

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

When Jesus was born, the angel said to the shepherds, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Then, with a tremendous outburst of joy, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Christian world celebrates Christmas because God, through Christ, came to earth bringing salvation from sin. In place of sin, God brings righteousness which in turn brings peace and good-will. Here is the gospel of Christ.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We celebrate Christmas because we have felt the gospel of Christ in forgiving power. Moreover, we sing like the angels because of the peace and good will that the power of God has put in our hearts.

In the light of this, it would be wise to consecrate our lives anew to Christ through solemn thought on this Christmas. If we will be quiet with God, we will more fully appreciate the gift of His Son, Jesus. Our lives will be enriched by Divine fellowship. We will be more convinced of this truth and power of the gospel. We will have a joyous spirit of peace and good will in our hearts.

REV. L. E. LEE,
Minister of the
Evangelical-United Brethren Church

H. S. Students Hold Christmas Chapel Programs

Two special Christmas chapel services were held in the auditorium of the Buchanan high school Wednesday morning, preceding adjournment for the holidays at noon that day. The senior high school held its chapel program at 9 to 9:45 a. m., with Mary Ann Keyes in charge as the chairman. The junior high school held its service from 10:00 to 10:45 a. m. with David Nelson in charge as the chairman.

The students had full charge and responsibility both in developing program and presentation. The programs of the two student groups were as follows:

Senior High School Chapel Services

Introduction, Jim Conrad, Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Christians Awake," Joan Herman; "Let's Keep Christmas," James Sexton, Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Special—"Silent Night," Glee Club, "The Three Kings," Mary Keyes, "The Story of the Nativity," Jackie Rizer, Hymn, "Joy to the World," Prayer, O'Neil Gibbs; Special, Glee Club.

Junior High School Christmas Chapel

Introduction, David Nelson, Hymn, "Joy to the World," Special, "O Come All Ye Faithful," Poem, Nancy Frame; Story, Toni Blotti, Poem, Pat Henry; Story, Carolyn Kahn, Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Special, Boys' Octette.

Buchanan Downs Dowagiac In Slow-Moving Tilt

Displaying a vastly improved offense and defense, Buchanan won its first game of the season in easy fashion from Dowagiac Dec. 17 here, stomping the Chiefs 42-23.

Whether it was the week of work between the opening St. Joseph game which the Bucks lost, or the relative ineptness of the Chiefs is not clear. But aside from a slow first quarter, Coach Ray Steffen's boys experienced little difficulty last Friday.

A big 17-point third quarter built up a commanding 33-15 lead and the reserves took over for Buchanan.

Center Jim Letcher led the Buck attack with 15 points. Noteworthy in the game was the defense applied to Lee Younger and Jack Gould, scoring threats of Dowagiac. Gould was limited to just two shots at the basket, neither of which was good. Younger did not score a field goal though he sank six free throws.

Dowagiac seemed a bit confused on the spacious Buchanan floor though information before the game had the Chiefs practicing at Eau Claire on a large floor all week. The Chiefs made only one shot in each quarter under the basket, all others being long from outcourt.

The Bucks sank 15 of 57 shots for 26 per cent while Dowagiac made seven of 31 for 22 per cent. After starting out slowly in the beginning of the game, Buchanan began to pick up speed in its offensive play. Dowagiac seems (See Basketball, page 4)

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NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN—Idea Good, manager of Kennedy Motors Used Car lot on Days Ave., uses a new broom to clean off the heavy snow Monday morning. Some wisecracker going by said "What you need Idea is a blowtorch."

Buchanan Digs Out After Record Snowfall

Snow Creates Big Business For Local Wreckers

As the storm subsides and becomes a part of the past, it becomes apparent that Buchanan was a center of the heaviest snowfall, the total in the town generally measured at 18 to 19 inches. The heaviest fall was immediately north of Buchanan, extending into Oronoko township. Fire Chief Charles Wesner reports that several of the department made measurements all over the area north of the new station, with an unvarying result of between 22 and 23 inches, indicating the absence of wind. At this time some subsidence was evident from the "sugar snow" which came up when the measuring rules were pulled out.

The heaviest expense incurred by Buchananites as a result of the heavy snowfall over the week end was undoubtedly that of lost time and wrecker charges to extricate stalled cars.

As this is written on Wednesday morning, the wreckers are still going out, although the frequency of the calls has radically slowed down. The largest number of distress signals was received by the Rifenberg Standard Service, which handles the A. A. A. calls in addition to many others. That station estimated the calls as of 8 a. m. yesterday (Wednesday) to be about 90.

Edgie Helms, who operates a drive-way clearing service and a wrecker service as well, reported Tuesday morning that he had had about 30 wrecker calls to pull autos out of snow drifts or out of the ditch. At that time the Ford agency reported fifty wrecker calls and the Chevrolet agency twelve. In addition to the above totals it is known that hundreds of cars were extricated by co-operation of drivers on the roads.

An unknown number several times as large as the total of the above listed were undoubtedly "got going" by the co-operation of drivers on the highways.

Millie Benak Is Buchanan's Cherry Pie Champ

Miss Millie Benak, 16-year-old junior, emerged as the champion cherry pie baker of Buchanan high school in the annual contest held under the direction of Gladys Harris, homemaker instructor, on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15. She will represent Buchanan in the county-wide contest to be held at Eau Claire on Thursday, Jan. 13, where the winner selected will go on to the state contest at East Lansing. Six girls entered the local contest. Loretta Phiscator, a sophomore, won second place and a \$3 prize, and Lora Lee Sexton, a sophomore, won third place and a \$2 prize. The other contestants were Pearl Baker, Kay Mitchell, and Fanelis Ward, each of whom received a silver dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Robbins were co-chairmen of the contest, presenting the prize money, which was the gift of the following cherry growers in the Buchanan and Berrien Springs districts: K. V. Stover, A. W. Stover, Bill Evans, Oscar Frilwitz, Dick Stover, John Reasig, Glenn Kinn, Walter Rick and V. O. Koebel. A single red rose was also presented to each contestant and to each one of the following three judges: Mrs. D. J. Burrows, Mrs. Ellis May and Mrs. J. H. Storm. Congratulations are in order for the girls who entered and to Miss Harris, instructor, also best wishes to Millie Benak who will create another cherry pie at Eau Claire.

Estimate 9,000 Kids At 4 C.E. Holiday Parties

Children of employees of the Clark Equipment company were guests of the company at its four plants at Buchanan, Battle Creek, Jackson and Benton Harbor to the estimated number of 9,000 Saturday, only a few hours before the arrival of the Big Snow of 1954.

The event here was again held in the high school auditorium, with an estimated 3,000 children and from 1,000 to 1,500 parents filing through the lower halls past Santa and into the auditorium and back.

The wear and tear of meeting and talking to so many children obliged Santa to call on a relief man before the day was over. Three gift dispensaries were lined up along the main hall from the junction with the entrance to the home economics entrance, with Clark employees mostly men and women of the Personnel department in charge.

Every child received one toy, and also sacks of candy, apples and oranges. In charge of gift distribution was Robert Wesner, assisted by four Clark apprentices, Richard Virgil, Floyd Simpson, Jr., Gerrold Winfield, and Joe Letcher. In charge of fruit and candy distribution were Besse Hartwell, Agnes Leazenby, Charlene Neuhing, Marilyn Nix, Marie Ott, Martin Collins. In charge of ushering and handing the projector for the movies were Ralph Wood and Floyd Green. Roscoe Raven was present all day for protection against possible fire hazards. Generally in charge of streamlining the event was the master committee consisting of Fred Mason (general chairman), Jeanne Steininger and M. H. McKinnon, with Arthur Anderson, personnel director, present throughout the day to assist the committee.

A pleasant feature of the event was the accordion music played in the halls throughout the day by the young artist, Steve Rudoni, Jr. Virgin Barnes, company plant photographer, represented the Clark magazine, two beautifully decorated trees added to the holiday note, one near the north hall entrance and one on the stage of the auditorium. The most unusual and outstanding feature was the entertainment furnished by Texas Tommy, his very intelligent white pony and his fourteen dogs. The feature is rated as one of the very best dog and pony shows and has been honored by appearances on television.

B. & P. W. Observes Christmas Party

Twenty-two members and their guests attended the Christmas meeting of the Buchanan Business and Professional Women's club Monday evening with Mrs. Vern Orpurt. A program of Christmas music featured the meeting.

During the brief business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Gladys Pears, a contribution of \$24 was made to the Buchanan Child Study club for its Christmas baskets for needy families. The Buchanan high school girls' instrumental quartet, comprising Helen Burrows, Rosalie Carson, Janice Barnes and Sharon Stelter, played several selections, Sharon Stelter entertained with accordion numbers and recordings of carols were played.

An arrangement of Christmas greens and ornaments flanked by white snowball candles decorated the refreshment table, at which Mrs. Pears presided, and miniature Santas and candy canes centered the small tables at which the members and guests were seated.

Clubs Provide Clothing For 116 Children

The clothing requirements of 116 children, members of 22 worthy but needy families in this community, were fully cared for by the Pre-Christmas relief campaign staged by the Buchanan Child Study club and the Optimists, according to the report of the committee chairman in charge, Mrs. Philip Rotzien.

The event was concluded Tuesday evening, at which time the children's needs had been filled by generous gifts of used clothing by local people, with the considerable assistance of the Optimists. The latter club operated a pop corn sale. The funds from this project and other sources enabled the Optimists to advance \$481 in cash, with which added new clothing was bought from local stores at a discounted price. It is likely that at regular prices the clubs received upwards of \$550 valuations in new clothing from Buchanan merchants.

Some very good clothing was left, which was a bit off-sized or represented an over-supply of some articles. Children were cared for up to the age of 16 inclusively. The clothing project was: Mrs. Philip Rotzien (chairman), Mrs. Gordon Smith.

The regular route carriers were assisted by their regular substitutes, Harry Wier on R. R. 1 and Eugene Adolph on Rt. 2. There is a bit of an extra pre-Christmas story connected with rural route personnel. Effective on Dec. 16 Charles Richardson, previously temporary carrier for Route 1, was advanced to the rank of regular carrier. The regular carrier for Route 2 is Milton Mitchell. The high point in mail traffic was reached over the past week end and is now subsiding. Canceled mail pieces reached the top figure on Monday, with a total of 24,559. On an average of 70 sacks of parcel post left the Buchanan office daily from Dec. 13 to Dec. 19.

On Tuesday of this week the total number of parcel post sacks leaving the office was 56.

Scout Troop 41 Holds Its Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday night Troop 41 held their annual Christmas party. The Scouts dined for numbered corks which were matched with a present that each Scout had brought. Each Scout was presented with a 1955 Scout Denny. Jack Schulte, home from college, was presented with an eight-year Service Star. Ralph Mitchell was also present. A game called "Stamps" was played and presents were opened. Christmas carols were sung and hot cocoa and cake contributed by the Scouts, were served. Gene Smith closed the party by leading the troop in the Troop-closing ritual.

Thursday night the Scouts will bring their share of food for the two Christmas baskets for needy people at 7:00. Two groups will then deliver the baskets with Christmas cheer.

George Mills, Reporter

Paul Arnold Home
Mrs. Paul Arnold, 625 West Front street, drove to Chicago on Saturday afternoon to meet her son, Paul Jr., aged eight, who arrived by a 6 o'clock train from Cookeville, Tenn., where he is a student in the third grade in the Junior Military Academy. This is a private school which instructs only boys from the ages of four to fourteen years inclusive. Master Paul was quite proud of the fact that he came "all by his lonesome" on the train from Cookeville to Chicago. He will leave on his return to school on Dec. 31.



You can readily see the Buchanan area was hit by a record snowfall. This picture was taken Monday morning after the snow was packed down.

Many P.D.'s Occur In Wake Of Storm

A wake of happenings known in police headquarters as P. D.'s (car collisions resulting in damage to cars only) followed in the wake of the heavy snow storm Saturday night and Sunday.

Bill Karpinski, Jr., Buchanan, was driving west on Elizabeth, and had stopped for the stop sign at Portage. Willie Guiley, bound north on North Portage, turned right onto Elizabeth and slid on the icy pavement into the Karpinski car. Result, two damaged fenders.

James A. Sarver was driving east on East Front street Thursday when he stopped for the traffic waiting for the Portage-Front stop light. Reginald Pike following behind, was unable to stop in time and bumped the rear of Sarver's car. Very minor damage.

