



## Good old Santa and his friends

A familiar sight last night was this portly gentleman with his crew of elfs and reindeer frolicking across roofs to bring gifts for children. This rendition was constructed by Warren Bopp of Farmington Hills. (Photo by Craig Newman)

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Warren Bopp, of Farmington Hills, shows his granddaughter Cori Reed, 15 months, how he makes the fantasy of Christmas come alive. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Police seek robbers of city beauty shop

By RON GARBINSKI

Three armed white males forced their way into Howard's Beauty Supply, 3318 Grand River, last Saturday and left with an estimated \$4,500 in cash and merchandise, according to City of Farmington Police.

The gunmen entered the store about 7:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 20, and held the owner and two employees at gunpoint. They stole \$1,200 in cash, a diamond ring and several hundred dollars worth of cigarettes and merchandise.

The owner, Howard Silverman, 22, his sister, Debra, 18, and his fiancée, Debra Aguias, 21, all of Oak Park, were the only ones in the store at the time of the robbery.

Police said one of the men had entered the store about 6 p.m., just before closing, and made several small purchases while apparently checking out the store.

At 7:30 p.m., while the employees were in the office counting receipts, Silverman left the building through the back door to warm-up his car. When he was ready to reenter the building, he was approached by the

three men who took him back inside and forced all three into the back room.

The employees were held in the back room for about 30 minutes as the robbers made threats, gathered the money and loaded their car with merchandise. They also took Mrs. Aguias' engagement ring.

The victims were then tied up with adhesive tape and were told by the men to wait 10 minutes before attempting to free themselves.

According to the police, the victims were told not to call the authorities or they (the gunmen) would come back and "get them."

On their way out, the men pulled all the phones out of the outlets.

Doing as they were told, Silverman and the two women waited until the men had left to untie themselves. They then went to the Civic Theatre next door and called the police.

Police suspect that the men were lurking around the front and back of the store for about an hour before the hold-up and had ample time to look over the store and plan their moves.

Police request that anyone entering

the Civic Theatre or the Village Inn between the hours of 6-8 p.m. who saw the men standing around the building, contact the Farmington Police Department. As of Monday night police had no leads in the case.

**DURING THE ROBBERY**, one customer came to the front door of the supply store hoping to get in, but one of the gunmen told him the store was closed.

The men are described as being between 25-35 years-old, one is about five feet-10 inches, 160-pounds with straight brown hair above the ear. He wore a red ski jacket and brown work clothes.

Another is about six feet two inches, 160-pounds, with dirty blond shoulder-length hair and a Fu Manchu mustache. He has a long scar on his nose and was wearing a three-quarter length gold jacket.

The third suspect is approximately five feet-10 inches of stocky build with dark short brown hair. He wore a green turtle neck ski hat and plaid pants. Police also said the man had a tattooed mouth so that when he spoke it appeared as though he was talking out the side of his mouth.

## Counselor aids families with troubled youths

By RON GARBINSKI

John Pinkerman came to Farmington earlier this year to help prevent kids from getting into trouble. Slowly, area youths are benefiting from his work—hopefully before juvenile problems "hit the fan."

Pinkerman offers voluntary counseling services to families experiencing problems with their children. His days are spent talking with youths and their families about problems, referring juveniles to other agencies or individuals and directing the progress of a community group involved in helping youth.

Pinkerman, and the General Citizens' Committee form the nucleus of the Farmington Youth Assistance Program. Together, they work with one purpose—to conserve society's most important resource, youth.

"The purpose of our program is to

provide voluntary services to young persons of the Farmington community in need of counseling and guidance," explains Pinkerman. "And we try to base these services on respect, value and understanding relationships with youth."

**THE FARMINGTON Youth Assistance Program (FYA)** is sponsored by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, the Farmington School District and the juvenile division of Oakland County Probate Court. It operates under guidelines set by Oakland County in an effort to prevent anti-social juvenile behavior in the community.

Pinkerman, who has had much experience and training with voluntary youth and court programs, is a case-worker employed by the county. He acts as coordinator of programs to keep juveniles out of courts. His job is

the most interesting type of social work responsibilities he has come across in his many years in the court and juvenile systems, he says.

