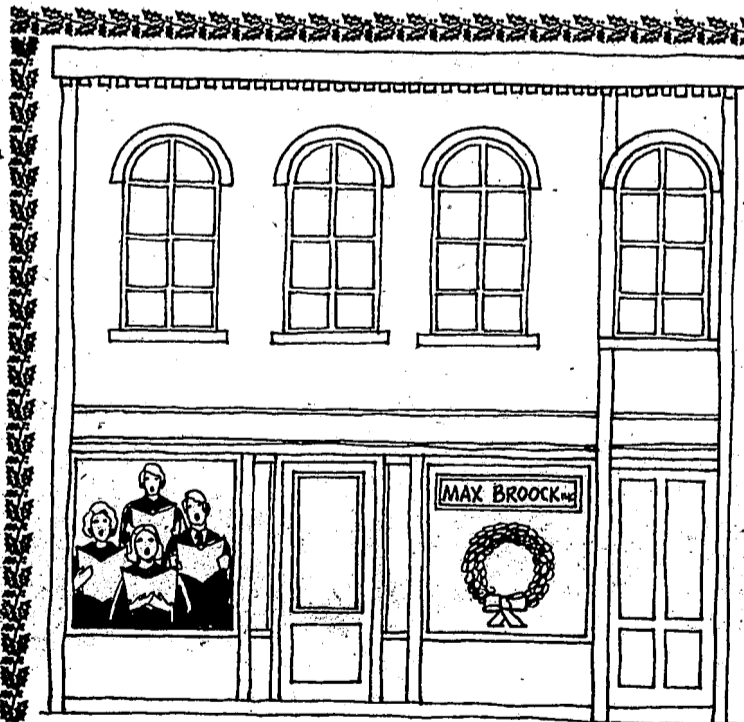
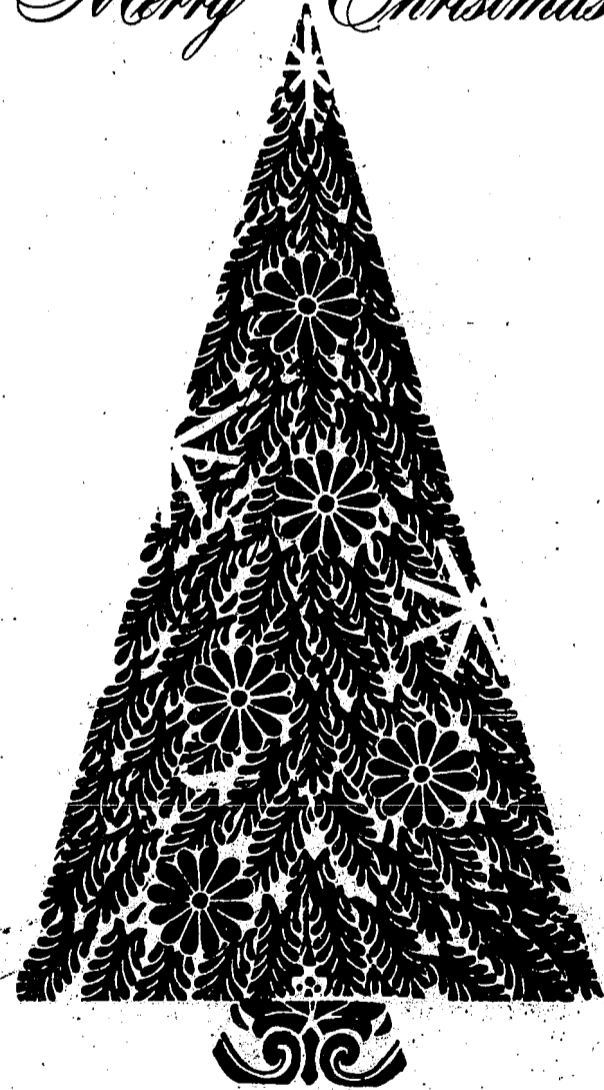
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Mill Stream

By Hilda Bruce
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Engagement

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence A. Bell, 6396 Paramus Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Kay Bell, to A. Scott Enders, son of Mrs. Betty J. Enders, San Mateo, California. An August wedding is planned. The bride elect is a 1972 graduate of Clarkston High School and is now employed at Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac. Her fiancé is employed at General Motors in Pontiac.



Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Hool, 5995 Dvorak, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Mary Hool, to Ronald E. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, 154 N. Main. Pamela graduated from Clarkston High School in 1974 and is employed at Wonder Drug. Ronald graduated from Clarkston in 1974 and now owns Wilson's Total gas station on Main Street.

In keeping with the Scout tradition of doing good deeds, Pack 126 of Clarkston donated canned goods to independence center for distribution to those who need it, rather than exchanging gifts this Christmas.

Those Scouts who earned their bicentennial patches received them December 15, including Kurt Bottoroff, Rod Parke, Eric Johnson, Mark Cooper, Kevin McNally, Corky Durham, Jerry McCall, Ken Auten, Doug Serb, Chris Sorgatz, Steve Morris, and Jeff Bey.

Airman Gerald L. Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitehead, 5400 Oak Park, has graduated from the aircraft maintenance specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Completion of the course enables Whitehead to receive academic credits through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Whitehead, a 1975 graduate of Clarkston High School, is serving at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Lake Superior State College has named two Clarkston area students to the dean's list for the fall quarter.

Mark A. Holcomb is a junior in the School of Science and Technology and Brian D. Leak is a junior in the School of Arts and Social Sciences.

The two young men earned a 3.0 or higher average for 10 or more credit hours to attain their standing.

Brad Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Funk, 6184 Cramlane Drive, graduated from Northern Michigan University at midyear commencement ceremonies Saturday, December 18.

He received his bachelor's degree from NMU President John X. Jamrich as the ceremonies were telecast by WNMU, the University's public television station.

Malcolm McCord of Clarkston was among 19 Michigan State University students admitted to the Honors College.

Malcolm is the son of Mrs. Janet McCord, 8815 Pine Knob Road, and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1975.

A sophomore in Justin Morrill College, a residential college with a liberal curriculum, Malcolm is a student member of the curriculum committee.

The Honors College is designed to offer superior undergraduates the opportunity to develop an academic program tailored to their own interests and goals.

Michele Leroux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Leroux, 5357 Columbia, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood Institute.

Kenneth P. Mitchell, 7912 Mt. Tremblant, has been promoted to project leader, management information systems for the J.L. Hudson Company.

Mitchell joined Hudson's in 1975 as a program analyst.

Before becoming project leader he had been senior systems analyst.

Clinton Valley Barracks No. 2803 and Auxiliary of World War I Veterans held their annual Christmas festivities at the Springfield Township Hall on December 11. Besides enjoying dinner and gift exchange the group sang Christmas carols accompanied by Alice Rioux on the auto-harp.

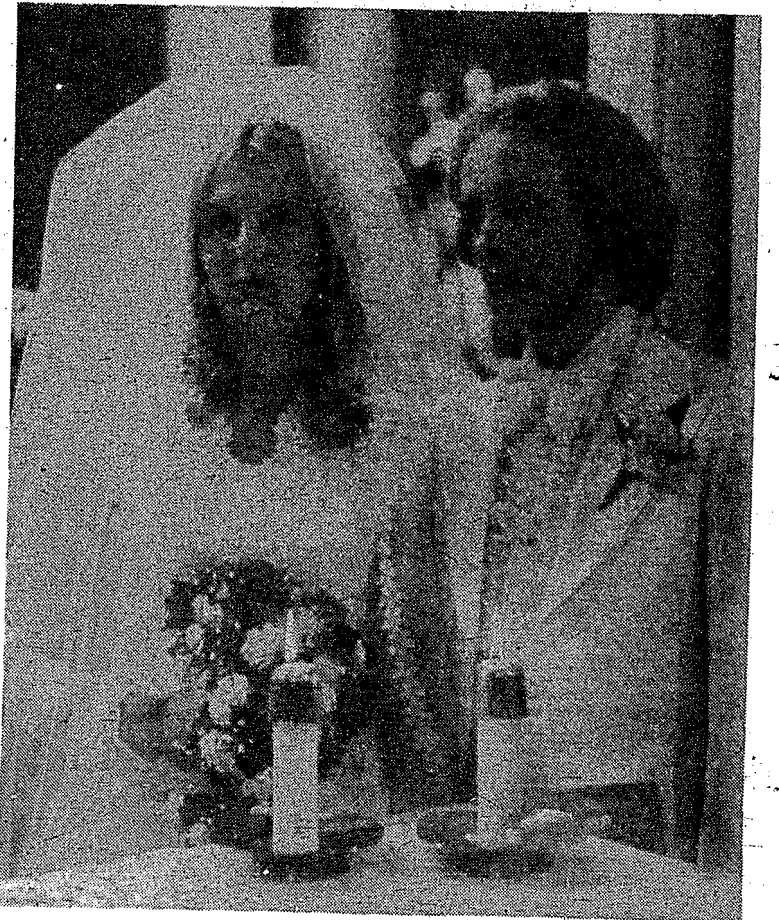
Their next meeting is January 8 at the Springfield Township Hall.

