

PAM BURT, of Troop 271, decorates the German tree with a gingergerman. (Photo by Fran Evert)

The Polish tree was under the direction of Arlene Schofield, Jan Vanderwill, Marylyn Doyle, and Judy Baturoni.

Cookies were donated by troop 510 led by Sue Geraci and Peg Cyrowski: troop 644. Laura Langdon, Pat Tuck and Marilyn McInally, 702, Yvonne Gerich and Lois Sin-naive: 11, Martha Barrie, and a special award was due Debbie Potter.

Area chairman for the scouts is Dorothy Pillo, for the Camp Fire Girls, Bar-bara Lanigan.

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Susan Frontezak, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Frontezak of 28359 Dundalk
in Farmington Hills, received second prize for her
poetry reading in a contest
sponsored by the Swarthmore College English department and the Owen Moon
Fund.

Christmas Past Was Pretty Good

By W.W. EDGAR

When you drape that pine or spruce tree in your living room with tinsel and the little colored lights, chances are you'll wonder who trimmed the first Christmas

tree.
You might also wonder who discovered the existence of Santa Claus or who hung up the first Christmas stockup the first Christmas stocking. You might even wonder who sang the first Christmas card and started some of the other activities that have become traditional with this season of the year. And you might ask, "Who was the first to select a strategic place for the hanging of misuletoe?"

It is surprising to learn, upon research, that some of these Christmas customs are of recent origin while others date back even beyond the

norse ascroed to ve eary Turkish tradition. His fame soon spread and when the custom was brought to Scandinavia a great change took place. The Scandinavians felt more at home with a Saint Nick who rode a reindeer drawn sleigh. They also gave him a red suit, a hand - me - down from the ancient Norse God. Thor.

The rosy cheeks, white beard and big belty were in-

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mistletoe. Primitive Britons called it "all heal." They believed that it was a cure for all disease and protection against witcheraft and that it would bestow deritilly on humans and animals. Also, it was believed that if a young couple sealed their marriage with a kiss under the mistletoe they would have good luck the rest of their lives. Then there is the origin of the Christmas carol. The word "carol" means to "dance in a ring." It is believed that the practice of stitup around in a ring and and singing was popularized by St. Francis of Assisi.

It was back in the 12th century when he sought to bring the Christmas message more vividly to the villagers, few of whom could read, that he arranged and marsh. According to this lebend and control to this lebend to the control to the lebend and control to this lebend to the control to the lebend and control to the

spired by the famous poem. The Night Before Christmas" that was written by Dr. Clement Moore who modeled Santa from an old Dutchman of his acquaintance.

The origin of the Christmas stocking also is most interesting. One legend has it that the original St. Nicholas, taking pily on a man too poor to provide for his daughter, dropped gold pieces in a stocking hung up by the fire to dry.

It is believed, however, that the stocking custom originated in Germany, And it is interesting to learn what the children in various parts of the world find in their stockings on Christmas morning.

In Italy for instance, good children find gifts in their stocks and stockings. The naughter children find their stocks are provided in their stocks and stockings.

arranged a manger scene us-ing real people and animals. According to this legend, when the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in the joyous celebrations and thus gave "caroling" to the world. Such are the legends of

Christmas that have been handed down through the

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Tree Festival Is

Success

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington Hills was held December 10, 1973

The Mayor reported completion of the transfer of funds and liabilities from the former Quakertown Village officials to the City of Farmington Hills.

On the subject of paying Gill Read. Mr. Majoria and the Mayor have conferred with Count officials: So per cent the feed will be but a received and the Mayor have conferred with Count officials: So per cent the feed will be but a received and the County of the County will provide sail boring tests to determine the type of paying materials. Local developers will work with the City on construction of a test section of sideralize, the use of which would be evaluated by the City.

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was apprised of developments in the joint submission of a "Satu" Federal grant application by Livonia, Farmington and FarmMr. Majoros will submit additional details to the Council at the

natures. The Beauficiation Committee report was presented by Mrs. Jan Dollan, chairman, who emmerated the various projects sponsored by her Committee. Bris. Dorboty Cost. I student in the Clementile School system, narrand a first Dorboty Cost. I student in the Clementile School system, narrand a first Dorboty Cost. A student as the Woodbrook School in improving their environment. A public bearing on neeesly for a Sport Alexander Morrand Coston and the Cost of School in improving their environment. A public hearing on neeesly for a Sport Alexander Cornell growth School in the School of January Tal. First Portary Til. First a sunconcred so the defer for a public hearing on the neeesly

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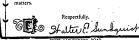
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