John Lotsbach, Rt. 2, River street, was backing his car out of the private alley back of the Co-ops, and failed, because of a parked car, to see a car driven by Albert Zimniger approaching. The cars collided. Lotsbach's car received a damaged rear trunk and panel light, the Zimniger car incurred a damaged front bumper grill, left front fender and radiator.

E. L. Mills, 405 Cecil, was driving south on Cecil avenue when he passed through the Chicago street intersection his car was hit by the car of Walter Hines, which had failed to stop at the stop sign. Each car incurred one damaged fender.

Lillian Dell Wingo and William D. Morley lived in houses on the opposite side of Fulton street, at 210 Fulton and 213 Fulton. They were each backing out of their premises onto Fulton, with rear frosted windows so that they could have no rear vision. They hit with a bump. Only minor damages.

Lions Will Hold Christmas Dinner Legion Hall Tonight

The Buchanan Lions club will hold their annual Christmas dinner and party for their families in the American Legion home at 6:30 p. m. this (Thursday) evening. The dinner will be partially pot luck with those attending taking a salad, vegetable or dessert dish to pass. The balance of the meal will be furnished by the women of the Legion auxiliary, who will serve. There will be a visit from Santa and the children will sing carols. In charge of arrangements for the affair are John Shanahan, Dr. Robert C. Strayer and Dr. M. J. Converse.

City D.P.W. Does Creditable Job In Clearing Streets

In spite of the fact that this area was buried during the week end by one of the heaviest snows of many years, a typical "Michigan job" of road clearance enabled business to go on as usual.

The situation was less difficult than it would otherwise have been because of the fact that the heaviest part of the snow fell Saturday night and Sunday when business and industrial traffic was for the most part suspended. This gave the state, county and city snow-clearing crews a chance to get ahead, by working around the clock.

Work 12-Hour Shifts

In Buchanan the D. P. W. worked in two 12-hour shifts around the clock, starting Saturday night and continuing yesterday. At 10:30 a. m. Tuesday City Manager Omans reported that the storm at that time had cost the city approximately \$700, with the work still continuing.

The fact that there was very little wind rendered the job very much less difficult than it might otherwise have been. There was little drifting in and around Buchanan, the average depth was generally reported to be about 15 inches by Sunday morning, about 18 to 19 inches by the end of the day, with more falling both Monday and Tuesday morning. By this time the dwindling snowfall was counteracted by setting.

By the time that the morning factory shifts started to work on Monday all main state and county roads had been opened, and country dirt roads were rapidly being opened for "one way" traffic, which meant that some cars accommodated others by backing to driveways—or that the drivers had to shovel their way around each other.

Rural Mails Delayed

Postmaster Charles Wesner reported that mails were going their rounds on country roads as usual, although generally delayed from two or three hours by conditions, which were due not so much to the condition of the roads as to the fact that rural box holders did not shovel the snow from in front of their mail boxes. This meant that carriers had to shovel or plunge their way through and occasionally got temporarily stalled.

It was necessary to clear the mail out daily because of the flood of incoming holiday mail Monday of this week the incoming Christmas mail was at high tide for this year.

The postal regulations state that rural mail carriers do not have to deliver mail to boxes which are difficult of access. This rule had to be waived for the holiday mail, stated Wesner, but in the event that failure to clear a convenient access to boxes occurs, the patrons holding said boxes will not get their mail.

Streets Cleared First

In answer to the question why the sidewalks were not plowed off earlier on Sunday, Manager Omans said that the D. P. W. had been operating four pieces of street clearing equipment around the clock, two snow plows, one underbody scraper and one salt spreader. The available DPW force were divided into two 12-hour shifts to clear the streets, and there was not sufficient force available to operate sidewalk clearing equipment. It was necessary to specialize first on the greatest necessity. The city force decided that clearing the streets was most important.

Fire From Basement Wiring Damages Yeoman Home

The Buchanan Fire department was called to the home of Caryl Yeoman, 406 Liberty street last Thursday at 6:58 p. m. when a short in the basement wiring caused the wires to burn. The basement joists and flooring were charred before the fire was extinguished.

RUBBISH
PICK-UP

THURS., DEC. 23
instead of Friday

BARKLEY OMANS,
City Manager



P.O. "OLD HANDS" HANDLE HOLIDAY PARCEL POST—Look close—perhaps you can read your sender's signature on one of these outgoing holiday parcels. Relaying them out into the wide world are: Postmaster Charles Wesner, Keith Dalrymple, Clifford Pruett, Ray Swetish.



RAY SWETISH RIDES HERD ON NOVICES—Three of the nine extra help employed in the Buchanan postoffice during the Christmas rush, plus one regular, are Gordon Smith, George Manspeaker, Ray Swetish, John Hausman.

Presbyterian Church Installs Officers Tuesday

The auditorium of the First Presbyterian church was decorated with potted poinsettias for the installation of the 1955 officers, Tuesday afternoon. The candle-light ceremony was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. Carlyle Carson, assisted by Mrs. R. F. Wright.

Mrs. A. H. Mollberg, the retiring president, was in charge of the dedication of new officers and the business session. A contribution of \$600 was made to the church building fund and \$200 was donated to the fund for the new dining hall at Camp Warren, near Coloma. Mrs. Mollberg presented a poinsettia to Mrs. William Moore, 1954 chairman of the program department, for her outstanding work during the year.

The officers seated were Mrs. Philip R. Hanlin, president, Mrs.

Walter E. Schirmer, first vice-president, Mrs. William Gnodtke, second vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Allen, secretary, Mrs. John F. Russell, treasurer, Mrs. Chester Wessendorf, finance chairman, Mrs. Harry M. Beistle, house chairman, The Fellowship department officers are Mrs. Lester A. Miller, secretary for membership, and Mrs. Barkley Omans, advisor for children's work. Mrs. Ted Lyon is chairman of the program department with Mrs. Carson, secretary of literature and missionary education, and Mrs. George King, secretary of stewardship and spiritual life, assisted by Mrs. George Bennett, Mrs. Leland G. Fitch, Mrs. Ernest Hausman and Mrs. William C. Strayer. In the world service department, Mrs. Iver Carlson is secretary of Christian education and Mrs. Paul Hicks is secretary for national missions and overseas hospital sewing.

After the meeting a Christmas tea was served in the church parlors, by Mrs. Robert C. Strayer and her committee. A silver sleigh, pine boughs and lighted candles decorated the refreshment table.



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COMES A PAUSE AT THE CLARK CHRISTMAS PARTY TOY COUNTER—This shot in a brief moment when some of the children of the Clark Employees had begged their parents into stopping a minute to see the funny man taking pictures. Starting at left the picture personnel are Steve Rudoni, Jr. accordionist entertainer, Mrs. R. J. Smith of Niles, and son, Ronald, in background by door, Robert Wesner and Joe Letcher of the toy distribution force, at right, Master Jack McClellan and his mother, Mrs. Earl McClellan.

Clothing

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The committee in direct charge of Gene Kobe and Mrs. Chris Clark. In addition to this special clothing program of recent origin the Child Study club has had overall supervision of local welfare needs for many years. Each year they get from the county and state welfare workers, the families and other individuals who are in actual need. Church and Sunday School organizations and clubs and individuals who may wish to send Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets call Mrs. Keith Dalrymple, who is the chairman of the overall relief work of the club. She assigns them individual names.

The two organizations which cooperated in the recently completed clothing project wish to thank the following for their aid: the families who gave the used clothing, the Buchanan merchants who gave clothing at discounted prices, the Girl Scouts who helped the Optimists sell pop corn last Saturday to raise money to buy clothing, Mr. Gnodtke, who gave them the use of the building at 110 Main street, the anonymous but very generous industries who contributed, the Buchanan Cleaners who picked up the clothing.

The Child Study club and the Optimists deserve the community thanks for organizing and carrying out the work.

from Rochester to South Bend. He underwent an operation during his five weeks stay there and is much improved.

Buchanan Steel Union Host At Holiday Parties

Personnel of both management and labor and their children were entertained at two Christmas parties Saturday afternoon and evening at the U. A. W.-C. I. O. hall, the hosts at both parties being the members of the U. A. W.-C. I. O. Local 1.

In the afternoon approximately 150 children of the employees were entertained from 1 to 3 p. m. Every child attending received a gift, and the two hours were spent in special games.

In the evening the members of management and labor held a banquet in the hall at 7:30 p. m., followed by a program. Presiding over the event as Master of Ceremonies was the eloquent and humorous Zeke Shapiro, who furnished some first class entertainment as he stream-lined the program.

Seated on either side of Shapiro at the speakers table was Homer Olinger, president of the company union and Elmer Cress, president of the company.

Mr. Cress spoke briefly to the audience, stating that the business of the company was now much improved and that there is a very good prospect of further improvement during the coming year. He stated that during the time since the Buchanan Steel products Corporation took over the

plant in 1942, the relations between management and labor have been good, and that all problems which have arisen have been settled without interruption.

Christmas Party Committees
Refreshments, James Morgan, Herman Nier, Leonard Wahlstrom, Reah Pearson, Margaret Casto.

Entertainment, Joe Rosetto, Spike Kelley.

Decorating, Jack Ditto, Herb Jones, Lillian Flesner, Edith Pruet, Odie Williams.

Financial, Homer Olinger, Harvey Wagner, Ernest Jones.

Toys, Emeline Webber, Clyde Johnson, Robert Hambrick.

Servicemen, Charley Casto, Robert Casto.

Attend Monthly Meeting
Fourteen members of the Minto Margaret Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the Methodist church, attended the monthly meeting, Tuesday evening with Mrs. Esther Hamilton, Mrs. C. E. Allworth was the devotional leader and she used the topic, "Christmas Carols." The chapter review from the study book was presented by Miss Lena Leiter. During the social hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Mabel Smith.

Local News

Miss Ruby Clark, nursery teacher in the Milwaukee, Wis., school system, will come Friday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Clark.

Richard Beistle, student at the Michigan State college, East Lansing, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry M. Beistle.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stoner and children will go to Bryan, O., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Stoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crutch.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slocum came Wednesday from Houghton, Mich., where Mr. Slocum is a student at the College of Mining and Technology, to spend the Christ-

L.D.S. Holiday Party
The Christmas party and program presented by members of the Sunday school of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Tuesday evening in the church parlors, was attended by about 70 persons.

Each department of the Sunday school presented some part of the program, which included recitations, plays, songs, and instrumental selections. Santa passed treats for the children and a gift exchange was held.

The affair was sponsored by the Women's Department of the church, with Mrs. John Martin as chairman.

mas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slocum.

Dayton Community Church
Twenty-four children and seven adults attended the Christmas party for children of the Dayton Community church held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Dayton schoolhouse.

Santa Claus passed treats for the children, and Danny Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee, who spent several months in Northern Indiana Children's Hospital, South Bend, for treatment for polio, was presented with a box of gifts.

The pastor of the church, Rev. William DesAutels, was also presented a box of gifts.

Refreshments were served by a committee comprising Mrs. Kathryn Peterson, Mrs. Claude Sheldon, Mrs. James P. Reep and Mrs. Arden Brown.



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TALKING IT OVER WITH SANTA—Here's two very lovely little two-somes who paused a bit en route from the toy counter to the auditorium to transact a little Christmas business with Santa at the Clark Equipment party for the children of the employees.

Annual Christmas Party
The annual Christmas party of members of the Paul E. Thurston Navy Mothers club was held Tuesday evening with Mrs. Fred Hagley. During a brief business session, conducted by Commander Ada Heiermann, it was planned to hold an all-day meeting with Mrs. Nelson Ferris on Jan. 4, to work on the rug project. The monthly business meeting will be held Jan. 19, with Commander Heiermann. Gifts were exchanged and games were played during the social hour. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Milford Fuller.

Rev. Wesley Oldt Home From Rochester, Minn.
Rev. Wesley Oldt, pastor of the First Methodist church, arrived home from Rochester, Minn., Tuesday, having made the trip by plane.



