

Livonia Live Wire

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"God bless Thy year
Thy coming in
Thy going out
Thy rest
Thy travelling about
The rough
The smooth
The bright
The dear
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—From a Christmas
Card, 1954.

The ever new, awe-ful look of a small child when Santa Claus appears surely embodies a part of what we have come to call the spirit of Christmas. This has been brought forth with taking the children to see Santa at one of the stores, subdivision parties for the children, Christmas parties, Christmas caroling, Sunday school Christmas plays and church performances.

We have in our neighborhood a dainty blue-eyed blonde child destined to be an angel in the Christmas Eve program at her church. Her mother unhappily relayed the news that Sabrina had fallen down while playing and would not look very angelic with the ugly bruise she'd acquired on her forehead. The Sunday school teacher's reply was classic, "She won't be the first angel that has fallen."

Jean Aird invited fellow members of the Livonia Women's Chorus to her home on Surrey Road in Burton Hollow for a Christmas party last Wednesday. The choristers spent the early part of the evening entertaining patients at the Dorvin Convalescent Home on Morlock, a custom which they observe at a different home each year.

The ladies then gathered at Jean's for a potluck and gift exchange.

Chorus president Elsie Schweppe tells us the chorus' Christmas Concert will be heard on WERB Christmas Day around 12:30 p.m.

Not really a Christmas celebration, but still in the spirit of the season was the surprise party for Elvin Harris who was 90 years old Dec. 20. About 18 of his relatives including his wife, Maud, were on hand to help him celebrate. The Harris have lived at 5730 Grandland for the past five years. Mr. Harris' step daughter, Pat, says that her parents are extremely self-sufficient and independent. In fact until she came to live with them last summer they took complete care of themselves and the house—even to growing vegetables not only for the family but some of the neighbors. Mrs. Harris will be 94 on Jan. 19.

A highlight of the party was the wrapping of Christmas gifts for 100 veterans at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital. Members donated home made cookies for inclusion in the packages.

The gifts were delivered to the Veterans Dec. 20 by members of the Post.

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Name 2 Livonia Women to Posts in 'Dimes' Drive

Two Livonia women, Mrs. Olson Hensley and Mrs. Robert Fox, have been named to key positions in the 1965 March of Dimes Campaign. Wayne County General Chairman and ex-Tiger baseball star, Charles Gehring, announced Monday.



Cheryl Ann Steffler

Mrs. Hensley, 11631 Cavell, is the General Chairman for the area drive as she begins her 13th year of service to the March of Dimes. Mrs. Hensley is a Board of Trustees member of the Aldergate Methodist Church; a member of the Library Commission and was recently named Woman of the Week in Livonia by radio station WERB.

Mrs. Fox will head the Livonia Mothers' March on Jan. 25. A mother of two, she is also a volunteer at Northville State Hospital and past vice-president of the Livonia Jewish Congregation Sisterhood.

The goal for the fund raising drive, which will be conducted during January, is \$400,000. The goal represents an increase of \$60,000 over last year.

Birth defects kill and cripple more American children than any other human disorder. The March of Dimes is leading the fight against birth defects because it believes the people are ready to join an all-out campaign against this tragic wave of human life.

It is estimated that in Wayne County alone there are approximately 3,900 children born each year with a birth defect—or approximately 10 percent of all live births. Of this number, approximately 310 will die within a year as a result of birth defects.

The March of Dimes in the past five years has made important advances in the fight against birth defects. Through the 50 March of Dimes-financed centers and clinics across the country, including one in Ann Arbor, trained mental teams are providing the best medical care available for birth defect children.

Scientists supported by March of Dimes grants are also at work in a great number of university laboratories, including the University of Michigan, seeking the causes of these fearful conditions and ways of preventing them.

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THREE DOLLS were designed and dressed by the Plymouth Soroptimists were awarded recently. Examining the prizes with Evelyn Arthey, seated, are from left, Helyn Caplin, Alta Moore, Betty Porteous, Roberta Steele and Evangeline Lewis. (See story on page 5.)

