



**HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY** messages to Lee Duncan came from many in the community plus his six daughters gathered for dinner Sunday to wish him well.

# 97-Year Old Interested In Family, Baseball, Politics

Lee Duncan spent a happy 97th birthday on Sunday. He was delighted because he felt good, he was surrounded by his loving daughters; and the St. Louis Cardinals had won the World Series.

Mr. Duncan was born on a farm Oct. 24, 1867 about a hundred miles from St. Louis which makes him an authentic fan of the Cardinals. Besides this, his two daughters, June Miller and Mercedes Couch are presently living in St. Louis. Mrs. Miller was able to come to Livonia for the birthday party but his Mrs. Couch was not.

Mr. Duncan was employed during the war in a defense plant—but as a younger man raising his family of nine he was self-employed as a lumber representative. He also, at one time, was elected to the post of County Assessor in the area in which he lived.

Although Mr. Duncan was always too busy raising a family to participate in sports himself, he was always an avid fan.

His daughter with whom he lives on Fairfield in Livonia, Lee Shurtliff said at the end of the recent baseball season and beginning of the football season, her Dad would have one game on the T.V. and the other on the radio at the same time. And he could follow them both very well.

In addition to sports Mr. Duncan has been following the political scene with close interest and confided in me he is splitting his ticket for the first time in his life. (He also said which way.)

The Duncan sisters have always been close to their Dad—they lost their mother in 1929 and Dad Duncan has been making his home with his daughters ever since.

In addition to his daughters the Duncans had three sons, all of whom are deceased. He also has 17 grandchildren of whom he is very proud, and 23 great grandchildren.

One of his guests for dinner Sunday was 82 year old Mrs. Rose Shurtliff, mother-in-law of his daughter, Lee Shurtliff. Of course Mr. Duncan can remember his Dad as a Union soldier who went off to fight in the Civil War. Both mentally and physically he is very fit—occasionally he has to take oxygen which is kept by his bed for a "somewhat feeling".

He reads with a magnifying glass but is able to enjoy television and has good bearing.

One of the gifts he received for his birthday which is particularly pleasing to him, is a picture painted by his daughter Eula Valentine, who is an art teacher. He has the large oil of a farm scene hung in his bedroom. He pointed out the cow reclining under the tree which he wanted to be sure I noticed.

"No," I didn't ask Mr. Duncan his recipe for his long life. Anyone who is celebrating his 97th birthday and looks like 60 just must have a clear conscience, good humor and love and interest in his family and fellow man. It shines right off his face.

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## To Women It May Concern

By MYRA COX

Shades of Halloween!

It's no coincidence that all over the world youth are in rebellion against social tradition. Strange troll dolls have replaced beautiful ones; monsters are far more popular than Tarzan or Superman; and for the disturbed "taunt the policeman" instead of hockey, football, or baseball.

In the same vein the youth that is disrespectful to their parents gets sent for counseling instead of to the woodshed.

Now ladies, you and I know changes must happen—but it is important we understand a little of what is going on so we can be "with it."

If you want a short course in the real change taking place among our younguns today, take a trip down to the studio of Mouse and Company. There you will meet the "friend image," the new leader, the idol of the group, Stan Miller.

He draws monsters on sweat shirts at drag races—he and his crew spend their Saturdays drawing these personalized shirts for young fry—"Desert Rat," "Donkey Wagon," "The Clutch Artist," "Fuzz Killer"—you name it—they've drawn it.

They have a colorful 48-page book "More of the Most by Mouse" that is mailed internationally with sample drawings—and they fill orders from all over the world. Who is this Mouse?

To begin with—he is an intellectual. He is in his early 20s. He and his crew of two are all enrolled in school. Stan and Rich Ash in Arts and Crafts College, Ron Bizer at Cooley High School.

The boys are dedicated, not to mass production, but perfection in their horror (to me and thee) sketches. They are after realism and perfection.

Anything that is basic, is true, is stark, is acceptable. Mouse and his fans frown on teachers instructing kids to draw silly pictures in school.

And do you know who really started all of this new trend? None other than every Mother's friend, Walt Disney—or so Mouse says.