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lind

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I wish to thank my many friends who sent me cards and flowers and those who contributed blood while I was in the hospital.
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Basketball

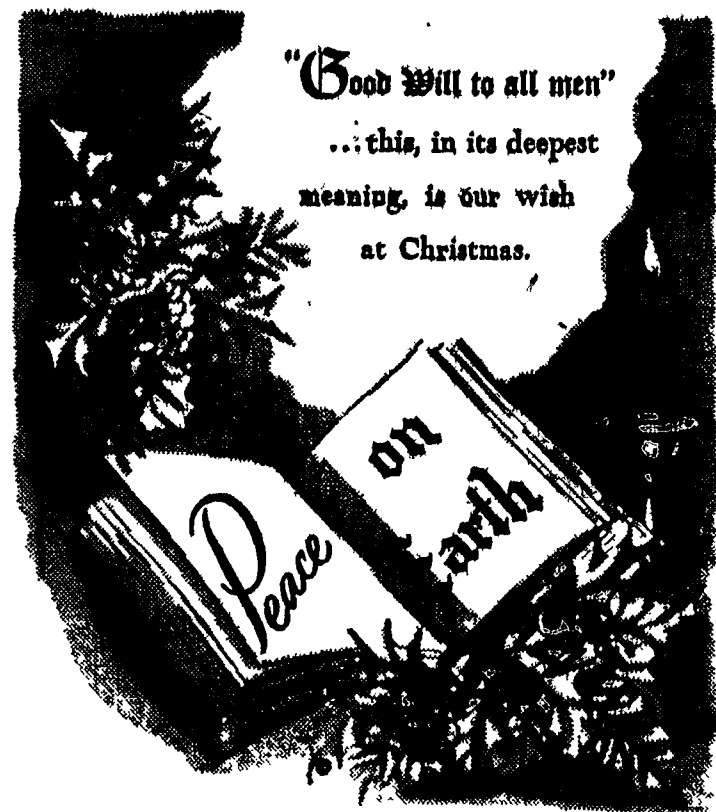
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ed to be playing a ball control type of game which bothered Buchanan in the early moments.

Letcher's rebounding—he grabbed ten—was a big factor, and a pleasing one to Steffen—in the victory. "We were in better position all around," said the Buck coach. "The boys showed a lot of improvement but we still have a long way to go."

Phoenix and Letcher guarded Gould and Younger, holding the Chief aces down. Dick Coonfield, who started his first game, turned in a satisfactory job according to Steffen.

Buchanan's back court game is still a



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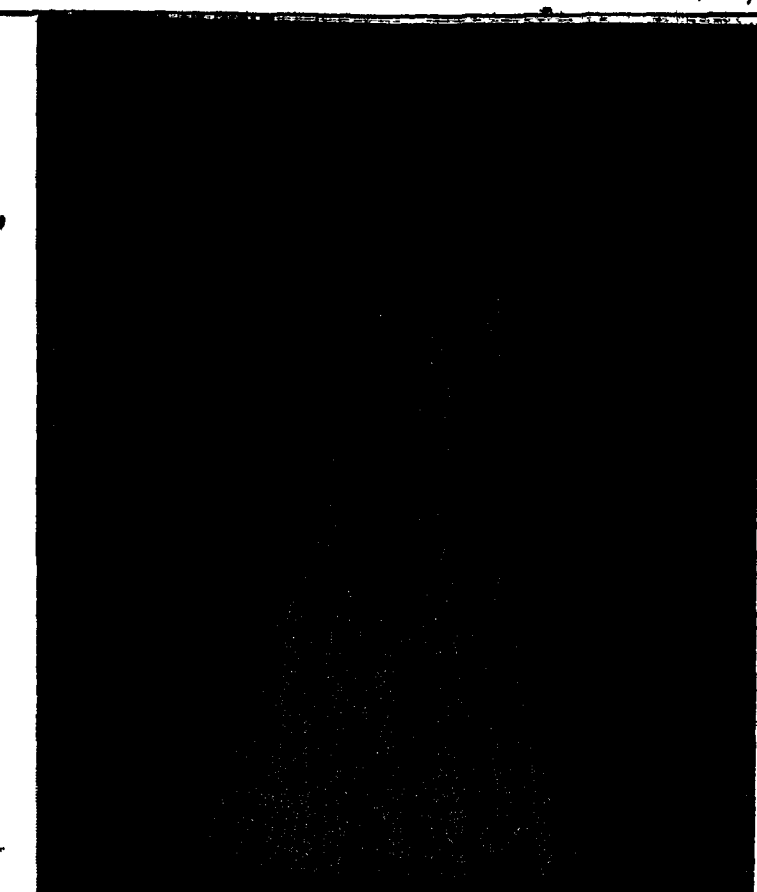


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Clear Lake Woods

And then came the "Big Snow." Many of us were very grateful to our neighbors for help in getting out of a 20 inch snowfall. Gene Shepherd was sure on the job with his easy smile and big truck, towing out the unfortunate ones. Ernie Maas and Bob Larson had a jeep plow the roads later on Sunday, so they are passable in most cases.

Bill Berkes and some of his family drove out from Chicago late Sunday afternoon to get their boat out of the water. Got stuck on Pearl street and the county road and headed right back for Chicago where there was little or no snow.

John and Louise Earl spent the week end in Kalamazoo with her folks. Were they surprised when they drove back here.

Mrs. Henry Mueller left last week for Evergreen Park, Ill., where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Degne and family.

John Earl Jr. (Butch) celebrated his 9th birthday Monday. His mother entertained eight of his playmates in his honor that afternoon. Games were played and refreshments served.

Jack Bittinger is on his way home from Germany and probably will be discharged from the US Army at an early date.

The Clear Lake Woods grocery is well on its way and it looks as though it will open right after the first of the year.

Peregrine White was the name of the child born on the Mayflower during its epic voyage to America.

The U. S. consumes 60% of the world's coffee exports and 40% of the cocoa exports.

The earliest method of telling time was to mark off the shadows of trees.

Portage Prairie

The Youth Fellowship met on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wiggins for their regular monthly meeting and annual election of officers. The officers elected are as follows: William Vite, president; Elaine Siewert, vice president; Donna Joyce Korn, secretary and treasurer.

The annual Christmas party of the Portage Prairie Home Makers was held Thursday evening at the Bertrand town hall with 17 members present. A co-operative supper preceded the business meeting and was in charge of Mrs. Clare Trickett. The next meeting will be an all day meeting on January 20, when the group will meet at 10 o'clock to sew for the Berrien County Cancer Society. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon with Mrs. Lawrence Mitchell and Mrs. Leslie Garling as hostesses.

The Christmas program for the Dutch Corners school will be held Thursday evening. School will close for Christmas vacation on Thursday and will reopen on Jan. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vite entertained at a Christmas dinner, on Sunday. Their family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wesner of Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilcox and children of this place, Mrs. Julia Walker and daughters, Maxine and Florence, and son, Merl, of north of Niles, attended Mr. and Mrs. Vite and family will leave on Wednesday for a two week's trip to their winter home at Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ewert will leave on Thursday for Valdosta, Ga., where they will be the guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ewert, Jr., for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slekman have sold their farm and moved to Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bachman will be hosts to members of Mr. Bachman's family for a Christmas dinner on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker and Mr. and Mrs. George Mast called at the Wilmer Baker home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Treash and daughter of South Bend were guests of the former's parents on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eisele will be hosts on Sunday at a Christmas dinner. The guests will be their daughters and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wigent of Walled Lake, Mich., will arrive at the home of the latter's brother, the Lawrence Mitchells, to spend the holidays. A family dinner will be held on Sunday at the Mitchells.

Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Yaw entertained at a family dinner Sunday honoring their daughter, Ruth Ann, on her birthday.

Mrs. Warren Boyle

Is Elected Head Buchanan W. B. A.

The Christmas dinner meeting of the W. B. A. was held Tuesday evening in the W. B. A. hall, when officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Warren Boyle was elected president to succeed Mrs. Eliza Smith.

Other officers named were: Mrs. Robert Bowers, vice president; Mrs. Retha Thompson, recording secretary; Mrs. Otto Reineke, financial secretary; Mrs. Leo Huebner, treasurer; Mrs. Lloyd Salfie, chaplain; Mrs. Edward Bickard, lady-in-charge. Plans were made to hold the annual installation of officers next month. The next meeting will be held Jan. 11 with Mrs. Boyle as hostess chairman.

During the social hour arranged by the retiring officers, with Mrs. Smith as chairman, gifts were exchanged around the lighted Christmas tree.

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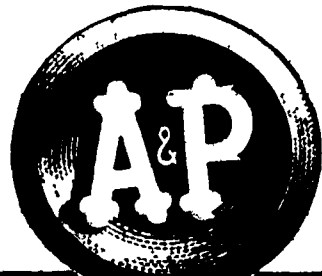
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Wagner News

The weather reminds one of Longfellow's poem, "Snowbound." Mr. and Mrs. James Liska and family have gone to Arizona to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harroff and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Miller went to South Bend Saturday evening to attend a party given for Mrs. Pearl Miller.

Miss May Rose called on "Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Tuesday.

The kilometer is 0.621 of a mile.

When ancestors of dogs are of the same breed and are known and recorded, the dogs are said to be pedigreed.



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THEY'RE ENTERTAINING MOTHERS AT CHRISTMAS TEA—Here's eleven thoroughly charming young ladies, the members of Brownie Scout Troop No. 17, who are hostesses to their mothers at a Christmas tea at the home of Mrs. C. O. Clark, 302 West 4th street. The members are wearing the red organdy aprons which they have just received as Christmas gifts from their mothers. They hold in their hands the table centerpieces which they are presenting to their mothers. Identified left to right, they are Front Row—Barbara Samson, Sally Starr, Sue Ann Hanlin, Sandra Wynn, Kathleen May; Back Row—Margo Heiermann, Mary Jo Lister, Virginia White, Faye Simpson, Linda Sue Monaghan, Suzie Clark. Reverting to the past tense, the party really occurred Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5.

Is There A Santa Claus?

We reproduce below what is probably the most often repeated editorial ever written in this land or any other. It is entitled, "Is There a Santa Claus?" and was written in 1897 by Francis P. Church, an editor of the New York Sun in answer to a written query sent to the paper by a little girl.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

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's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West 95th Street, New York City

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 cap-

able of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, 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 there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fumes dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

And You? If Christmas shopping early Were heaven's entrance fee, No portals, pale and pearly, Will ever swing for me. My Christmas toils delaying, I play around and sing, And lay off my crocheting, And never knit a thing.

The mail clerks from their hovels, When morning shines are gray, Fare forth with scoops to shovel The Christmas mail away. But while they sweat and hurry I laugh in girlish glee, For all their Christmas worry, Don't mean a thing to me.

But hear my coattails whistle A day or two before While I mail Yuletide missels, And messages galore, And Adial, Ike and Polly And Kate and Caroline Get Yuletide greetings jolly On sweet St. Valentine. W. C. H.

Books Closed On 1954 Farm Census In S.W. Michigan

Mrs. Bertha J. Brink will perform her final act as field supervisor for the 1954 Census of Agriculture by closing down the temporary office which was established at Kalamazoo, Michigan for taking the census.

Farm census questionnaires collected locally are being shipped to Census headquarters for editing and tabulating. The results, when published, will present figures for counties, states, regions and the

United States. The first of the preliminary reports covering each of the nation's 3,068 counties is expected to be published early next year.

In a final statement, the supervisor expressed her appreciation for the "splendid co-operation" she and her enumerators received from farmers in the 17 counties in which she conducted the census. "This co-operation," she added, "enabled us to complete this important inventory of our agricultural resources quickly and efficiently."

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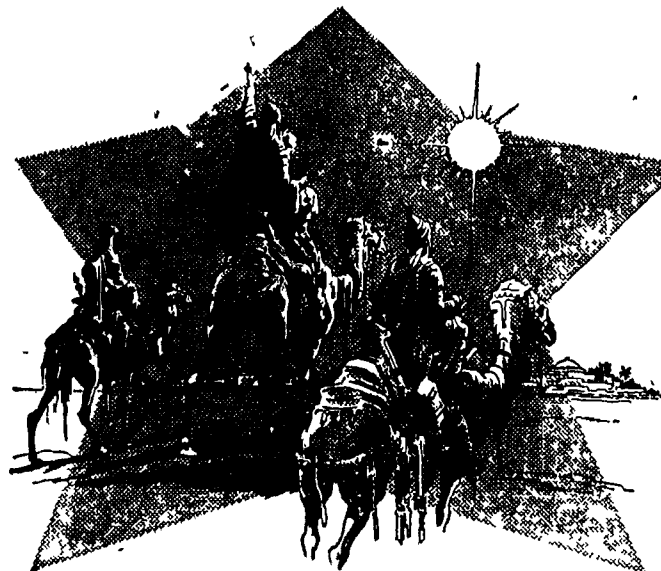
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"Then I guess I can't have any," said he. "I have very little money, we can't find a place to live, I have no job, my education is poor, and I have no friends here."