Cecil and Linda Caverly recently played Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Cecil whitened his lengthy locks and Linda wore a 75 year old dress that had belonged to Cecil's grandmother.

Elaine Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Thomas of Clarkston was recently presented a trophy as the winner of the 1976 Michigan Hunter Jumper Association "C" Circuit Novice Equitation Championship for 18 years and over.

Her horse, Arlo, was named 1976 Adult Working Hunter Champion.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen Stamper

Scott—Stamper exchange vows

Carole Ann Scott and Michael Allen Stamper exchanged their nuptial vows before Rev. Father Devine at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church on December 10.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Scott of Soa Jose dos Compos, Brazil. She graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes High School in 1975.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamper, 8575 Sashabaw Road. He is a 1974 graduate of Clarkston High School.

A bouquet of red and white roses, white carnations and baby's breath accented the bride's lace-trimmed gown.

Matron of honor was Sandra Wellman of Pontiac.

Bridesmaids Michele Welhoff

of Drayton Plains, Rosemary Walter of Lake Orion and Janet Appelfeller of Columbus, Ohio, were attired in burgundy gowns trimmed in white lace. They carried four muffs and red roses.

The groom's best man was Kirt Robenault of Clarkston.

Also attending the groom were his brothers Jerry and Barry Stamper and Ron First of Columbus, Ohio.

Two hundred guests gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Maybee Road to receive the newlyweds.

After a wedding trip to Northern Michigan, the couple returned to reside at 1145C Georges Place, Columbus, Ohio, where the groom is in his second year at Ohio Tech.

Make a mental note

Divorce and gift buying

by Jim and Ellen Windell

Christmas is a time of many mixed feelings for divorced parents.

Since it is the most important family holiday we celebrate, it is a time when a parent who is separated from his children has feelings of loneliness and guilt.

These feelings are especially prevalent in the first few years after a divorce when the children are young and a routine is not yet established.

Initially, following a divorce, there may be bitterness and jealousy between the mother and

father concerning the affection and attention of the youngsters.

Holidays become a time of squabbling as both parents may want the children at conflicting times. It is a difficult time to put aside one's own feelings and do "what is right" for the children.

One way for both the parent living with the children and the absent parent to handle feelings of guilt and remorse is to use gifts.

Over-buying, in terms of quantity or quality, is a strong temptation for either the mother or the father, who is likely to be the absent parent.

The mother may want to provide gifts to "make up for" the lack of a father in the home. The father, on the other hand, will want to absolve his guilt for not being around at a special time of the year.

One father we know planned to buy snowmobiles for each of his children because this would be his first Christmas away from them. He could not really afford such expensive gifts and the children had not asked for them.

Unconsciously, he was trying to help himself believe that if they received large gifts from him they would be convinced that it was not his fault that a divorce took place and he was also concerned that he was not seeing his children as often as he should.

It seems much better for parents in this kind of situation to buy a few well chosen and desired gifts and to, above all, find a way of working out a time with the other parent to be together so that love and affection can be expressed directly rather than through the medium of gifts.

Local playwrights sought by Theatre

The Detroit Repertory Theatre is currently searching for an appropriate script for the final production of the season.

As of now, a number of plays are under consideration and scripts are still being solicited. The deadline for reception of new plays is January 31, 1977. The final selection will come sometime before March 17, 1977.

The chosen play will open May 19, 1977 and close June 26, 1977. Playwrights wishing to have

their play considered should (a) send a full-length script to the Detroit Repertory Theatre at 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 48238 (b) include a stamped self-addressed envelope (c) include one letter of recommendation for the script from a person in the communication arts field, (d) the scripts should be post-marked by January 31, 1977.

While extreme care will be taken to return any scripts not used, the Repertory cannot be responsible for lost or damaged scripts. Therefore playwrights should send a copy, not the original.

The script solicitation is a Production program, not a contest. For further information call 868-1347.