His own taste runs to Heronys Bosh in art—an Old Master—to Henry Kelly of Germany. Music is very important to him, as it is to so many of our young these days. True, Beethoven is hard to understand, but Mouse says he thinks it's great.

Of course, Mouse is a little older and has sort of outgrown the Beatles—he goes for blues or good, but good, rock 'n roll.

His mind runs to the practical. He has just signed a contract with a well-known toy manufacturer to make Mouse Monster kits so our little folks are able to put these lovelies together themselves under the soft lights of the Christmas tree. Perhaps we had better get used to the idea in small doses.

Stan is diversified—and was commissioned by the Redford Suburban League to illustrate their children's book, "Binkie, the Forgetful Clown." The drawings are fresh and delightful and are most appealing to the very young. Even some of our creaky types enjoy them.

Stan's Dad is retired and at one time worked for Walt Disney. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Sr. live in Livonia and haven't quite become used to their son's business—you see, they remember him as a small boy always getting into trouble in school for drawing those darn pictures.

**See You There!**

Don't forget the Mayflower VFW Auxiliary Annual Smorgasbord Sunday, Nov. 8 served from 1 to 5 p.m. Each serving will take place on the hour. Reservations call Delore's Olavser, GL 3-7579.

Plymouth Ski Club invites you to Warren Miller's technicolor production "Sound of Skiing" Nov. 6, 8:00 p.m. at Junior High School East. Donation \$1.00.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 391 is sponsoring a card party Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Plan to attend at the American Legion Post Home in Plymouth. Table and Door Prizes and All are welcome. Donation \$1.00.

The Soroptimist Club of Plymouth will hold Hospitality Night Wednesday the 28th, at the Credit Union Building on Maple Street at 7:30 p.m. The club holds its Business Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month with dinner at Hillside Inn at 6:30.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Churchwomen are holding a Halloween Card Party, 26431 W. Chicago on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are 1.25 with door and table prizes and refreshments.

The 1944 classes (January and June) of Cass Technical High School are holding a 20-year reunion on Nov. 14 atop Stoerfer's Northland Inn. Call Robert W. Kroepel, GR 4-4835 to report your whereabouts or for more information on the reunion.

## Engineering Wives Tour Art Exhibit

The Engineering Society of Detroit Junior Wives will meet at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Nov. 4 at 7:30 P.M. for a conducted tour of the exhibit from the Museum of Modern Arts, "Americans 1963." Mr. Douglas Bruce will be the program hostess for the evening.

After the tour the members and guests will return to the Rackham Building for refreshments and a social hour. The centerpiece for the tea table will be created by Mrs. Anthony Marcaccio and pouring at the table will be Mrs. James VanLoon and Mrs. John Lambert.

Members planning to attend from this area are Mrs. Richard Kading, Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mrs. William Hamel and Mrs. Stuart Vaughn.

The Junior Wives invite prospective members to attend the meeting. Any woman whose husband is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit is eligible to join the group. For further information please contact Mrs. Ronald Morrison, GA 2-2227.

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## St. Andrew's Bazaar Planned

A wonderland of dazzling arrays of Christmas decorations again transform the halls of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church into a shoppers delight. The church, located at 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia between Five and Six Mile Road will open its doors Thursday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for its fourth Annual Bazaar.

Knitting needles have been clicking all year to stock the shelves of beautiful hand knit items, sewing machines whirling to complete a medley of exciting new gifts and paint brushes flying to put the finishing touches on a potpourri of handmade items suitable for a Boutique Shop headed up by Mrs. Benjamin Jordan.

Don't buy that doll or stuffed animal until you've visited this "Doll Shop" Raggedy Ann and Andy, Winnie the Pooh, all sizes of Santa, ballerinas and baby dolls to sophisticates are just waiting to be taken home to that certain little girl on your list. Teenagers will delight in the beautiful bed dolls that have been created by the girls who worked under the direction of Mrs. Leroy Holland, chairman of this shop.

If you are an epicurian or one who just enjoys food, the Gourmet Shop will be well stocked with delicious jams, jellies, candies and baked goods offered by Mrs. Robert Aulen, Mrs. George Jessup and the committee of women who worked with them.

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