"Well, then, take this big basket," said the woman with a friendly smile, "and one of these little baskets for each child."

"But you said I had to qualify!" The stranger was puzzled.

"You DID qualify," said the woman. "These are free gifts for the poor. You could not buy them, but if you need them they are yours. You have only to accept them."

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BUCHANAN SOCIAL EVENTS

Red Bud Club
The Red Bud club was held on Dec. 15th at the home of Eva Yawell. Everyone enjoyed a Christmas pot luck dinner at 1 o'clock. Games were played. Prizes went to Olga Aalfs, Frances Aalfs, Ruth Phiscator, Hazel Dehring, and Dorothy Bever. Gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be held Jan. 5th at the home of Dorothy Bever.

Royal Neighbors Honor Members' Birthdays
A dinner and party honoring members with October, November and December birthday anniversaries will feature the meeting of the Royal Neighbor club Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, in the R. N. A. hall. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Mrs. John Jennings, Mrs. John Bowman, Miss Mabel Miles and Mrs. Lenz Mitchell.

V. F. W. Auxiliary Holds Christmas Dinner
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will have a pot luck Christmas dinner at 6:30 p. m., Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, in the home of the president, Mrs. LeRoy Holston.

Buchanan "30" Club Holds Christmas Party
The annual Christmas party of the Buchanan "30" club was held Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Charles Trapp, which was decorated in a Yuletide motif of green and gold.

Highlighting the program was a review of the book "Four Thousand Years of Christmas" by E. W. Count, presented by Mrs. H. Carlyle Carson. A comedy skit, entitled "Twas the Night Before Christmas," arranged by Mrs. R. E. Doak, was presented by the members. An arrangement of gold ornaments and greenery centered the refreshment table. Serving on the hostess committee with Mrs. Trapp were Mrs. Doak, Mrs. Kieneth Mudge, Mrs. John Cress, Mrs. A. B. Mur and Miss Mildred Wilson. Gifts were exchanged around the gayly lighted Christmas tree.

Masonic and O. E. S. Xmas Dinner Dec. 29

The annual Christmas dinner for members of the Buchanan Masonic Lodge No. 68 and Sylvia Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, in the Masonic hall. The committee of Masons includes Bert Metzger, Iver Carlson, Dean Swank, Charles Trapp, Bill Barnes, George Chubb, Verl Clark, Louis Gray, William Holcolm, Charles Oxender, Jerrold Carlson and Wayne Castle. Members of the Eastern Star, working with the Masons in arranging the dinner and entertainment, will be Mrs. William Barnes, Mrs. Alva Phoenix, Mrs. Sidney Cross, Mrs. Spencer Gibbs and Mrs. Truman Bever, Jr.

Miller School Holds Christmas Program Tonight

The children of Miller school in Buchanan township will present their annual Christmas program in the school house at 7:30 p. m., this (Thursday) evening. Assisting the teacher, Mrs. Allen Pierce, will be the mothers of the children. At this time the Friendly Parents club will present an album of educational recordings to the school.

E. U. B. Women's Society
The Women's Society of World Service of the First Evangelical United Brethren church will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the church parlors. Mrs. Robert Bever will conduct the meeting.

Wagner School Holds Christmas Party
The Wagner school held its Christmas party in the school house on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Songs, recitations and a play by the youngsters of the school were presented. Later Santa Claus distributed gifts.

Mothers and Others Club
The Mothers and Others club of the Wagner school met last week and began plans for their annual rummage sale. Gifts from everyone in the district or from friends elsewhere will be gratefully accepted. Proceeds are added to a fund used exclusively to provide educational and recreational materials for the pupils of the school.

Church News

First Methodist Church
Rev. Wesley Oldt
9:45 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Morning worship service. Sermon, "The Afterglow."

5:30 Youth Fellowship
Thursday, 7:00 Jr. choir.
Thursday, 8:00 Sr. choir.
HERE'S PROP

Youth Council To Be Hosts At Dance Wed Eve., Dec. 29

The Buchanan Youth Council will be host at a young peoples' dance at the Recreation room on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 29. All will be welcome. Entry fees will be 35c for one person, and 35c for couples. The committee in charge of the dance will be Shelby Marrs, Bonita Rozen and Geraldine Schutze. A Christmas party was held Wednesday night of last week by the Youth Council with Joann Goodrich as general chairman. Others serving were Jim Letcher in charge of games; O'Neill Gibbs, Allen Walters, Sharon Doss, refreshments, Larry Ditto, Derrill Canfield in charge of the tree. Larry and Derrill went out to the country home of Morrow Chubb, who gave them a twenty-foot spruce tree.

Men In Service

Jerry Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Crow, Eugene Flanagan, son of the Clayton Flanagan, and Billy Speckline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valmore Speckline, are home from Great Lakes Naval Training Station on ten day leaves, which they plan to spend with their folks.

M/Sgt. Richard B. Hess, with the US Marine Corps, who with Mrs. Hess and children, Larry and Bonnie, have been visiting for the past several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hess, will leave Jan. 2 for El Toro Air Base, from where he will be sent to Japan for a tour of duty of 14 months. He has been teaching in a Navy school at Millington, Tenn. near Memphis. While he is on tour Mrs. Hess and the children will remain in Buchanan, and the children are now enrolled at Moccasin school.

Private Herbert S. Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Moyer, Sawyer, and husband of the former Marion E. Yette, 314 N. Portage, Buchanan, has completed the Medical Training Center's eight-week course of advanced basic training at Brooke Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

The training at the army's only basic training center for combat aidmen and medical corpsmen has prepared him for duty with the Army Medical service. The Medical Training Center offers intensive instruction in field medical care and hospital ward management, and trainees make practical application of their instruction during a field problem conducted for five days under simulated battle conditions.

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Herb is now en route to Camp Kinnear, N. J., and transfer to Europe, probably Austria.

Clarence Young is home from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, to spend

the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardice Young, and his brother, Van. He is also visiting his many friends in Buchanan.

Legion Auxiliary Announces Theme Of Essay Contest

The annual Christmas meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Monday evening in the Legion home was attended by twenty-eight members. The hall was decorated with two lighted trees in front of the large picture windows on which were paintings of Yule scenes.

The president, Mrs. Jack Pinkerton, conducted the business session.

during which it was voted to sponsor Americanism essay contests in the junior and senior high schools and in the 7th and 8th grades of the rural schools in the Buchanan community. The essay theme will be "Master Link—Our Constitution." Students of the 7th through the 12th grades will be eligible and the essays will be judged on originality, relation to topic, organization of subject matter, clearness and usage of words. Prizes will be given for the three best entries. Mrs. William Baker is the contest chairman.

It was announced that the Fourth District meeting will be held in Plainwell on Jan. 16.

Following the meeting, gifts

were exchanged and refreshments served at a table decorated with tiny Christmas trees and lighted candles. On the hostess committee were Mrs. T. R. Stephens, Mrs. Glenn Vergon, Mrs. Marlin Kean, Miss Marlene Kean and Mrs. Jimmie Morris.

In comparison with other members of the solar system, the earth is the "seawater planet." More than 70% of its surface is covered with sea water.

Air travel across the Atlantic is soaring and now amounts to 65% of trans-Atlantic traffic. More than 4,000 people fly every week by tourist air class and nearly 3,000 by first class.



GREETINGS

May you enjoy a full measure of happiness and good health this Christmas.

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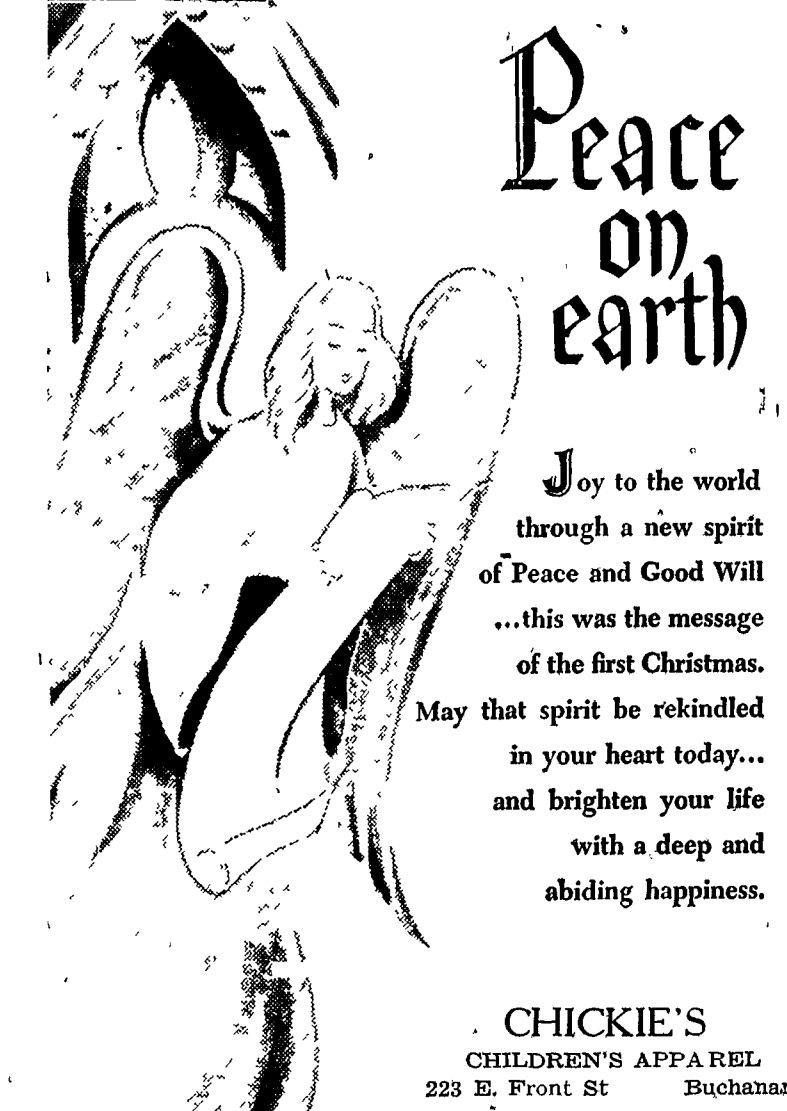
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Janis Sexton Is Buchanan Entry D. A. R. Contest

Janis Sexton, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sexton, 101 W. Front street, is the 1954-55 selection for the Buchanan high school entry in the state contest for Michigan's outstanding senior high school girl in point of qualities of good citizenship. The announcement is made by Mrs. Glenn E. Smith, chairman of the Buchanan committee of the Niles-Buchanan Fort St. Joseph chapter of the chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in charge of the local choice.

