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Behind the scenes of the Goodfellows' annual drive to give Farmington area children a Christmas are a group of residents and businessmen who manage to find room in their holiday plans to give Santa a hand.

Holiday goodwill can come in guises ranging from a seemingly casual conversation around the office water cooler to old friends getting together for old times' sake.

At Burrow Hill Co., Farmington, Susan Snyder and the rest of the office crew decided to give up buying Christmas cards and start collecting money for the Goodfellows.

Just to make things interesting, the group approached their company's chairman of the board and asked him to match their funds.

When THE employees pitched in \$400 for the Goodfellows, the management kicked in another \$400 for the Farmington children, remembered Mrs. Snyder.

"We wanted to do something, so we decided to do this," she explained.

Instead of quitting when they collected the money, the employees asked the Goodfellows for the names of some families that needed a little Christmas spirit. They received the names of three families with 22 children.

The children ranged in age from 1½-16-years-old. The women in the office bought groceries as well as toys and a complete set of clothing for each child.

Their coup was finding snowmobile boots for each of the children, according to Mrs. Snyder.

Burrow Hill's employees got into the swing of the holiday by wrapping each present individually.

"They usually don't get wrapped presents. A couple of the guys went with the Goodfellows to give out the presents. They said they've never seen such wide eyes," she said.

Next year, there may be more wide eyes thanks to the Burrow Hill employees. They're thinking of giving a repeat performance.

Across town from the company, Mrs. Theresa Smith can be found in

her basement patiently painting toys for the children.

THIS YEAR she managed to paint 150 toys for the Goodfellows. That was far from her record year of 288 toys, wagons, cradles, trucks, engines and tractors.

Her project began about 1954 when her friend Clayton Gaylord, of Holly, was looking for someone to paint the toys that he makes of wood and household objects such as juice cans.

By now, she has her own system.

The painted toys are stashed in a corner of the family room. She paints them in her basement, usually by herself. Once in a while a niece or neighbor will volunteer to help but Mrs. Gaylord usually works alone.

"It's my own little thing," said the lifelong Farmington resident. "And I do it basically by myself."

She buys her own paints and brushes. It's part of her contribution to the Goodfellows, Mrs. Smith doesn't worry about making a mistake with the brush.

Bell expects record calls

Michigan Bell is predicting state residents will make a record number of long distance calls on Christmas Day.

The company is expecting holiday well-wishers will make \$20,000 long distance calls within the state and \$30,000 calls to places outside Michigan, including about 3,000 calls to countries overseas, according to Robert Hunter, local Michigan Bell manager.

Because of the anticipated record number of calls on Christmas Day—traditionally the phone company's busiest holiday of the year—Michigan Bell is advising customers to schedule their holiday calls during the less busy hours, Hunter said.

"Early morning or late afternoon calls have a better chance of going right through on Christmas day," he said, "which means you'll be better off phoning before 10 a.m. or between 3-6 p.m."

Callers can avoid the rush by phoning before 6 p.m. on Christmas eve or on Monday. "And if you don't have the phone number you need for a long distance call, get it from 'Information' before the holiday rush," Hunter said.

Because Christmas is on Sunday this year, he said, long distance calls placed on Monday, a legal holiday, will be cheaper than normal. And the regular weekend rate, also cheaper,

will apply on Saturday and until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For the lowest possible rates, Bell advises customers dial their own calls.

Because so many people will be using long distance circuits for extended Christmas conversations, some calls may not go through on the first attempt, "especially during peak calling times which are late morning, early afternoon and all evening on Christmas Day," Hunter said.

If a call does not go through on the first attempt, he suggested that callers wait a few minutes before trying again. "You're most likely to encounter busy circuits when phoning heavily populated communities in the southern and western states."

Nationwide, the Bell System is anticipating holiday callers will make a record total of about 15 million interstate Christmas calls this year, he said, including about 700,000 calls to countries overseas.

To make available a maximum number of transmission paths to handle the heavy Christmas volume, the telephone industry will rearrange circuits around the country which are generally used for heavy business day calling.

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von Ende named to chair state bar group

Farmington Hills resident Carl H. von Ende has been named chairman of the State Bar of Michigan's annual meeting, coordinating committee.

A partner in the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, a Birmingham firm, von Ende's term of office will run through Sept. 30, 1978.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, Detroit Bar Association and advisory committee on paralegal education at Oakland University, and a national committee member of the University of Michigan Law School Fund.

Deans list announced

Eight Farmington area students at Lawrence Institute of Technology have been named to the dean's honor roll for the autumn day term.

Those named for their grade point averages above 3.5 included electrical engineering students Karen L. Morrison and Mark A. Steinmeyer, construction engineering major Paul Wicker and architecture students Frederick Schreck and Thomas Silvestri.

Vicki A. Cooper, chemistry major; Diane E. Young, in business administration; and industrial management major Andrea J. Myers were also awarded for excellent performance this term.

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