



VILLAGE ARCADE will be something new to the entire area. Think of a permanent Flea Market and you have the picture. You can't miss the bright red building on Grand River just beyond Halstead Road in Farmington before you get to 10½ Mile Road. There will be a coffee pot brewing and plenty of antiques to zany junk to capture your imagination. The Arcade will open on Friday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.

Presents For Everyone—

Redford Suburban League's annual Christmas meeting will be December 9th at Boleford. This party is for members. Please call Mary McDonald, 322 of the League only, due to the 2-2821, Mildred Burt, KE 5-3060; large attendance every year. The social hour begins at 12:00 noon, luncheon served shortly after. There is a gift for all who attend.

A delightful and appropriate program is planned by Mrs. Kathy Howland, Program Chairman for the Birmingham Bell. She will present the Birmingham Bell "Bye Bye Birdie" tickets.



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To Women It May Concern

By MYRA COX

The world outside our oceans can be going to pieces, but the Christmas spirit of Good Will Toward Men, Peace on Earth, and what are you getting Aunt Maude for Christmas, prevails within. Whether it is good or bad is not the question—the fact remains stores are anticipating an all-time high in sales—churches are more crowded and Christmas more meaningful.

On the shopping circuit the hot item for boys this year seems to be the V-Boom motor unit. They have v-room trucks (big and little) and units that fit on all size bikes that do not make the bike go faster, easier, or uphill. Operated like a motor, it idles, roars and—you know... V-Room.

All the little girls (Santa Claus-lap stage) want Penny Bright complete with \$100.00 worth of clothes or Baby Tiny Tears. Time passes so swiftly I am not sure whether the original Tiny Tears has now grown up and this is her baby or perhaps Tiny Tears' mother had another little bundle from Heaven called Baby Tiny Tears.

Then there are the talking groups—dolls and animals. Chatty Cathy undid the muzzle and now everything has something to say.

Believe me, it is not going to be a quiet Christmas.

There is one cuddly lion that growls and says "I'm king of the jungle" and shyly asks, "Aren't I?" Real personality. For the older group there is one toy that makes toys—Vac-U-Form, it's called. I read the first seven letters of the description and already I don't like it. . . . It says "comes complete with over 50 individual molds" . . . like all over the house.

Ever with us are the destruction toys. But this year mother dear, beware! We have one the manufacturers are recommending only for outside use. Yes, it's an atom bomb—and it could conceivably blow a hole right through the new, unpaid-for carpeting into the basement or lower level, as the case may be—

For men there are watches on cuff-links, which is perfect if you are under 40 and can read the fine print, or hypnosis kit for the beginner . . . and of course once the directions are mastered there is no limit to the use of the gift, such as turning the little woman against shopping, making students of the "Ivory" TV fans in the home, getting the family pet to really behave . . . It really opens a whole new world.

If this gift is under the tree I suggest we ladies have our fun before Christmas—and there are so many delightful places to browse.

Personally, I was so happy to see Livonia Hardware reopen after their unfortunate fire last Fall. I spent one whole morning just shopping up a storm.

Another place I would like to share with you, will be opening this Friday in Farmington on Grand River just past Halstead Road. It will be like a permanent Flea Market and run by my favorite "junk" lady, Dorothy McCollum. She calls it the Village Arcade. There will be about nine different dealers under one roof with a myriad of antiques, clothes, eating goodies, furniture, paintings. If you're looking for "it," chances are you can find it at Village Arcade. Among their dealers will be Beverly Seger from Farmington with her Mad Kaps, which include lovely ski tunics, Crow's Nest. The G.B.'s, a Country Coven Store, Tic-Wic, Mary Hatch from Livonia, Country Cupboard—just to name a few. They will be open from now until Christmas from 10 to 6 p.m. and it is really a place for treasure hunters.

While you are out Farmington way (and before your husband gets that terrible kit) please stop at the absolutely most wonderful boutique shop I know of. Really, I consider this place a real treasure. The name of the shop is Lawrence Mayer Florist on Grand River. From the time you open the door and some mysterious delightful scent greets you, it will be an experience in looking at real beauty to grace any home.

Mr. Mayer's Christmas boutique is particularly enchanting. You can tell his items are selected with a fine sense and a keen eye for the unusual. My immediate reaction was, of course I'll have one of each, so appealing are his imports from West Germany, Mexico, et al.

Unusual candles, toys, miniatures, Christmas tree ornaments, home decorations, sculptures, pot-holders, candleholders. Items ranging in price from one dollar to \$500 and each with distinctive value. I loved his dear little beaded coin purses and his most impressive Spanish candle holders, his tiny, tiny Nativity scenes and his large as life three Friars made of imported mache; his hand made Koestel angels, and his gay velvet Christmas stockings.

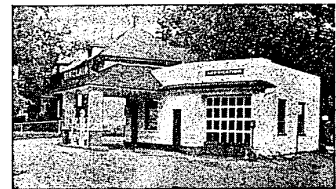
In addition to all of this, Mr. Mayer, a resident of

Farmington for many years, teaches classes in home flower arranging.

Presently he is teaching his class how to do a collage of glass, for Christmas, with lame covered styrofoam—just breathtaking.

It's not a real large shop—so it shouldn't take you more than half a day to really see everything. But regardless, for your own pleasure, if you appreciate fine things, put it on your list of "things I want to do to make this a nice holiday."

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You Are Invited On A Christmas Walk

The Lake Pointe Branch of the children at the Plymouth the Women's National Farm and, State Home where Garden Club members lend a hand twice each a "Preview of Christmas in Lake Pointe" with a Christmas Walk on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Homes opened for viewing are: Mrs. J. Wibby, 15047 Robinwood Drive; Mrs. H. Matkus, 15047 Shadywood Drive; Mrs. A. Ursa, 14359 Shadywood Dr.; Mrs. A. Holk, 42023 Clemons Drive; and Mrs. E. McCuag, 42053 Clemons Drive.

Each home will have various items for sale made by the members. These include: gift wrap, ribbon, flower vases, handmade notepaper, potholders, Christmas stockings, baked goods, candy, candles, pine cone wreaths, tablecloths and aprons, and various articles for stuffing stockings.

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The Mothers Club of Catholic Central High School will present the Annual Brazilian Fathers Christmas party in the school Gym Sunday evening, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m.

The theme "Joy To The World" has been used by Mrs. Ruth Nowacki for the decorating of the Gym, combining Christmas colors of red, gold and silver. Holiday gifts are placed under a huge Christmas tree decorated by the students. Father Clement will be master of ceremonies for a program of music by our Band and Glee Club. A medley of Christmas favorites will be sung by a group of Brazilian Fathers directed by Fr. Edward Donaher.

Honored guests will be parents of sons blessed with the vocation of the Brazilian Priesthood. Corsages are presented to the Mothers of the Faculty.

Women of Moose Ask For Cards

Women of the Moose, in Redford Township issue a special appeal this week to give a small girl something to smile about. A card, or small toy is all it would take to delight the heart of two-year-old Bethnie Ann Rice who is bedridden in her home at 33935 Hathaway, Livonia.

Dec. 2, Farmington Special Education teacher, Mr. Watson, will speak to the Moose Lodge women members on how the Farmington school district trains the retarded, educable children for jobs after they have finished schools. The meeting will begin at 8:30.