"This is a civil service position and I had my training at the Youth Assistance office in Pontiac," says Pinkerman. "When I first found out where I would be assigned and what I'd be doing, I was really pleased because

this type of work is really consistent with my personal goals and philosophies."

I provide counseling services for area youths and families on a short term basis, about three to six months with each case. But they must contact me because our program is strictly voluntary and confidential. Usually they are referred to our office by

schools, police or any other organization that might realize there is a problem developing."

If we could get more parents to admit there is a problem with their kids before it gets out of hand, then everyone could benefit more from FYA. But it usually is after the fact when the families come to us. Yet my main goal remains oriented towards a

preventative policy to help kids stay out of trouble."

The General Citizens' Committee, which works closely with Pinkerman is headed by Dr. George Bowman. It attempts to prevent delinquency and neglect through its combined efforts

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## Music lover spreads joy world-wide

By CORINNE ABATT

Helen Bishop of Farmington Hills was nine years old when she started as an accompanist for a small mission church in Detroit.

She played the only hymn she knew for two Sundays in a row, finally learned a second, and was justifiably proud to have a two-hymn repertoire. A lifetime later, and Mrs. Bishop is still very much involved in music, sharing her enjoyment with others, and furthering her enthusiasm on a national level.

From 1962 to 1968, she was national president of Delta Omicron, international music fraternity for women. It is a growing organization with 150 collegiate and alumni groups including seven in Korea.

"The Koreans are marvelous musicians," says Mrs. Bishop who visited there with her husband in the '60s during a period of unrest. "We have assisted a number of Korean women in continuing their musical studies in this country."

Although the national office required traveling throughout the country, ("I never could have been president without my husband's help") is past, Mrs. Bishop now

serves as a member of the fraternity's foundation board and field representative.

She represented the fraternity at a world music conference in Toronto last fall and is active in foundation projects which include graduate and undergraduate scholarships in many fields from music therapy to the performing arts.

And she is still active in her home community and the metropolitan Detroit area.

She was a public school music teacher and has also been a regular soloist and accompanist in area churches. Now, she is active in her local Delta Omicron chapter and Tuesday Musicals and takes programs to nursing homes and hospitals.

She generally arranges to have five or six musicians from these organizations with her when she plans these programs, usually instrumentalists and vocalists.

"For the nursing homes, we plan programs a little differently than we would for more formal occasions. We try to make them shorter, more lyrical and have some group participation."

She speaks of the program the group did for the holiday season at

the Farmington Nursing Home.

She says with a smile, "Of course they love to see young folks, but we had one 91-year-old lady violinist and they just loved her. We go around after the concert and greet the patients and they always tell us to please come back again. I even sang that day."

Mrs. Bishop goes once a month to the veterans hospital as soloist for the church service held there.

**THESE PROGRAMS** follow one of the objectives of Delta Omicron—to stimulate appreciation of good music at the community level.

There are many more purposes and objectives of the fraternity. All revolve around encouraging and strengthening the role of good music in life from the community to the world level.

Vital is the encouragement and support given to college-age women.

Outstanding musicians of both sexes are invited to be patron members and Mrs. Bishop presided at the installation ceremony when the world renowned conductor Sir John Barabari and his wife were welcomed to Delta Omicron.

Through her work as national presi-

dent she has made friends all over the world. She sighs momentarily as she thinks of her long, long Christmas card list and at the same time is grateful for the opportunity to have such a wide scope of friendships.

Mrs. Bishop is a graduate of the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts, later reorganized into the Detroit Community School.

The Institute of Musical Arts had the second chapter of Delta Omicron. The first was founded at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 1909 by three freshman students (one is still living in Columbus, Ohio).

She speaks of the annual composition competition for women which the fraternities sponsors annually, the many biennial projects which local chapters are being encouraged to plan, the women who through Delta Omicron scholarships have gone on to become recognized musicians.

Yet, something else pleases her almost as much. Through the regular chapter meetings, members always have an opportunity to perform. They may be busy mothers with children, or working outside the field of music, but as Mrs. Bishop says, "We hold our meetings in members' homes and there's always a place to perform."

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