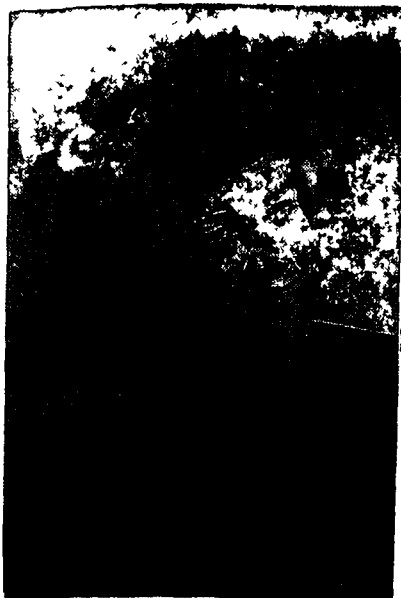
Janis was selected in fact by vote of the faculty of the Buchanan high school, who were given the following standards for choice: patriotism, dependability, leadership, scholarship. She is very well qualified on the basis of her activity record which includes the following, present president of the student council (one of the few girls who have been selected to that office since it was first established); vice-president of the student council, while a junior, and

secretary while she was a sophomore; three years on the Buchanan staff; "The Pines" staff this

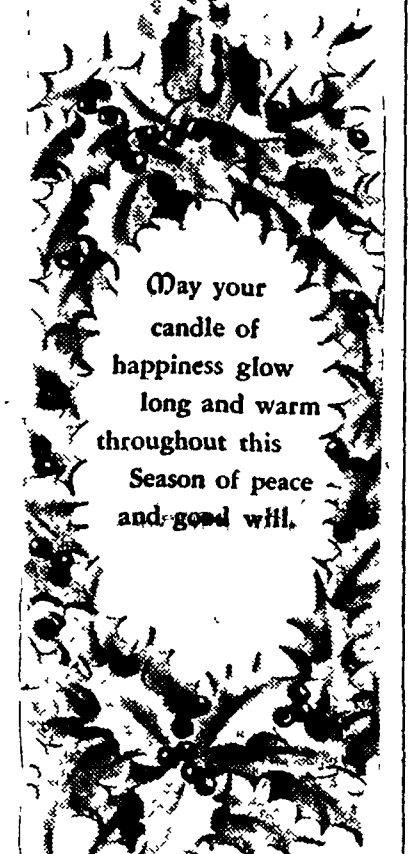
year; high school glee club accompanist two years, high school orchestra, one year; Velmorian Literary Society critic, sophomore vice president.

The Fort St. Joseph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution annually nominates a girl entry from Buchanan and one from Niles. The two girls will be honored by the local society at a banquet, and will then be sent to a state assembly of the candidates from all high schools represented.

In the meantime a state board of judges will select the state entry on the basis of student records sent in by all candidates.



Janis Sexton



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33 Attend Bayleaf Lodge Annual Party

The annual Christmas dinner preceding the regular meeting of Bayleaf Rebekah lodge Friday evening in the Odd Fellow hall was attended by thirty-three members. Miniature Santas and pine boughs decorated the table and a Nativity scene on the rostrum and a lighted tree featured the Yule decorations in the lodge room.

During the business session, conducted by the noble grand, Mrs. Roy Knapp, it was voted to accept the invitation from Buchanan Subordinate lodge No. 75, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to hold a joint installation of the 1955 officers on Jan. 4. Initiation of a class of candidates was planned for the meeting Jan. 7. Mrs. Howard Barbour, Mrs. Lee Allis, Mrs. Anna Bales, Mrs. Joseph Fergue and Mrs. Frank Hickok were named on the hostess committee for that meeting. It was reported by Mrs. Warren Willard that Christmas greeting cards had been sent to members' sons who are serving in the armed forces. Plans were made for a group to attend the New Year's Eve party to be held in Niles, Dec. 31, by the Berrien County Odd Fellow-Rebekah Association. At the party, arranged by Mrs. Leo Dalrymple and Mrs. Jessie Lees, following the meeting, gifts were exchanged and the remainder of the evening spent with games.

Women Of Moose Will Initiate Candidates Jan. 13

During the meeting of the Women of the Moose Thursday evening in the Moose hall, conduct-

ed by the senior regent, Mrs. Keith Everman, plans were made to hold a formal initiation of candidates at the meeting Jan. 13. The attendance award went to Miss Lillian Gustafson and the unseen gift to Mrs. Herbert Jesswein. After the meeting members with December birthdays were honored at a party arranged by Mrs. Jack Burks.

Give TB Seals For Christmas

Even though Christmas is just "a whisker" away, there is still time to give one traditional holiday gift: your Christmas Seal contribution. With "a wish for your good health," the Michigan TB association this week reports that many area families have made generous donations to the fight against TB. The association said returns, still being received, are urgently needed for next year's TB work program.

In last week's mail, the association had a letter from a group of TB patients, who were reminding friends about the importance of TB prevention.

In part, the letter read "We hope the day will soon come when this dreaded disease will no longer be in existence. They cannot conquer this disease unless they have your help. Won't you buy Christmas Seals?"

Continuing, the patients wrote: "You would have to have this disease to understand what it would be like; that is why we are trying our very best to bring this message to you, and stress the importance of preventing the spread of tuberculosis."

"Won't you help us to help others? This Christmas, when it is time for giving, remember that the Michigan Tuberculosis Association fights for everyone. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Mrs. Clayton Haack Under Treatment For Polio

Mrs. Clayton Haack, South Bend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox, West Bakertown, was taken to Children's Memorial hospital, South Bend, last Wednesday evening for treatment of polio. She is so much improved that she is expected home Christmas Eve. Mrs. Haack is the mother of four children. One son is in service with the US Marines.

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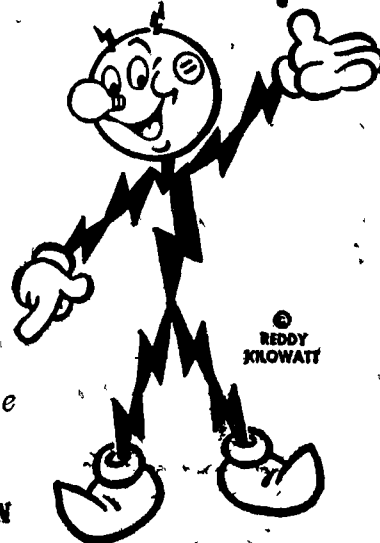
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May we take this means of wishing for all of you that your Christmas be joyful and that the New Year be pleasant and prosperous for you.

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The Story of Buchanan

Tale Of Pioneer Phone Service In Berrien Co.

Although the telephone of the

type invented by Alexander Graham Bell first arrived in Buchanan in 1881, it came only in the form of a toll installation in the restaurant of John Morris, located at 110 E. Front street, where Betty's Gift Shoppe now is.

The first switchboard was installed in 1882, as this writer reported from memory recently.

However, it had not operated two years before the service was suspended when the original patrons reported they had so little use for the instrument that it was not worth paying the monthly bill. The toll service continued after all, the word telephone came from a combination of two Greek words meaning "voices from afar" which does not properly describe a neighborhood connection.

The first voice "heard from afar" in Buchanan was that of the mayor of Niles talking to the mayor of Buchanan, in a formal and pre-arranged inaugural use of the service at some date in December, 1881.

The two mayors wished continuation of cordial relationships between the two towns. They also extended good wishes to the Michigan Telephone company, and the hopes that at some future time telephone communication should become responsible over the entire United States. This, said one of the mayors "may be done, but not in our time."

This was said by John Morris to have been the first inter-community telephone conversation in Berrien county. The Michigan Telephone company was extending the toll line southwest from Detroit through Kalamazoo, and thence on into Niles. Following its extension to Buchanan, a toll line was built from here to Berrien Springs and thence to St. Joseph.

The representatives of the Michigan Telephone Company came to John Morris in his front street restaurant as a likely representative here, telling him that his company was interested in extending the lines and establishing toll stations all through Michigan. He wanted Morris to manage a toll station here.

If Morris would sell coupon books good for \$300 in telephone calls, he would assure extension of the line to Buchanan. Morris agreed and set out on foot through the farms to sell the books, while the toll company promoter sold them in town. The total was soon sold and Morris went to Detroit himself and delivered the \$300 to the toll line manager, Fred Forbes. The work of an extension to Buchanan was immediately started.

For a long time there was only a single telephone wire connecting Niles and Buchanan. Oscar Morris remembers the first toll station in his father's restaurant. It comprised a box about six feet tall and about eight inches square, fastened to the wall. From the front of the box a metal arm a foot long extended with the mouth-piece on the end, the arm being moveable up and down to suit the height of the customer. At the side of the box at a convenient height was a crank which sent a signal to Niles.

In the bottom were four glass containers, of the same height, all

square and one about the other, comprising the sal ammoniac battery. If not taken care of this sal ammoniac battery would overflow in a greasy film over the floor. Later a zinc and vitreol battery was used.

During a short period after 1882, less than two years, there was a Buchanan switchboard, the initial membership consisting of three doctors, Sreng, East and Slocum, two merchants, S. P. High and C. C. High, and one lawyer, Atty. Van Riper. The top number at one time was eight members. The annual charge was \$48 for business houses and offices, and \$36 for homes. There was dissatisfaction over the price and the switchboard was discontinued until 1896.

The way the traffic was carried on over the wire was thus: If a Niles person called via toll line for Buchanan, the toll manager, who was John Morris here, would answer, and connect him with the person desired if that person was one of the eight who had phones installed. If not, then John Morris would send a messenger at an added fee of 10 to 15 cents.

The toll fee was about the same price Mr. Morris made very little off the charges, as he took only a commission from the tolls. The main idea was that people would come to use the telephone, and then stop for pie and coffee. Or later, when John Morris had a general store, they might make some purchases. The trouble with the arrangement from the service point of view was that if John happened to be serving a customer who was a good prospect, he would ignore the toll calls.

Morris was manager of telephone communications in Buchanan for about 37 years, from 1881 until about 1918, when he resigned the post because of ill health. Following the sale of his store in 1906 he devoted his entire time to local telephone management. More will be told of his connections with the beginning of the telephone here in a future issue.

West Buchanan

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Schantz will entertain their children and their families at a Christmas dinner and gift exchange on Christmas day. Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz and son and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schantz and family of South Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Schantz and son of Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Raas and son of Galien, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doughten and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dalrymple will go to Niles Saturday for a family Christmas reunion in the home of their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meek. Other guests will include Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cole and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. King and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis New and family of Elkhart, Ind.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Doughten will have a Christmas eve party and gift exchange Friday evening in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Morley, Galien. Other family members attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Everett Doughten and family of Galien, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doughten and children and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kenbarger and children of Buchanan.

Buchanan - Niles M.W.W. II Units To Install Jointly

Buchanan unit of Mothers of World War II, meeting Wednesday evening in the Royal Neighbor hall, voted to invite the Niles unit to be guests at the Jan. 19 meeting, when joint installation of officers will be held.

Mrs. Jessie Davis was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. Harry Benke reported that the unit had cleared \$142 on its December projects. A contribution of \$25 was voted to the state unit for its 1955 project, which includes the purchase of typewriters for Veterans Administration hospital, Saginaw, Mich., furniture for the new American Legion hospital, Ft. Custer, and Christmas gifts and maintenance of televisions in three other veterans hospitals.

North Buchanan

Wagner Grange Has Holiday Co-operative Dinner

The meeting of Wagner Grange on Friday evening in the grange hall was featured by a co-operative Christmas dinner. The master, Ralph Hess, presided, and plans were made to hold a New Year's Eve get-together on Dec. 31, with a potluck buffet lunch after the meeting. For the lecture hour program Mrs. Charles Hess told the Christmas Story from the Bible, and Mrs. Orval Newport presented a reading "Robin Comes To Share Christmas."

Christmas Program Postponed The Christmas program that was to have been presented at the Oronoko Methodist church on Sunday evening has been postponed until Sunday evening, Dec. 26, an account of the bad weather.

Corbin Detgen, student at Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. E. O. Suit.

Hattie Belle's Line

Looks like a white Christmas now. Guess no one was complaining and wanting snow, now that we've got it they don't know what to do with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gaul were pleasantly surprised about 2 A.M. last Monday. Someone was rapping on their door and upon opening it found no other than their son, Harold, home for two weeks. He sure is all smiles, we're all glad to see him.

Mrs. Gombosi came home last Monday after caring for Mrs. Louis Rough several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rhoades arrived from Arcadia, Calif., Tuesday afternoon and will spend some time here.

Mrs. LaVerne Dalrymple was a caller on our street Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Don Gudates and Robert were guests of his mother and Hattie Burks. Sunday Harold Holmes and W. Schmette from Harbert, called, too.

We are sorry to note our regular mail carrier had the misfortune to injure his thumb and several fingers one day last week while sawing some boards or something to fix their Christmas tree, but fortunately it was his left hand, so he can bowl, thank goodness. Better luck next time.

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V. G. Ingles spent the weekend at Dayton, Ohio.

Charles Bohn is a patient at the Osteopathic hospital in South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kellogg and baby of LaPorte, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Doan Straub will entertain with a family dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Keefer and sons spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry McAllister at Maple Grove.

The Maple Grove church was the scene of a Christmas program Sunday evening.