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By Debbie Roek ***

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CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10:00 a.m.	CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Evangelistic 7 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor Richard Lowe
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 Sunday School 9:15 Family Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Charles Kosberg Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. Christmas Day Service, 9:30 a.m.	SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN 5401 Oak Park off Maybee Rd. Rev. Allen Hinz Worship Hours: Wed. 7 p.m. - Sun. 7 p.m.
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MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road, Rev. Philip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH Gene Paul, Minister 3246 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) B. School 9:45, M. Worship 11 a.m. Eve. Worship 6:00
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WANTED: someone in Davisburg-Clarkston area to do ironing. 625-3820. †††18-3c

INSTRUCTION

DO YOU have a pre-teen who wants to learn to sew? Classes starting 1st of the year, ages 10-13. Contact Judy Johnson. 628-2016. †††18-3c

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WE BUY junk cars and trucks, \$5.00 to \$100. 334-2148 or 628-3942. †††46-tfc

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Card of Thanks

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WORK WANTED

RESPONSIBLE lady will babysit in my home on New Year's Eve. Call 625-3989. †††17-3c

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CHRISTIAN couple want to rent 2 bedroom house in Clarkston-Waterford area. 682-5475. †††17-3c

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FREE PUPPY 3 months old. Housebroken, part beagle. 628-1523. †††18-3f

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A primer to Christmas hysteria

See Mother, Funny Funny Mother By Judy Nichols
See Mother, See Mother laugh. Mother is happy.
Mother is happy about Christmas. Mother has many plans. Mother has many plans for Christmas. Mother is organized. Mother smiles all the time. Funny, Funny mother.
See Mother, See mother smile. Mother is happy. The shopping is all done. See the children watch TV. Watch children watch.
See the children change their minds.
See them ask Santa for different toys.
Look, Look. Mother is not smiling.
Funny, Funny mother.
See Mother, See Mother sew. Mother will make dresses. Mother will make robes. Mother will make shirts.
See mother put the zipper in wrong. See mother sew the dresses on the wrong side. See mother put the material away till January.
Look, look. See mother take a tranquilizer.
Funny, funny mother.
See mother, See mother buy raisins & nuts.
See mother buy candied pineapple and powdered sugar, See mother buy flour and dates and pecans and brown sugar and bananas and spices and vanilla.
Look, look mother is mixing everything together.
See the children press out cookies.
See the flour on their elbows.
See the cookies burn. See the cake fall.
See the children pull taffy. See mother pull her hair.
See mother clean the kitchen

with the garden hose.
Funny, funny mother.
See mother, See mother wrap presents.
See Mother look for the end of the scotch tape roll.
See mother bite her fingernails.
See mother go. See mother go to the store 12 times in one hour.
Go Mother go!
See Mother go faster. Run mother run!
See mother trim the tree.
See mother have a party.
See mother make popcorn.
See mother wash the walls.
See mother scrub the rug.
See mother tear up the organized plan.
See mother forget the gift for Uncle Harold.
Funny, Funny Mother.
See mother get hives.
Go mother go.
See the far away look in mother's eyes.
Mother has become disorganized.
Mother has become disoriented.

Funny, funny mother.
It is finally Christmas morning. See the happy family. See father smile. Father is happy. Smile father smile. Father loves fruit cake. Father loves Christmas pudding. Father loves all his new neckties. Look, look. See the happy children. See the children's toys. Santa was very good to the children. The children will remember this Christmas.
See mother. Mother is slumped in a chair. Mother is crying uncontrollably. Mother does not look well. Mother has ugly dark circles under her bloodshot eyes. Everyone helps mother to her bed. See mother sleep quietly (under heavy sedation). See mother smile. Funny, funny mother.

Public Notice



Notice is hereby given that the Independence Township Board will be making appointments to the Independence Township Board of Review in January of 1977. All persons wishing to be appointed, should submit a letter to the Supervisor's Office by Monday, January 3, 1977, asking for consideration.

