

Meadowbrook

Murmurs

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Have you got a minute? You know we shouldn't be in such a whirl at Christmas time. We should not be so busy shopping, wrapping gifts, sending cards, making cookies and candy, attending parties, giving parties, creating Christmas costumes for the children, not to mention all the housecleaning most housewives get feverish about around Christmas time.

The Christmas tree was already up last week at the Harold House residence, 21512 Roosevelt, reasons being two — Rachel, age six, and Harold, Jr., age five. "Mom" hasn't had quite as much time for Christmas sewing this year for she has been substitute teaching in the Clarenceville Schools this fall. Mrs. House used to be a full-time teacher, before her marriage, in Dayton, Ohio. Speaking of Ohio, remember the big snowstorm at Thanksgiving time? The House family were snowbound at New Canaan, Ohio, a week. They'll be taking their chances again by going there for New Year's, visiting her family, the H. B. Cooks. Christmas Day will find them in Kingston, Michigan, at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Ricker.

Breaking a wrist just before Christmas is quite a handicap, especially when you're getting settled in a new home. But Mrs. Hedwig Contala of Mendota Street in Detroit has three daughters, including our neighbor Mrs. Joseph Cauffiel of 23033 List Street. The three sisters pitched in to help Mom get settled and now they can have their annual family Christmas dinner at "home" on Christmas Day. And this year Mom can mostly sit back and watch. What a treat!

Mrs. Cauffiel passes on a hint on how to hide Christmas gifts from especially curious children. And since excited son Randall still doesn't know what he's getting, her idea must work. "Just put it out in plain sight," she says. She'll go into detail if you can catch her at home some day when curious little ears aren't around.

Billy Waack, ten-year-old son of the Morris Waacks of Scotter Street, took a tumble on the ice last week at school, bumping his head. Mom was summoned by the teacher and she rushed him to a doctor who found Bill had a slight concussion. All is fine now and Bill had a good chance to rest up before Christmas.

Santa turned up at the Clarenceville P. T. A. party Tuesday evening at the Clarenceville gym. Also

there to brighten the Yuletide atmosphere was the Livonia Civic Chorus directed by Lester McCoy from the music department of the University of Michigan.

Another Christmas party featured a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. Walter Thurman of 21411 Randall last Thursday night. The 14 members of the Clarenceville Parents' Club who circled the table elected new officers that evening. President for the coming year is Mrs. Frank VanZant of 20435 Louise. Mrs. Edward Sponenburgh of 20355 Louise is the new vice president and the secretary is Mrs. Lyle McGlocklin of 20100 Parker Street. Mrs. Vera Cobb, 20275 Melvin, was elected treasurer. The Parents' Club meets twice monthly, one business and one social meeting. And like the other mothers' clubs that help our children's activities along, this group is always busy.

Christmas Day at the George Scanlan home at 21215 Dresden Street means a merry time since nine children and 21 grandchildren make quite a crowd. Yes, it's 21 now for a new grandbaby arrived December 10. He's Gary Paul Horntvedt. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and he's the second son of the Earl Horntvedts of Norfolk Street, Livonia. So Gary's "big brother" Earl, age 2, and sister Susan, age 3, will have an especially nice Christmas this year. Their mom is the former Madia Scanlan.

Where to put the Christmas tree is always a problem and Mrs. Robert Watwood has surveyed her busy home at 21215 Middlebelt Road and says it looks like she'll have to suspend it from the ceiling. Her daughter Barb has put in her usual Christmas order, a new doll and lots of doll clothes so the Brownies are busy around Mom's sewing machine come nighttime, when six-year-old is in bed.

When you're planning a new fireplace is a luxury, an expensive one at that. But at this time of year a fireplace is no luxury, it's almost a necessity for any well-read child will tell you that Santa comes in by the chimney. We parents have more trouble that way, and every year it seems to take the same amount of explaining. But aside from the thrill of Santa which everyone acquainted with a child can share, there is another part of Christmas which has an even bigger thrill. Try to get those gifts all wrapped and the other

DECEMBER MOST DEADLY TRAFFIC MONTH IN YEAR

December, the gayest month of all, is also the deadliest.

This is the warning given by Sergeant Henry P. Kozowicz, commander of the Detroit post of the Michigan State Police, in a plea to pedestrians and drivers to be especially careful during the holiday season.

