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# 'OPERATION APPALACHIA:' Suburbs Send Christmas to Kentucky



**'OPERATION APPALACHIA,'** spearheaded by a Livonia school teacher to aid poverty-stricken families in Harlan, Kentucky, brought donations of food and toys from throughout the area before Christmas. Among those making donations in Livonia Wednesday were, from left: David, Dennis and Mark Zurek, of 14336 Loveland; and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Handzik and Youth Employment Service Director Miriam King, accepting the donations. Standing, from left: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chalifone, 36449 LeAnne, and Mrs. Bernice Zurek.

Santa Claus and the spirit of Christmas zeroed in on a poverty-stricken Appalachia last week, delivering 16,000 pounds of food, clothing and toys to children and their parents in Harlan County, Kentucky.

And, with a big boost from Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington and Redford Township residents, the airlift of gifts which originated in the suburbs may be turned into a full-fledged, year-round drive to help end the

economic depression in the mountain region.

Source of the Yuletide shower of gifts for the Appalachian victims was a four-day drive that netted hundreds of separate donations from residents throughout the suburbs. Organizer of the program was a Livonia schoolteacher, Allan Malan, and his wife, Betty.

Malan, a teacher at Bryant Jr. High School, started the ball rolling Monday evening after viewing a TV documentary on poverty in Appalachia. He sent a 250-word telegram to President Johnson asking for a federal crash program to provide a cheerful Christmas to the Kentuckians.

Making an appeal on radio the next day, his wife contacted municipal officials in scores of suburbs and by Tuesday night, the idea had mushroomed into a spontaneous gathering of food, toys, clothing, shoes and other supplies for Kentucky.

Groups as diverse as the Salvation Army, the Team-

sters' Union, the U.S. Air Force and Ford Motor Co. volunteered their services, and by the morning of Christmas Eve, two plane-loads of supplies were ready to be air-lifted to Bristol, Tenn., for distribution.

Weather closed in, however, and the planes couldn't leave until Saturday. In the meantime, part of the shipment was

taken by a truck, driven by a former Garden City councilman.

Another plane left from Selfridge Air Force Base yesterday, with Malan and newsmen in-cluding Dave Eklis of The

Observer aboard, to deliver more than 10,000 pounds of clothing.

Reaction thus far from those in Kentucky has been one of appreciation, coupled with a hope that residents in Michigan and other parts of the U.S. will help find a permanent solution to the problem.

"We got swamped with all kinds of goods whenever there's a natural disaster, or a Christmas," one Kentuckian said, in a broadcast over radio station WERB. "We appreciate this help a great deal."

"But the first thing everyone can do is to write their Congressmen and Senators to support the present anti-poverty program and work to expand it."

"We want to help ourselves as much as we can — that's why we want this federal program which will help us help ourselves."

Malan and those who worked with him on the drive are attempting to fulfill the need to help find a permanent solution to the problem.

"We have no national groups to relieve social disasters," he said. "It's going to take citizen initiative, citizens' committees and direct action, to help relieve these problems."

He paid special tribute to the Salvation Army, Livonia Schools Superintendent Benton Yates, who issued an information bulletin on the drive to the city's schools; Mayor Harvey Moelke, and his secretary, Eleanor Jenkins; and Mrs. Thomas Embush, 1965 Parker, Livonia, who telephoned 65 persons soliciting contributions.



**CHRISTMAS TREAT** for the more than 1,400 workers at Sears Livonia Mall store was a buffet dinner served in the huge receiving room by the Roumell Catering Co. Shown are some of the employees gathered at the tables in the gaily decorated room. The afternoon program included songs, good eating and numerous prizes, courtesy of the store management.

## Slates Meeting On Millage

The South Redford Board of Education has called two special meetings.

Both will be held in the Board Room at Thurston High School.

The first meeting called for Dec. 30 is to consider and take action on the charges leveled by parents against Thurston High School Teacher Judy Lewis.

Another special session will be held Jan. 6 to discuss millage needs for the District and possible recommendations for ballot proposals.

## Students Urged to Register for Night College Courses

With a deadline of Thursday, Jan. 7, starting them in the face, more than 600 students have pre-registered for the second semester of evening classes at Schoolcraft College, according to Director Doll Reed.

Another 400 to 500 are expected to enroll during the registration period of Jan. 4, 5, 6 and 7 between the hours on 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the college library.

Reed emphasized that no registrations will be accepted after Jan. 7.

"Openings still remain in many of the classes," he said, "but some of the sections have been filled and closed. Additional sections have been added to accommodate more students in English Composition, and Introduction to Business and Accounting."