Christopher L. Rose, Clerk

12/23-30

A changing world

Columbiere Retreat, Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., will present Fr. John C. Haughey, S.J., as part of the continuing program: "Christian Future? Institutions in a Changing World."
Fr. Haughey is a contributing editor to America Magazine and a research associate at Woodstock Theological Center in Washington, D.C.
His presentation Jan. 10 will be on "The Political Implications of the Ministry of Jesus."
"Christian Future" is a series intended to evoke serious discussion on the hard issues of urban Christian experience. It is inter-denominational in scope and open to the general public.
Further information regarding the series may be obtained by calling Brother Gene Gonya, S.J. at 625-5611.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 1976

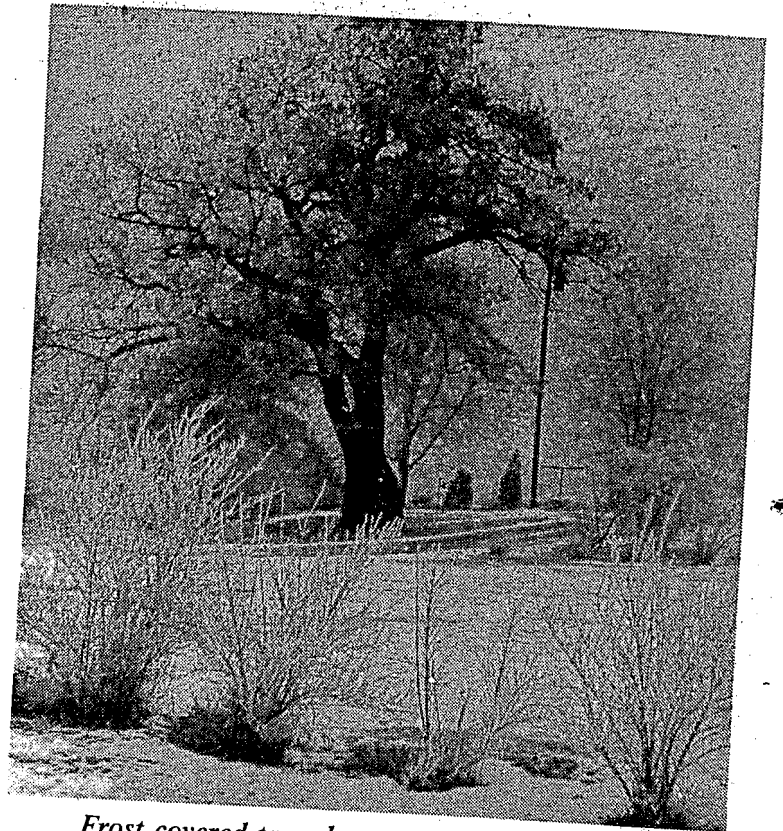
SYNOPSIS

1. Tabled approval of the November 8 minutes due to a request for amendment by Mr. Luzi.
2. Approved payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$65,639.86 for the month of November.
3. Approved job descriptions for principal and assistant principal at Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.
4. Accepted goals and objectives for the North Central Association visitation.
5. Granted tenure to Joette Kunse, first grade teacher at South Sashabaw Elementary School and Deborah Shotwell a teacher at Sashabaw Junior High School.
6. Received Capital Improvement Report for further study.
7. Agreed to meet with area legislators in January.
8. Announced the fourth Monday special meeting for January will be held on the 24th at Clarkston Junior High School in conjunction with their open house and school fair. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fernando Sanchez, Secretary

