From Santa Claus face to Batman cape

Shoppers go wild at annual Merry Mart/sale

"Boy, these were going like hot-cakes, I think I got the last one."
"I think I'm going to get this for Mandy's room. Isn't it cute?"
"We all have to keep moving or else we'll get trampled."
"These were..."

These were among the comments overheard at the Merry Mart Saleat the Raleigh House in Southfield last week. The sale was sponsored by the

Racquetball class starts

Persons courting an interest in rac-quebtall can take beginning lessons et Bescheid Courts of Farmington. 2000 Weise Farmington. 2000 Weise House Farmington. Classes will get the week of Octo-ber 31. Fee is \$21, The properties of the Parmington Hills Parks and Recrection Department, in cooperation with the racquebball courts, the lessons will be geared for the beginner and will consist of four one-hour classes on a weekly basis. There will be a maximum of four stu-dents in each class. The lessons will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at 10-11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon.

noon. Racquets and balls are furnished by the courts if needed. The participants can make arrangements for child care during weekdays with the racquetball courts.
Registration will be taken on a first come first serve basis at the Parks and Rec office, 31SS Eleven Mile, Parmington Hills. For further information, call the office at 474-6115.

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Christ Child Society, which uses the money relised to support their charitable activities for needy children. The doors opened at 10 a.m., and five minutes later, the large room was swollen with people buzzing around the loaded tebles.

They came in their designer originals, challis prints with matching slawls, high heels, stylish hats and furnished the state of the

decorations, there was plenty else it choose from:
Batman capes for Halloween. Cable that sweaters for children at \$35 each. Dried flower arrangements. Clear plastic recipe boxes with 400 recipes inside, favorites of members of the society. Knit and crocheted hats, mitters, scarves and decorations.

tens, scarves and uccommended food.
And food.
Jellies and jams, cookles, brownies, clieses cakes, regular cakes and brandy french dressing for salads.
Ten minutes after the doors opened, some of the tables were empty.

JAN SCHACK, who left the show with three bags full of merchandise, said most of the things were items she had ordered at a pre-sale show held this summer.

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Pam Gillete said she was busy buy-ing Christmas decorations for her house. Included in her two bags was one of the Santa Claus door hangers, since she says her children will "just love it."

She also bought a decorative ceiling mop for dusting away cobwebs. Phyliss Hughes, chairwoman of the

Merry Mart project this year, esti-mated that the society would clear \$30,000 from the sale.

The money will be used to support the Christ Child House and School.

The Christ Child House is located at Joy and Greenfield in Detroit. It was established as an emergency care center for children between the ages of three and ten. The children are generally referred through the courts and various social agencies and usually

A professional social worker and a staff of trained child care workers concern themselves not only with the physical well-being of the child, but also the emotional development.

A variety of new experiences encountered in the home bring the children into new activities and interests. There are currently 18 children in the home.

The school is located on Lahser in

Southfield. It is accredited through the Archdiocese of Detroit for the education of children with learning disabilities.

Through the years, two teachers with special education degrees have been employed to help children

between six and fourteen years old. The classrooms have a capacity of 12 children. It is designed to help edu-cable, mentally impaired children.

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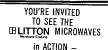
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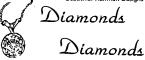
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