

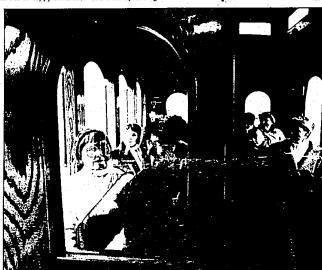


Members of the Mercyaires perform a holiday song and dance for the large crowd at the recent Old Fashioned Downtown Farmington Holiday.

Oh come all ye spenders!



ds of happy children — and a fair sprinkling of adults — watch and wave as Santa Claus lands in a helicopter in the Downtown Farmington Center.



Farmington residents Margaret and John Yagerlear see the Christmas sights from the trolley.



Actor Frank Markus is a toy soldier for children.

Season launched in city

ANTA CAME to town, as did hundreds of area visitors and shoppers. Sand shoppers and shoppers and shoppers and shoppers and shoppers and shoppers and shoppers are shown as a shopper should be shown town Farmington Holiday, launched the holiday season Dec. I for downtown merchants and residents who came to enjoy a variety of events in the came to enjoy a variety of events in the came to enjoy a variety of events in the came to enjoy a variety of events in the came to enjoy a variety of events in the post of the Bon Ton Shoppe, who stood outside greeting people most of the Bon Ton Shoppe, who stood outside greeting aportion and the shown to the store's Miss Kitty character, and traffic in and out of downtown was "steady" most of the day.

Organizers of the season launch are calling the event a success, and will meet today to discuss how to top it next year. Some of this year's events included "creating an ornament" at the downtown branch of the Farmington Community Library, free showings of the movie Farmington Area Jaycess. A free the control of the property of the proper

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A number of community groups, including the Farmington Players dressed in Dickens-style garb, helped create the boliday.

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Saturdays through Caristmas 1-5 p.m. at the Village Commons Shopping Center, there will be a glft wrapping service sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees with proceeds going to chaeity. Visits with Santa will be from 1-5 p.m.

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A number of area residents won in drawings at downtown stores during the Saturday promotion. Gift certificate winners and the respective stores at which they won included. Linda Engren and Kay Vail at the Bon Ton Shoppe. Jim Lollar at Books Abound, Jenny Bunnell at Clothes Encounters; Michelle Jones at Hot Dawg & More; Mrs. Greenwell at the Lace Curtain Shop; Dedra Clark at Sweet Construction of the Control of

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