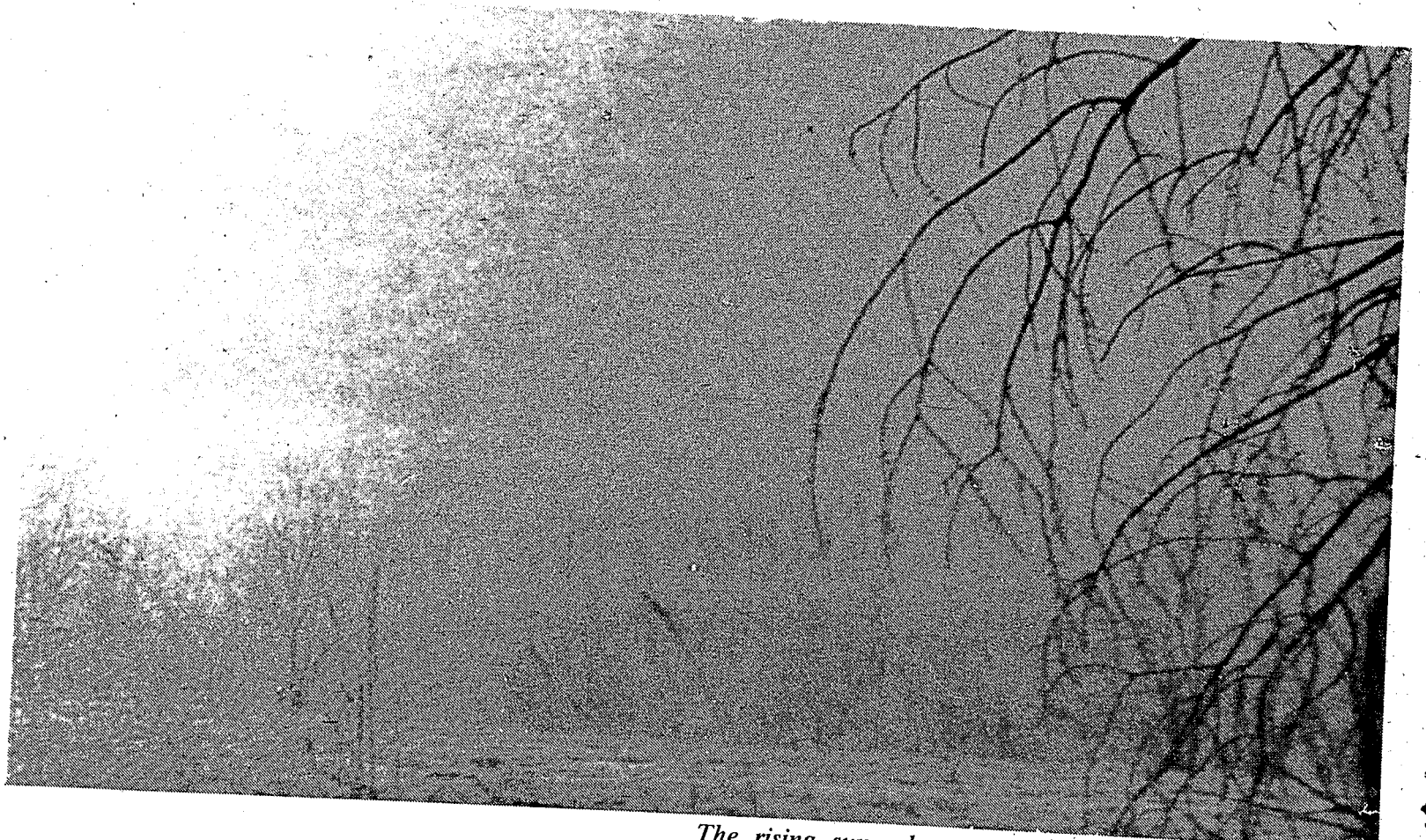


The fog lay heavy on the landscape last week, obscuring the tree tops.



Frost covered trees lent an air of Christmas to the landscape

Fog



The rising sun, obscured by heavy fog, strives to break through the blanket surrounding itself.

Jim's jottings

Merry Christmas

by Jim Sherman



It's going to be a super fine Christmas.

Just keep that in mind as long as your head is above water. Having had my head nearly below the water one snowmobile riding night last winter, I feel things are finer than yesterday.

I feel especially good this Christmas. I've been working on and thinking about a couple gifts for over 2 months. One isn't going to cost a dime. And the other a little more.

But they're the kind of gift I like to give when I can think of them. You know the kind. Something that

tests the receiver's sense of humor and causes a reaction.

I won't get punched physically by the recipients. But sooner or later they will retaliate. That makes this kind of gift giving more lasting and fun.

With schools, colleges, General Motors and others deciding people can get along without education and cars between the holidays, maybe we should consider closing the world between Dec. 20 and Jan. 3.

Everybody stock up with food and fuel and stay on their own property for two weeks.

Families would become families again. When it was over it would be like coming off a vacation when everyone is happy.

With nobody working there would be no newspapers, radio or tv, which has to be good news. Maybe some people would get real sick or even die with hospitals closed, but on the other hand many people would find they heal without professional and pharmaceutical assistance.

It's a fantasy thought, but haven't you imagined a vacation in isolation sometime?

Of course, one shouldn't think of

being alone during the holidays. It's a time for friendship and brotherly love.

It's a time to toast your neighbor, to wave at those with whom you have a nodding acquaintance, and to smile. Smile as you go shopping. You might start a trend.

Make yourself feel especially good by going just a few days without complaining. You'll make those you're talking to feel good too.

Particularly this weekend, as often as you can, say "Merry Christmas" with meaning. That's the way I mean it to sound to you now when I say it . . . "Merry Christmas everybody".