

# 'I like to go fast'—racer

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Motorcycle Shop of Royal Oak. They supply his cycle, a 350 Yamaha, and his maintenance parts.

The part that Banta supplies is the courage to move around the dirt tracks at up to 80 miles per hour

knowing someday your number will be up.

"I was only in one dangerous fall, it was in Brown City last year. I got bumped and flew over my handlebars.

"I GOT RUN OVER by a couple of cycles but I wasn't hurt very badly. My major thought was to get back to my bike," he said.

"It was, however a very scary experience."

Banta drove in 25 races last summer all of which were held within a 120 mile radius of metropolitan Detroit.

"There's a nice bunch of people connected with this sport and that's part of the reason I enjoy it. The risk

really isn't that great. People don't get killed.

"IN FACT, IT'S more dangerous driving a motorcycle on the street in Detroit than on the track."

"I'd be afraid to drive a cycle around there. You could get killed by a car," he said.

For Banta, the winter months are the year's longest. He longs for the first thaw and budding of trees which promise another summer of moto cross.

"Sometimes a bunch of us will get together and watch films of a race from last summer or go down to the fairgrounds and watch indoor racing."

For Tom Banta, summer is too far away.

## Santa is arriving at Mall with a pacer and sulky

Santa Claus is coming to the Livonia Mall Saturday morning and thousands of eager youngsters are expected to gather early (9:30 a.m.) to see their favorite bearded gentleman arrive for his annual month's stay.

This time Santa will appear before the kiddies in an altogether different manner than ever before in this area... he's going to make his trip through the Livonia Mall via a pacer and sulky, thanks to the cooperation of Jackson Harness Raceway which is holding a winter meeting at Northville Downs.

After his drive, Santa will open his

house in the corridor nearest to Crowley's where he will be stationed until Christmas Eve. He will immediately begin his annual visits with the youngsters.

The horse, Corker Bill, an eight-year-old owned and driven by Jayne Weller, one of the nation's top woman drivers, won as late as Monday night when it came from far back in the final quarter to win by a head.

This time Miss Weller and Susan Fogt will lead the horse and sulky through the Mall after Santa takes his seat in the sulky.

Corker Bill is rated one of the most patient and quiet horses at Northville and was picked especially for this job of assisting the smiling gentleman from the north.

## Looking for M.D.

FARMINGTON HILLS—Two Farmington Hills students at Michigan State University are members of the 1974 entering class in the college of human medicine.

Beginning their medical training are David L. Greene, 3221 Queensboro, who graduated with distinction this year from University of Michigan where he received a B.S. in zoology, and Gregory D. Kroll, 19625 Lyncroft, who earned B.S. degrees in physiology and medical technology in 1973 and 1974 at MSU.

Greene, who played La crosse for U.M. is an alumni scholar. Kroll received the Sigma Xi undergraduate research award in 1973, is a member of Beta Beta Beta honorary and was a MSU volunteer and member of the board of directors for MSU student housing.

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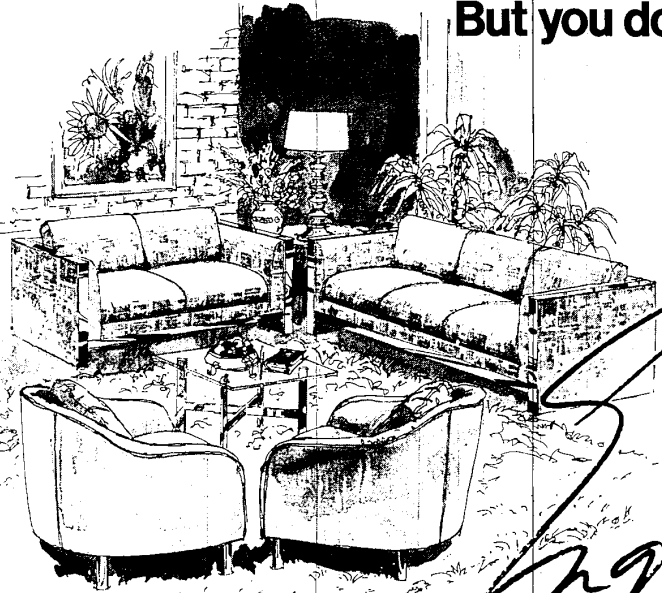
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