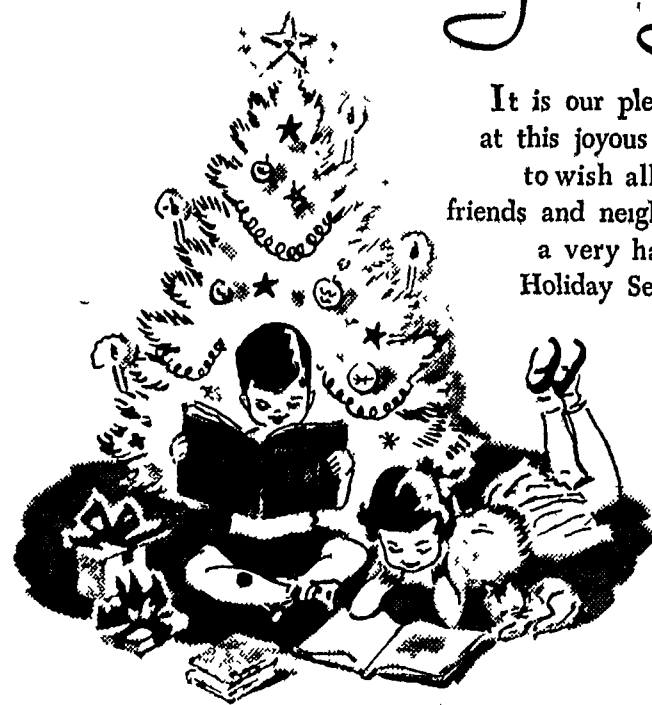
Mrs. Olen Roberts is a patient in the Holy Family hospital, LaPorte, due to a heart ailment. Mr. Roberts and daughter, Janet, spent Sunday with her.

Not much news this week on account of the 2-day snowstorm. Roads are very hazardous.

I wish to thank all who have made this column possible, also to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

Harold Forburger is home from Houghton, where he attends the College of Mining and Technology, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Forburger.

A Christmas Greeting



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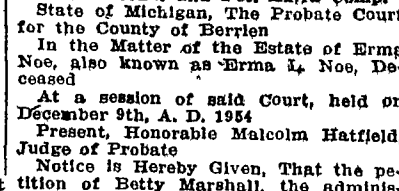
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Christmas Dinner Of 8 at 40 Held At Legion Home

The Christmas dinner meeting of the South Berrien-Cass salon of the 8 at 40 Tuesday evening in the American Legion Home in Berrien Springs was attended by 19 members and guests. Miss Florence Holland, Three Rivers, chaperon of the Michigan department, was the honored guest. Mrs. Rowena Lee, Edwardsburg, salon chaperon, conducted the business meeting during which it was planned to sell black walnuts to raise money to help care for tubercular children.

It was reported that the salon had reached its goal of 22 members. Gifts were exchanged and games were played. The unseen gift went to Mrs. Mary Alice McBride, Edwardsburg. The next meeting will be in Motville on Jan. 11.

Gene Rose, student at Michigan State College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose.

George Hartline, Buchanan Twp. Native, Dies

George Hartline, who for many years lived in the vicinity of Glendora, died in Barrett's Rest Haven, Clear Lake Woods, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 a. m. His home was at 209 Park street, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Born May 11, 1886, in Buchanan township, Mr. Hartline had spent his entire life in Berrien county. He was the son of Joel and Hettie Hartline. He married Lella Boyle Feb. 20, 1901, in Buchanan. She died Oct. 14, 1946.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Carl Guettler of Berrien Springs; two brothers, Clayton Hartline, Buchanan, and William Hartline of Baroda; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Phiscator, St. Joseph, Mrs. Stella Hagley, Vicksburg, and Mrs. Minnie Robe, Buchanan, one grandson, Robert Guettler.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon in the Swem Funeral Home with Rev. Floyd McCarty, pastor of the Berrien Springs Methodist church officiating. Burial was in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Berrien Co. 4-H Officers Elected

Five directors were elected to the Berrien County 4-H council at the December 4-H leaders' meeting, according to Miss Ina Redman, Berrien County Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. Harry Nye, St. Joseph, Mrs. Simon Gustafson, Benton Harbor, Mr. Wendell Bruce, Berrien Center, Peggy Sandy, Sodus, and Ed Sempert, Sodus, are the new directors. Miss Handy and Ed Sempert are junior leaders elected for a one year term.

The leaders whose terms expire are Mrs. William Ast, Jr., Jack Hindman, Miss Anita Frucis, Don Reisig and Wendell Bruce, who was re-elected.

The council for 1955 will consist of the following directors: Mrs. Herbert Goodenough, Three Oaks, Mrs. Mearl Everhart, Benton Harbor, Mrs. A. T. Faulkner, Berrien Springs, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Sodus, Mrs. Harry Nye, St. Joseph, Mrs. Simon Gustafson, Benton Harbor, Miss Peggy Sandy, Sodus, Mr. Everett Watson, Buchanan, Mr. Kenneth Wetzel, Berrien Springs, Mr. Wendell Bruce, Berrien Center and Ed Sempert, Sodus.

The council, which meets once a month, is a policy-making group for the 4-H Leaders' club and advisory group for the 4-H Club Agent.

WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN!

Scouts Decorate Christmas Tree At Methodist Church

On last Tuesday evening the Cub Scout dens trimmed a Christmas tree at the Methodist church, with decorations which they had made themselves.

The Cubs also showed off the door decorations which they made for their fathers and mothers. Mrs. Demmo's den gave a short skit on Christmas. Ira Haberle, the Cub Master, was presented with a Scout "whittler" knife by the Cub Scouts. Leslie Baldwin was presented with a Lion pin and badge. Kit Mitchell received a Wolf pin and badge. Ed Toll received a Wolf pin and badge.

The party ended with cookies and ice cream as a treat for the Cubs and the loud popping of toy balloons.

Social

Knight Past Matron Club
Sixteen members of the Knight Past Matrons club met with Mrs. George Russell on Wednesday evening for a co-operative Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Mrs. Goldwyn Smith gave a demonstration of "Christmas Gift Wrappings." Mrs. George Deming will be hostess at the next dinner meeting on Jan. 28.

Bend of The River Home Ec Club
Christmas Party

The Bend of The River Home Economics club held its annual Christmas dinner meeting Wednesday with Mrs. George Eckelbarger. Mrs. Cleland Hagley was in charge of the business meeting and it was voted to omit the January meeting and to meet Feb. 2 with Mrs. Paul DeWitt. Mrs. Clyde Penwell and Mrs. Nelson Ferris were appointed co-hostesses. The lesson will be "Curtains and Draperies" and will be given by Mrs. Robert Rose and Mrs. George Haag. During the afternoon gifts were exchanged and mystery friends were revealed.

Lloyd Payne Is New Royal Rajah Knights Jericho

Arena No. 1 of the Royal Knights of Jericho, held its annual meeting and election of officers Saturday evening in the Odd Fellow hall. The officers elected were: Lloyd Payne, Three Oaks, Royal Rajah; Leon Washburn, Niles, Shiek; Leonard B. Dalenberg, Niles, secretary-treasurer; Allen Pierce, Buchanan, warden; Alfred Gluth, Three Oaks, and Clayton Letter, Buchanan, deputies. Plans were made to hold another meeting in new officers will be installed. There will be a co-operative supper following the meeting. Ivan LaVanway, of Eau Claire, the retiring Rajah, was not present and the meeting was conducted by Mr. Payne. The meeting was followed by a dinner served by the Buchanan members of the Arena.

B.G.U. Sorority Holds Holiday Dinner

Epsilon chapter of the Beta Gamma Upsilon sorority, meeting Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harry Kennedy, made plans to provide Christmas baskets for two needy families through the Buchanan Child Study club. Mrs. George Sullivan was named chairman of the committee in charge of the project. The group held a Christmas dinner preceding the meeting. Gifts were exchanged and bridge and canasta formed the evening's entertainment.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Richard Morris, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Burton Mills and Mrs. Jack Berg.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Sullivan on Jan. 11.

Friendly Neighbors Vote For Adoption Hospitalized Vet

The annual Christmas dinner meeting of the Friendly Neighbors Home Economics club was held Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harry Penwell. During the business session, conducted by Mrs. Max Penwell, it was voted to adopt a veteran from the Veterans Administration hospital, Dearborn, Mich., and to send him a Christmas box. It was also voted that, during the coming year, members will be assigned a month in which she will write and send a gift to the adopted veteran.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed, and names drawn for secret pals for the coming year.



Holiday Greetings

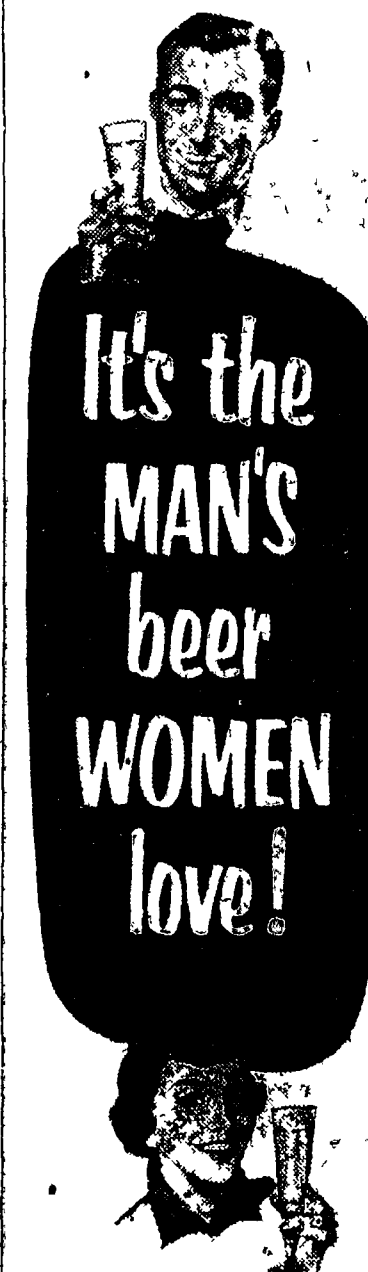
To all of our friends everywhere go our best wishes for a real old-fashioned Yuletide, toast-warm with love and friendship... star-bright with the sparkle of children's eyes.

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BOWLING

Harold Coger, Secretary

Front Axle and Industrial Engineers fought to a 2-2 tie with J. Liska chalking up a huge 591 for the Engineers.

Service swept all 4 points from Hubbard Tool & Gage. L. Stevens 537 for Service and L. Beadle 471 for Hubbard's.
J. C. J. Pattern Co. took 3 points from Axle Foremen. E. Canfield 474 for J. C. J. and A. Bowerman 502 for the Foremen.
Front Axle 33
Service 31
J. C. J. Pattern Co. 30

Hubbard Tool & Gage 28
Industrial Engineers 25
Axle Foremen 23
City A—
Drewry's and Fabiano's Amusement split 2 points each with R. Jasper rolling a big 595 for Drewry's and D. Arnold 539 for Fabiano's.
Poorman's Grocery swept all 4 points from Nieb Concrete. B.

Proud 550 for the Grocery and D. Weller 432 for Nieb Concrete.
Poorman's Recreation took 3 points from Hall's TV Service. R. Dill 523 for the Recreation and D. Ender 533 for Hall's.
Poorman's Grocery 43
Poorman's Recreation 37
Fabiano's Amusement 30½
Drewry's 26
Hall's TV Service 20½
Nieb Concrete 9

City B—
Sexton's took 3 points from Sausman Cleaners. N. Ream 538 for Sexton's and E. Sausman 463 for Sausman's.
St. Joe Valley took 3 points from Wages & Shirley. R. Feather 482 for St. Joe and A. Backus 517 for Wages & Shirley.
Robert F. Habicht, Inc. took 3 points from Swem's. B. Krieger 537 for Habicht's and R. Samuels 531 for Swem's.
R. Habicht, Inc. 42
Sexton's 34

Swem's 32
St. Joe Valley Creamery 28
Wages & Shirley 22
Sausman Cleaners 22
Clark A—
New Tool took 3 points from Receiving Department. H. Rough and H. Coger 534 for New Tool and J. Gell for Receiving.
Finish Machine Line took all 4 points from Housing Foremen. G. Chain 499 for the Machine Line and H. Heeter 499 for the Foremen.