Lorenz-Osann Engagement Told In Elegant Setting

In a Christmas fantasy setting, atop a beautifully decorated table, Scotty Lorenz, 6, and Randy Lorenz, 8, literally "spilled the beans" about their sister Shella's engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lorenz of the Mayflower Hotel, in Plymouth, held an open house for their friends at the Round Table Club last Sunday afternoon. The two young Lorenz boys, spend in their handsome suits and Christmas howl, rang single bells to gather guests around them. Each held a silver tray filled with beans and adorned with velvet ribbons. At the right minute they spilled the beans and revealed the news on the trays which was written in red ink.

Shella Beth, and her fiancé, Frederick Osann Jr., received the congratulations of the assemblage.

She is a senior at MSU majoring in Home Economics and is a member of Gamma Phi Beta social sorority. Frederick is also a senior at Michigan State and majoring in Business Administration, and a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Osann Sr. of Birmingham. Frederick is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lentz of South Lyon, who were also present at the announcement.

Shella's older brother, Stanton, presided at the gourmet table following the announcement. He is a brother of his sister and her fiancé. To accompany champagne and assorted wines, a specialty dinner was prepared by Stanton was Swiss Cheese Fondue, served European style, also Alaskan King Crab Newburg, Salmon pate de foie gras, Oyster Rockefeller, Hill-Billy Ham, and the specialty of the Round Table, tiny bar-b-que spare ribs Canapes surrounded a huge shrimp bowl.

Each of the guests received red satin-covered matches with the couples name on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz graciously greeted guests beneath a ceiling of greenery turned gold by sparkling lights. A white docket train trimmed with bright red satin apples set off the dark portrait, simple-lined dress chosen by the newly engaged Shella Beth.

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Livonia City Woman's Club Has Pot Luck Luncheon

The Livonia City Woman's Club Christmas Party was held Thursday, Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. James Beretto.

To start the annual Christmas pot luck luncheon, Grace was said by Mrs. Harvey Moelke. Following the luncheon gifts were collected to be sent to the Plymouth State Home and Training School in Northville. Games were played and prizes awarded. Members also exchanged gifts.

Hostesses for the afternoon were: Mrs. James Beretto, Mrs. E. E. Bonkala and Mrs. Harvey Moelke.

Special guests for the luncheon were: Mrs. Ronald White, Mrs. L. D. Simpson, Mrs. R. D. Bailey, Mrs. Carla Petril and Mrs. Elsie Burrell.

The next meeting of the Livonia City Woman's Club is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21. It will begin at 1 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile Road.

"Prophecies for the Future" will be the featured film on the program.

Hostesses for this meeting are: Mrs. Louis Leffay, Mrs. Earl Bruce and Mrs. Earl Westphal. Mrs. Claud Stevens will provide the inspiration.

Women interested in joining this afternoon club may contact Mrs. John VanLier at GA 1-6353 for information.

Farmington VFW Entertains Dearborn Hospital Veterans

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 4033, Farmington, sponsored a party for the patients at the Veterans Hospital on Dec. 8.

The VFW Post and Auxiliary were represented by the following members: Mr. Vance Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kutschke, Mrs. Catherine Courtney, Mrs. Evelyn Rouse, Mrs. Hettie Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson. Mrs. James Johnson is Hospital Chairman for the Auxiliary this year.

The VFW and Auxiliary were assisted at the hospital by Jean Deering, VFW Departmental Hospital Chairman, Jim Archambault, Dearborn Director for Recreation and Felix Beyer, a patient at the Hospital.

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Friday Is Exciting Day

(See picture on Page 7)
Last Friday was an exciting day for the 24 children in the children's ward at St. Mary's Hospital.

Of course, all days are exciting for these patients now because Dec. 25 is drawing so near. However, Friday was a special red letter day second only to Christmas Eve and Christmas.

The first event was the appearance in the halls of the school year from St. Mary's High School. The high school coeds sang Christmas carols ranging from "Jingle Bells" and "Hallelujah Chorus" to "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

The next event was the arrival of two officers of the Livonia Soroptimists, Betty Schweler and Marge Miller, in the ward with their arms laden with Christmas gifts.

By the time the Soroptimists left the children's eyes were dancing and the nurses breathed a sigh of relief and began restoring things to their natural order.

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