"There are still places in many of the Business and Technical classes as well as in Science and in the Foreign Languages. However, it is wise for any student planning to attend a particular course, to register as quickly as possible to make certain he or she is accepted before the class is filled."

## The Best of Paul Chandler

(Editor's Note: During the next few weeks, The Observer will present excerpts from Paul Chandler's "Facts and Opinions" columns of the last nine years.)

For a nation or a woman or a man to attempt to live entirely within the memory of its past, without recognizing and yielding to change, is to absolutely guarantee ultimate insanity and crack-up.

One universal truth, from the beginning of consciousness to this moment, is that change is here always and unending, that whatever the misery or bliss of the moment, . . . this too shall pass."

Madness, suicide, murder, divorce, revolution, war—all the violence which originates within the minds of men—come about because one party or another refuses to abandon the comfortable memories of its past to live instead with the realities of the present.

The standard example in the psychiatry ward is the adult who can't endure the frustration of being unable to refind security and warmth which he remembers as a child in his family arms.

But there are many other types of human disintegration—all with the single cause.

" . . . this too shall pass," is not a Biblical phrase, as best it can determine. It appears several times in contemporary works.

Wrote John Godfrey Saxe in 1850: "When skies are clear, expect the cloud; in darkness, wait the coming light. What ever be thy fate today. Remember, This will pass away!"

Winston Churchill once said that great battles are won by leaders "who have reached the point where it is impossible to continue, and then wait half an hour longer."

Hawthorne said: "This greatest mortal consolation—which we derive from the transitoriness of all things—This, too, will pass away!"

Paul Hamilton Hayne: "What'er thou art, where'er thy footsteps stray, Heed these wise words—This, too shall pass away."

At the time of his trial in England, according to Bartlett's, Warren Hastings related to his friend an Indian tale which had given him much comfort.

A monarch, who suffered many hours of discouragement, urged his courtiers to devise a motto, short enough

to be engraved on a ring, which "should be suitable alike in prosperity and adversity." After many suggestions had been rejected, his daughter offered an emerald bearing, in Arabic, "This, too, will pass."

And in grandfather's time there was a popular lady poet, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who wrote: "Since life is short, we need to make it brief; Since life is brief, we need to make it bright. Then keep the old king's motto well in sight, Whatever comes —this, too shall pass away."

Marcus Aurelius said, "The universe is change our life is what our thoughts make it," and he also wrote, "Observe always that everything is the result of a change and get used to thinking there is nothing Nature loves so well as to change existing forms and to make new ones like them . . . time is a sort of river of passing events; no sooner is a thing brought to light than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away."

In a word, wise men long have observed that a frozen, unyielding mind or person can not exist happily on earth.

To know this, is to understand that rigid dogma can be dangerous.

It can mean that the same mores and morals which in the past were given as sacred and inviolable in the future can be a vehicle for misery and self-destruction.

It also has meant that a man sailed a ship, failed to fall over the edge of the world, and changed for all time an image of the world which had existed in men's minds for centuries before.

It means that if the speed of light is re-measured, and Time given a new mathematical value, today's entire "knowledge" of the size and shape of the universe can be overhauled in a few moments.

For a nation, it should be a warning that the grandeur which was its in the past, could be vulgar pomposity tomorrow.

To any person so searching, the thought is burned on the mind that the extent of man's knowledge today is but a granular of the total truth in the universe; and that reasonable mortals must be prepared for new information, new "truths," revised "dogmas," at any time, now or tomorrow, subject to change without notice.

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## Deadline Nears for Filing in Senate Race

With next Monday set as the deadline for filing, four candidates have thus far emerged for the 14th District State Senate seat left vacant by the death of Paul M. Chandler.

Livonia Councilman Edward McNamara confirmed he would enter the race on the Democratic ticket. His opponents thus far are Elsie Gilmore, of Livonia, a former Democratic county chairman; and James McCarthy, also of Livonia, the unsuccessful candidate in the November election.

Former State Senator Farrell Roberts is the only announced Republican candidate thus far, and has won the backing of several 14th District GOP leaders.

The primary election will be in February, with the final vote scheduled for April.

With many of the 1965 models new from the ground up, public interest is zooming in the 49th annual Detroit Auto Show, Jan. 9-17, in the Detroit Artillery Armory, West Eight Mile near Northland.



**YOUTHFUL choristers**, from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia, are shown entertaining the staff of Crowley's at the Livonia Mall. The 31-voice group, made up of boys and girls, sang several songs under the direction of Mrs. Allen Haggard. Rev. Jay Coulton gave a short

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