River Street took 3 points from Tool Engineering. R. Jasper 540 for River Street and R. Kasper 502 for Tool Engineering.
New Tool 40
River Street 40
Housing Foremen 30
Receiving Department 22
Finish Machine Line 19
Tool Engineering 17
Commercial B—
I. & M. took 3 points from

Lions Club No. 1. V. Shafer 441 for I. & M. and F. Poorman 490 for Lions Club No. 1.
Haber's took 3 points from Rifenberg's Standard Service. C. Clark 530 for Haber's and G. Wesner 469 for Rifenberg's.
Sexton's swept all 4 points from Lions Club No. 2. D. Wilcox 523 for Sexton's and F. Blood 494 for Lions Club.
Lions Club No. 2 35½
Sexton's 32
Lions Club No. 1 32
Haber's 30
T. & M. 19
Rifenberg's Standard Serv. 13½

Commercial B—
Buchanan Amusement swept all 4 points from Buchanan Dry Cleaners.
Post Products and Wisner Motor Sales split 2 points each.
Anderson Dairy took all 4 points from Buchanan Steel Products.
G. Neidlinger 568 for Buchanan

Amusement. G. Steinbuch 444 for the Cleaners. V. Vincent 506 for Post Products. B. Newman 488 for Wisner's and W. Birdyshaw 482 for Buchanan Steel and H. Coger 531 for Anderson Dairy.
Anderson Dairy 46½
Buchanan Amusement 44
Post Products 38
Wisner Motor Sales 24
Buchanan Steel Products 23

Buchanan Dry Cleaners 14½
at Houghton, Mich., came Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Behrendt. He was accompanied home by another student, Angeles Karageorge of Rhodes, Greece, who will be a holiday guest in the Behrendt home.

Greetings

Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness



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Blessings at Christmas

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To all of you from all of us, go best-wishes for a happy Holiday season and a New Year rich in the good things of life

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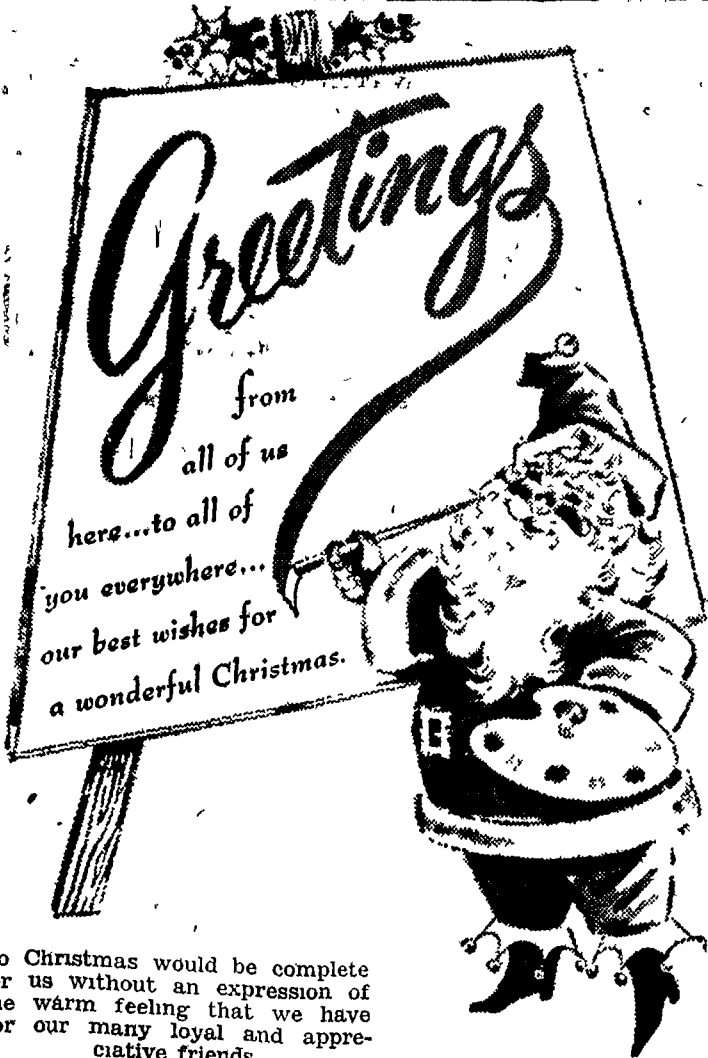
NOTICE

We Are Changing Feed Grinders. Our Large Grinder Undoubtedly Will Not Be In Operation

January 3rd and 4th of 1955

We would appreciate it if you would get enough feed ground the last week in December to hold you over until January 5th. Our small grinder will be in operation during these two days so that we will be able to take care of small grists.

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Greetings



A sleigh-ful of hearty good wishes to all our neighbors! May good health, good cheer and good fellowship be yours always!

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Canfield, Sr., and Family
Bakertown — Buchanan, Michigan

NOTICE OF HEARING

WHEREAS the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, Michigan, is of the opinion that a portion of undedicated Cecil Avenue, does not warrant improvement or maintenance and that the public good would be better served by vacation of public right-of-way rights and easement rights and,

WHEREAS the Planning Commission has recommended vacation of the street,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission deems it advisable and a necessary public improvement to vacate and discontinue all easement and right-of-way rights on South Cecil Avenue more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 933 feet East and 50 feet North of the West quarter post of Section 36, T7S, R13W, thence North 517.6 feet; thence East 57 feet; thence South 517.6 feet; thence West 57 feet to the point of beginning.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Commission shall meet at a time at least four weeks from this date to-wit:

The 27th day of December A.D., 1954 in the City Hall in said City at 7:30 P.M.,

to hear and consider objections thereto by persons opposed to or interested in the vacating, discontinuing and abolishing said street,

RESOLVED FURTHER, that notice pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided for the holding of said hearing, and notice that objections to said action may be, at that time, brought on for hearing or may be theretofore filed in writing with the City Clerk, shall be given by publication of a copy of this resolution in the Berrien County Record, a newspaper of general circulation, for two consecutive weeks.

RESOLUTION was adopted by the following vote on roll call, YEA: Deming, Smith, Derflinger, Anderson, and Hagley. NAY: None.

Passed November 22nd, 1954.

Signed: **HARRY A. POST,**
City Clerk

CHURCH NEWS

Church of The Nazarene
Corner Fourth and Moccasin
Rev. Charles H. Hare, Minister
Phone 1012

Tuesday night, 7:30, Youth meeting.

Thursday night, 7:30, gathering to pray.

Saturday night, 7:30, Gospel Minute Men meet for counsel and prayer.

The second Thursday night of each month is Missionary Society meeting.

The second Saturday night of each month the church board meets.

Buchanan Missionary Baptist
Pastor Eld. G. C. Gean
C.I.O. Hall, Fifth St., Buchanan
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.

Hills Corners Bible Church
East Glendora
Rev. Charles Optiz, Minister
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Young People, 6:45 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:45 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., followed by choir practice.

Evening service, 7:45.
Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study Thursday, 8:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Oronoko Methodist Church
"The Friendly Neighborhood Church"

C. V. Bigler, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Church school, 11 a.m. Paul Spaulding superintendent.

Classes for all ages. Everyone welcome.

Gallen Methodist Church
Gallen, Michigan

William W. DesAutels, Minister
11:00, Morning Worship. Nursery for pre-school children.

10:00, Church school, Mrs. Ward James superintendent.

7:30, Intermediate and Senior Youth Fellowship

7:30, Second Sunday Evening service.

7:30 Tuesday: Prayer and Bible study meeting.

4:00 Wednesday, Youth Choir rehearsal.

7:30 Wednesday, Senior Choir rehearsal.

Olive Branch Church of the Evangelical United Brethren

Lloyd R. Hansen, Pastor
Church school, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Junior League 6:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

News From Galien and Vicinity

Galien School Honor Roll

The honor roll for the second six weeks period of the 1954-55 school year has been announced as follows. The honor roll includes all students from grades 3 through 12 who have a grade of B or better for the period.

Grade 3—
Steven Abernathy
Georgina Thompson
Connie Swem
Kim Bennett
Patricia Crowel
Alan Doehrer

Marjorie Foster
David Gibson
Francis Locklear
Joe Murdock
James Potter
Loretta Reitz
Joan Roundy

Grade 4—
Judith Leiter
Mark Murchland
Marilee Reitz
Carol Streffling
Lorene Streffling
Jerome Szypiorski
Dollie Warren
Jimmy L. Wolford
Sharlene Berget
Kenneth Bohn
Keith Ingles
Michael Jankowski
Pat Kenny
Carol Lunsemie
Kay Lippert
Sally Bell

Grade 5—
Louise Crow
Larry Hiatt
Michele Lake
Roy Naragon
Carol Vandergrift
Jean Wright
Stephen Wright

Grade 6—
Charlotte Kinne
Beth Morley
Mary O'Malley
Karen Schinske
Linda VanTilberg
Maxine Crow
Charles Liska
Barbara Pruett
Pamela Roberts
Ann Topash
Tom Weldon

Grade 7—
Janet Brockway
Mary Clark
Jack Cook
Paul Downey
Lonna Peterson
Ruth Schmaltz
Linda Streffling
Jerry Wolford
June Derbas
Annabelle Hemminger
Flora Hermann
Leslie Linsmeier
Joanne Luther
Georgia Olmstead
Martha Pruitt
Edna Smith
Bonnie Wiley

Grade 8—
Joyce Crow

Karen Babcock
Robert Doehrer
Nancy Holmes
Deatta Lintner
John O'Malley
Michael Creamer
Ardys Jannasch

Grade 9—
Nancy Lintner
Dean Luther
Lorna Most
Joann Reitz
Roy Streffling

Grade 10—
Arlene Derbas
Sandra Hassinger
Joanne Johnson
Linda Kenton
Victoria Kozel
Margie Robinson
Delora Streffling
Bonnie Warren
Dotie Wire

Grade 11—
Jeannine Clark
Robert McLaren
Jackie Pickett
Dorothy Potter
Lester Schmaltz
Charles Shemely
Rex Smith

Grade 12—
Wanda Crow
Marlene Hampton
Dixie Huss
Walter Olmstead
Shirley Schinske
Donald Swartz
Diane Woodrick

Alta B. Harner

Mrs. Alta B. Harner, Galien, died last Tuesday at 2:50 p.m. at the Osteopathic hospital in South Bend where she had been a patient for the past week after suffering a broken hip as a result of a fall in her home. Mrs. Harner, who had lived around here all of her life, was born on Feb. 10, 1868 in Berrien county. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, in 1921.

Surviving here are three brothers, Clayton, Vere and Glen, Beckwith, all of Benton Harbor. Funeral services were held on Friday at 2 o'clock in the Kenney Connelly Funeral Chapel in Galien, with the Rev. William W. DesAutels, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Galien cemetery.

Farm Bureau Holds Meeting
The Galien Farm Bureau met last Monday night in the high school cafeteria and they enjoyed a potluck supper. There were about 20 families represented. Mr. Burton Richards of Eau-Claire, was present and talked on "New Farm Bureau Life Insurance." Mr. Richards is head of the insurance of Cass county. Allan Seyfred, discussion leader, led the discussion on "State or Local Equalization of Taxes." Frank Kelley, supervisor, was also present and talked on that subject and answered questions.

Hostess To Pinocle Club
Mrs. Robert Taylor entertained her pinocle club at their Christmas party last Friday evening. Those winning the prizes were Mrs. Robert Roundy, Mrs. John Gowland and Mrs. Harry Lintner, Jr. Mrs. Roundy was a guest of the group. Mrs. Taylor had her home decorated for Christmas with a very beautiful fireplace decoration. There was a gift exchange and a good time was had by all. Mrs. Jordan Graham assisted her as the co-hostess.

Daughter Honored On 6th Birthday
Mrs. Maurice Roberts entertained at a birthday party last Wednesday afternoon for the sixth birthday of her daughter, Lorrie Sue. There were six little girls present and games were played with each one winning a prize. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

A 3/c Eugene Tucker, who has been stationed at the Sampson Air Force Base in New York, is spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harrington and sons of Lansing, spent the week end with her parents, the Frank Kelleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Most, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Seyfred, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Swem, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Creamer, attended the Scouters square dance last Thursday at Camp Madron.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Clark have returned home after visiting relatives in Hartford City, Ind.

Miss Colleen Russell has arrived home for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, and is a student at Albion college, Albion, Mich.

Miss Sandra Swem has arrived home from Western Michigan college at Kalamazoo, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, the Daniel Swems.

