

NOVI NEWS

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On Friday evening, December 23 at 7:30, the Methodist Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment at the church. Santa Claus will be there.

Mrs. George Hines and daughter, Mrs. Don Hines of South Lyon, were Pontiac shoppers on Tuesday.

The Frank Tamms entertained Detroit friends at dinner on Monday evening.

The Oddfellows and Rebekahs had their annual get-together pot luck dinner at the hall on Monday evening. There were about 50 present. The men attended lodge, while the ladies cleared up after the party and enjoyed a few games of cards.

Mrs. Hines, Bryan, Frisber and Martin attended visitation at the Oddfellows Lodge in Hamburg on Tuesday evening.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruth Pritchard on Wednesday afternoon.

The ladies of the Baptist Church held their Christmas party with a pot luck dinner at the church on Thursday.

Mr. Tony Olivich, who has been ill in Sessons Hospital, returned home Sunday.

The Dick Welsechs were Detroit visitors on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bessie Fletcher and Mrs. Myra Ward were Illinois visitors for a few days the past week.

Mrs. Hadley Bachart has returned from Grace Hospital.

A group of Rebekah ladies attended visitation at Hamburg on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Clara Washburn of Phoenix, Arizona, arrived by plane at Willow Run on Saturday, and is at the

home of her brother, George Hines. She was called here by the serious illness of their father, who is in his 87th year. The Hines entertained their children, the Don Hines and little son of South Lyon, and the Jack Kramers and their two children of Walled Lake at dinner on Sunday.

The O. Founders entertained company from Detroit on Sunday. The Messames Shirley Shepard, Ella Curtis, Jean Munro, Tressa Kitten and Lillian Byrd visited the Eastern Star fraternal home in Detroit on Friday. It was open house, with lunch served. A gift from their lodge, as well as personal gifts were presented.

Mrs. Shirley Shepard attended a party of Oakland County Matrons at the home of Mrs. Elsie Baynes, president of Oakland County assemblage on Saturday evening at Birmingham.

Registrar Reveals U. - M. Enrollment

Enrollment in the University of Michigan has reached 23,840 students taking credit courses in the Fall semester, announces Registrar Ira M. Smith.

This figure includes 21,305 students taking residence credit courses on the campus and 2,505 students taking extension service credit courses at various centers throughout the state.

In announcing enrollment figures for each of Michigan's 83 counties, Registrar Smith fired broadsides at one opinion regarding academic success at the University which seem to have become fairly well established throughout the state.

He branded as complete myths the beliefs that a large number of each freshman class at the University is "flunked out" and belied that only students from the larger high schools can expect to make good records.

The registrar cited official reports from the deans and directors of the university's 14 schools and colleges. These show that the University's figure for losses in the freshman class are among the lowest in the country, he asserted. The reports show that approximately five per cent of the freshmen are required to withdraw because of scholastic difficulties.

The exceptional success record is attributable in part to the university's system of counseling students, to the housing of freshmen in university dormitories and to their previous success in high school, according to the registrar.

To refute the other belief, he cited a 20-year old study of academic records of freshman students from Michigan high schools. "This study shows so much variation in the accomplishments of individual students from schools of all sizes that there is no relation ship between the size of the high school and academic success in the university," he declared.

Rather than the size of the high school, it is individual factors such as intelligence and social maturity, good work habits, adequate preparation for college studies and a certain minimum of financial resources which seem to indicate academic success at the university, he said.

Holiday Wreath

- 1 package puffed rice (about 10 cups)
 - 1½ cups light corn syrup
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1½ teaspoons vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - ¼ teaspoon green food coloring
 - ½ teaspoon mint flavoring
- Measure puffed rice into a shallow pan; heat in a moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes. Pour puffed rice into large greased bowl. Combine syrup, salt and vinegar in a saucepan; cook, stirring frequently until a few drops in cold water form firm ball (24° F.). Remove from heat; add butter, green coloring and mint flavoring, stirring only enough to mix. Mix quickly; gradually pour cooked syrup over the puffed rice. Place mixture on a greased tray or baking sheet and shape as a wreath. Decorate with pecan halves and candied cherries. Makes one 9-inch wreath.

Arctic Owls Invade State

A quiet invasion of Michigan has been in progress since late October and probably will continue through December.

The conservation department says the invader is the big snowy or arctic owl, forced southward from its native habitat on the Canadian tundra because of a periodic starvation threat.

"Normally feeding on lemmings, mice and ptarmigan, the owls appear to find the pickings slim on home grounds about every four years," explains biologist Ted Black of the department's game division. Most recent of the cyclical migrations occurred in 1945 and 1941. Over 900 birds were known to have been shot in Michigan in 1945. Few of the birds in each migration survive and return to their barren wasteland home, he added.

Unlike the more common owls of Michigan, such as the great horned and barred, both of which are slightly smaller birds, the arctic invader has no ear tufts or "horns." The snowy owl also does a considerable amount of flying during the daytime. Usually they are unafraid and easily approached since they seldom come in contact with man in their arctic home, Black continued.

In contrast to most native Michigan owls which inhabit woodlands, the snowy owl frequently is noted in marshes and open farm country.

The game division has received reports of their presence in many parts of the state. During deer season, three were shot on Drummond Island, one captured alive in Ishpeming, and another caught near Otsego in Kalamazoo county. Others have been seen at Houghton Lake, East Lansing, Pinconning, Seney and on Detroit's Belle Isle bridge. "Strange birds" also were reported in Allegan, Barry and Midland counties.

Black says additional reports are desired and should be sent to the department's game division head-

quarters at Lansing.

The arctic owl, predominantly white in color, measures 21 to 25 inches from beak to tail, and has a wingspread of about five feet. Most of the migrants spotted in the state, although quite large and thought to be older owls, are only birds of the year.

"First-Footing," a Scottish custom, means that the first person to visit you on New Year's day must bring a bottle and give you a drink for good luck.

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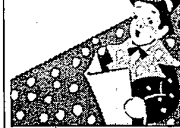
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