Pointing out that police agencies throughout the state are now carrying on a holiday traffic safety campaign, Sergeant Kozowicz said: "Traffic records show that the death toll in December is the heaviest of the year. (Since 1945 more than 750 persons have been killed in December, traffic accidents on Michigan streets and highways, and of these nearly 200 were pedestrians.)

"Christmas shopping and other holiday activities bring more people out-of-doors. Added to this are longer periods of darkness, unfavorable weather conditions and an added tendency towards carelessness because we're thinking of other things."

"Don't spoil your Christmas and bring sorrow into your home because of a traffic accident. This season is supposed to be the happiest of the year. Keep it that way by walking and driving safely."

Christmas "work" done by the 23rd, won't you? On Christmas Eve sit quietly and think about Christmas itself and then our Christmas wish to all Murmurs readers will come true. Peace in your hearts — not just on Christmas but the whole year through.

Depressions Eliminated In Farmington

A positive cure for depressions was suggested and proven by a man from this city. The gentleman in question, Mr. Lyle A. McGlocklin, pointed out that he had been overcoming depressions for years and there are many people who will attest to his methods.

The depressions that are referred to, of course, are those depressions you may find in your overstuffed furniture. The method of overcoming said depressions is through modern upholstery as done by Farmington Upholstering, 32420 Eight Mile Road, West. Mr. McGlocklin offers this following bit of advice to all who will read: "If your overstuffed is understuffed and needs overstuffing by this is — that is, our phone is Farm. 2042. It's an ad.



YANKEE INGENUITY—A hot meal is hard to find in Korea but these two G.I.'s, Corporals Gerard Brookman, left, of Chicago, and John Fitzgerald of Philadelphia, find that they can warm up their rations on the hood of their jeep by running the motor. Heat from the motor also gives their bodies some relief from the biting cold.

Allow Red Fox Trapping At Warren Dunes Park

To reduce the excessive red fox population in the Warren Dunes state park, the state conservation commission has opened the area to trapping of the species through May 15, 1951.

A trapping permit can be secured, without charge, from the park manager or the Berrien county conservation officer.

IT'S A GIRL!

A baby girl, Cynthia Lee, was born December 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oldenborg at Harper Hospital. The new arrival tipped the scales at six pounds, nine ounces.

Any girl seven through 14 interested in becoming a Brownie or Intermediate Girl Scout should contact Mrs. Harry Farmer at 1978-R.



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Grand Cafe	40	20	20
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K. Kemp Contr.	36	24	12
Tavern Auto	32	28	4
Hasley Products	32	28	4
Royal Tool	32	28	4
Michigan Belt	31	29	2
Westlake Engineers	31	29	2
Twin Pines	29	31	0
Quigley Machine	29	31	0
Vaack's Service	29	31	0
West Point Motor	25	35	0
Automatic Valve	22	38	0
Earl Vivier	19	41	0
A. T. and G. Co.	15	45	0

High individual 3 games, Ed Hasley, 609. High individual 1 game — Bob Shaw, 265.

High team 3 games — Waack's Service, 2681. High team 1 game — Tavern Auto Sales, 983.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Auten of Royal Oak were Sunday guests of the Ralph Autens on Shiawassee.

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Income tax time is here again. Minnie E. M. Elwood, Michigan State College agricultural economist. Valuable help in the job of preparing a return is offered by a newly revised bulletin, "Farmers 1950 Income Tax".

Prepared by a committee representing several mid-west land grant colleges, the bulletin offers a review of important points of the income tax law. Elwood represents Michigan in preparation of the bulletin.

The publication, extension bulletin 257, "Farmers 1950 Income Tax", can be secured from county extension offices, or by writing to the Bulletin Office, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

The American trucking industry pays \$1,151,000,000 a year in special highway taxes — more than the total spent by all states for new roads in 1948.

Obituary

Lucille Langlais Ross
Mrs. Ross, 22, died Monday morning at Providence Hospital of injuries received in an auto accident three miles east of Howell on US-16 early Sunday morning. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. from the MacDonald Funeral Home in Howell. Survivors include her husband, William Ross, of Howell. The couple was married in 1947. Two children, William, Jr., 2, and Norma Jean, one year, also survive, as do her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langlais of 23717 Springbrook; a brother, Bertrand, also of Springbrook, and two sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Craig of 23707 Middlebelt and Mrs. Jack Givens of 23717 Springbrook.

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