The children of the Galien school are enjoying a two week's vacation from their studies.

Galien High School Party Is Great Success
The high school Christmas party was a big success. The gymnasium resembled a scene from a Christmas card when the high school students, their guests, and the faculty members enjoyed the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Student Council.

The decorations were Christmas greens and lighted and white candy canes. A large lantern, designed and constructed by John Topash, was suspended from the ceiling. Helen Harroff, Peggy Pruitt, Linda Kenton and Arlene Derbas made the decorations that were used. The center of interest was the large, brightly lighted Christmas tree which was surrounded by attractively wrapped packages for the gift exchange which followed the grand march.

The program, which included drawings for door prizes, mixer dances and other entertainment, was in charge of Don Reese, Pat Hemphill, Jerry Lee and Albert Siewert. The ninth grade home economics class, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Hannah Lundy, were in charge of the refreshments which included punch and Christmas cookies.

Senior Band and Chorus Gives Program In High School
The Senior band and the chorus presented the Christmas program last Wednesday night in the high school. The program was also presented for the lower grades, as well as the high school during the day time. The program was arranged in three parts. The chorus sang a number of the old Christmas favorites. The band played traditional Christmas music and the chorus and band joined forces to conclude the program. Decorations and special effects were in charge of John Topash and the Majorettes.

Maccabee Lodge Members Hold Holiday Fete
The Maccabee lodge members met in the lodge hall last Thursday night for their regular meeting.

ing and their Christmas party. Election of officers was held as follows: Commander, Mrs. Fred Thorson; past commander, Mrs. Glen Swank; Lt. commander, Mrs. Harry Lintner, Sr.; record keeper, Mrs. Clark Glover; chaplain, Mrs. Harry Lintner, Sr.; Sgt.-at-arms, Mrs. Lois White, mistress at arms, Mrs. James Roderick; guards (flag bearers), Mrs. Dora Wilson and Mrs. Henry Wolke; sentinel, Mrs. Fred Jochem; picket, Mrs. Grace Murdock; musician, Mrs. Leo Trapp. The committee in charge for the evening was Mrs. Norah Welch, Mrs. Glen Swank and Miss Irene Burger. The committee for the next meeting will be Mrs. Henry Wolke, Mrs. Harry Lintner, Sr., and Mrs. Lawrence Burger.

There will be a community Christmas party in the business district on Thursday night for the children. Santa will be there so it promises to be lots of fun!

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Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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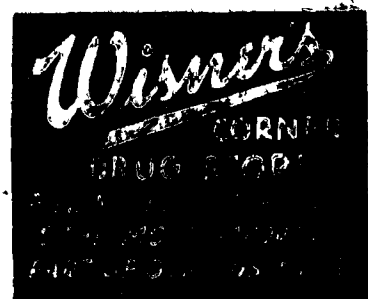
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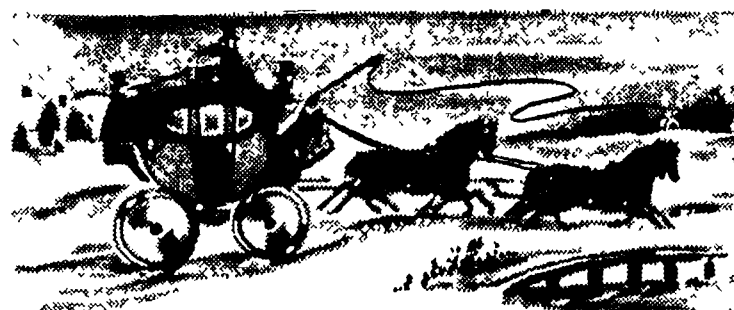
SEASON'S GREETINGS

As you journey through the coming year, we wish you and your loved ones a full measure of all the very best things in life. Merry Christmas!

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To all our friends and neighbors we send our sincerest wishes for a joyful, cheerful, healthful Holiday Season.

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BUCHANAN SOCIAL EVENTS

Fortnightly Book Club

Mrs. Clyde Marble was hostess at a Christmas dinner Wednesday at noon to members of the Fortnightly book club. Featuring the program was the story "Four Thousand Years of Christmas," presented by Mrs. H. Carlyle Carson.

Hills Corners Home Ec. Club

Featuring the meeting of the Hills Corners Home Economics club Tuesday with Mrs. Edward DeSonia was a school-day Christmas program with Mrs. Jesse G. Boyle as the teacher. Recitations, readings and singing were participated in by the members. Gifts were exchanged, secret pals revealed and names drawn for secret pals for the coming year. The program followed a co-operative dinner at noon. Mrs. Boyle and Miss Beatrice Boyle arranged the entertainment.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Reuben Wolkins on Jan. 18.

Loyal Workers Class Holds Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner and party by members of the Loyal Workers class of the Church of Christ, held Tuesday evening in the church parlors, was attended by 44 persons. During the business session conducted by Mrs. Grace Shipley, plans were made to provide a basket to a family and children's clothing to another family at Christmas time. Mrs. Walter Sturm, Mrs. K. Mildred Carlson and Mrs. George Currier were appointed hostesses for the meeting Jan. 11.

Mrs. Earl Glossenger arranged the program which included a Christmas story and prayer by the teacher, Dale Baker, a reading by Mrs. Glossenger, vocal solo by Sue Stuart, and a vocal duet by Mrs. W. Robert Palmer and Mrs. Dale Baker. Mrs. Carl Quick was the pianist.

The pastor, Rev. W. Robert Palmer, gave a short Christmas story taken from the Bible.

Scientists are of the opinion that Niagara Falls cannot be more than 20,000 years old.

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Marilyn Yazell Weds Ralph Binn

The marriage of Miss Marilyn J. Yazell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yazell, Buchanan, Rt. 1, to Quartermaster Seaman Ralph Binn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Binn, Wyand, U. S., took place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in the home of Rev. C. V. Bigler, pastor of the Oronoko Methodist church.

The bride wore a navy blue two-piece suit, with white accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. The bride's attendant, Mrs. C. Lawrence Binn, wore a navy blue nylon dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The groom was attended by his brother, C. Lawrence Binn.

The bride was graduated from Buchanan high school last June and Mr. Binn attended the Yonah, Ill., high school before enlisting in the navy. He is a member of the crew of the USS Harry F. Bauer, now in the navy yards at Charleston, S. C., where he reported back for duty Saturday.

Terre Coupe Road Club Has Holiday Dinner

The monthly meeting of the Terre Coupe Road Home Economics club, held Thursday with Mrs. Ray Babcock, was featured by a noon Christmas dinner. The group adopted a veteran from Veterans Administration hospital, Ft. Custer, and made up a box of Christmas gifts to be sent to him. It was also planned to send him a gift every month. The roll call topic was "My Best Christmas Present."

Three new members, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Maynard Walker, and Mrs. Carl Ervin, were received into the club.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Truman Bever, Jr., on Jan. 20.

Thursday Evening Bridge Club

Mrs. George Russell was hostess to members of the Thursday Evening bridge club for its annual Christmas party and gift exchange. High scores were held by Mrs. Jean Forrester and Mrs. O. L. Dorn.

Among U. S. states, Pennsylvania has the largest capacity to produce raw steel and the largest blast furnace capacity with Ohio, Indiana and Illinois following in that order.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie T. Chilson, 206 N. Oak street, Buchanan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Claire, to Duane A. Schmaltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Schmaltz, route 1, Baroda. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Chilson graduated from Buchanan high school in 1951 and is employed in the office of the Clark Equipment Co. Mr. Schmaltz is a graduate of New Troy high school and is a student at Tri-State College, Angola, Ind.

Mrs. VanEvery's Grade Again Swaps Gifts With Finland

As has been the custom for several years, the children of Mrs. VanEvery's fifth grade sent Christmas gifts to a school in Finland and also in Manila, P.I. Airmail letters were sent announcing the mailing of the packages.

On Dec. 15, a letter came from Juan Ruiz, superintendent of Villamor College, Manila, thanking the children for their kindness. The package had not reached its destination, however.

Mr. Ruiz says in part, "Miss Lim, our principal, showed me your letter and it was a pleasure to hear from you again. The children are very active with so much work to do, so I see them only on Sundays. Anyhow, every time we are together, they speak with pleasant memories of your brief association with them."

"We keep on with our work, but we have had to give up our elementary department, at least for this year. With our plans for expansion we hope to have it back next year. As it is now we have a high school and the collegiate department."

"Thank you for your kind thoughts for our children. We shall give the gifts to our eighth grade, which may still be about the age of your sixth and seventh grades. We do so appreciate this expression of good will and we need plenty of it."

"Mrs. Ruiz and I have been doing something of the sort in

another way — a very modest way. Since we have moved to our new home we have had friends who stayed with us from Philadelphia, Malaya and Australia. We have even had Mrs. Luce Moore and her two sisters, and Mr. Henry Luce, editor of Life, Fortune and Time magazines. It was such a pleasure. Acts like these and those which your children are doing, will help develop friendship and understanding, the results of which would be greater than any A-bomb could possibly be."

Charles Trapp Is Installed F. & A. M. Worshipful Master

Buchanan Lodge No. 68 F. & A. M. inducted the 1955 officers at a meeting Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall, with more than 75 members attending. The address of welcome was given by Bert N. Metzger, retiring worshipful master. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Iver Carlson, a past master, assisted by Albert Snow, grand marshal, George Chubb, grand chaplain, and Chester Wessendorf, grand secretary. Officers seated were: Charles Trapp, worshipful master, Dean Swank, senior warden, R. Verl Clark, junior warden, Wayne Castle, treasurer, Iver Carlson, secretary, George Chubb, chaplain, William Barnes, senior deacon, S. M. Rouse, junior deacon, William Holcomb and Charles Oxender, stewards, Louis Gray, Sr., marshal, Jerrold Carlson, tyler.

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- ☐ Zippo Windproof Lighters
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- ☐ G. E. and Eureka Sweepers
- ☐ Sunbeam and G. E. Electric Blankets
- ☐ G. E. and Sunbeam Mixers, Toasters, Irons
- ☐ Sunbeam Electric Fry Pans
- ☐ Revere Ware Stainless Steel and Copper Utensils
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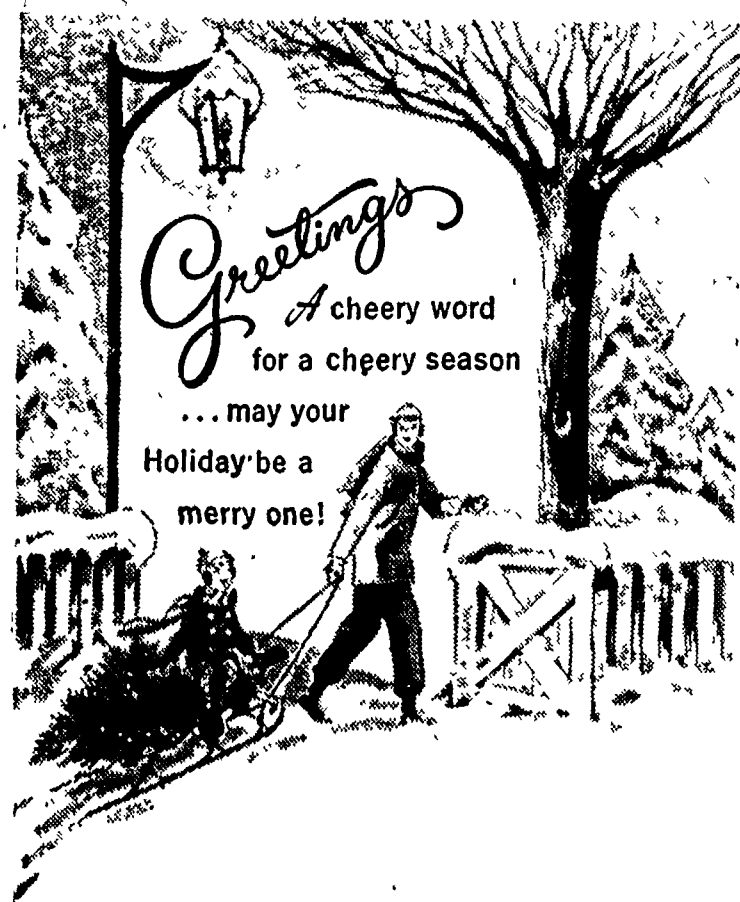
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