

Goodfellows Reflect The True Christmas Spirit

Before most township residents even bought turkeys for Thanksgiving, Observeland department stores were featuring Christmas baubles.

And what's Christmas without advertising (as traditional as Santa's bag) to stimulate the hearts and pockets of the masses.

Redfordites often complained about commercialism in Christmas, but few bother to do anything about it. This year will be different, according to the Goodfellows, Jaycees, policemen, firemen and volunteers of all ages.

THESE CITIZENS from all areas in the community are determined to put peace and good will back in Christmas.

Township businessmen have contributed to the

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Goodfellows Christmas fund which bears the slogan "No child without Christmas."

Volunteers speckled the community with Goodfellow papers which were sold to raise cash for clothing and food needed by young and old area residents. dents.

And there's more of the real spirit of Christmas

to come.

JAYCEES AND GOODFELLOWS will cooperate again this year by sponsoring a children's shopping tour at the Federal's Department Store in the Seven-Grand Shopping Center.

Children will have the spirit of giving when the Goodfellows give each money to buy gifts for their family.

Federal's Department Store will "make a Federal case of it," and open its doors two hours early so the children can shop at discount prices without having to compete with sometimes inconsiderate grownups.

After the kids buy a gift for everyone in their family and the money disappears, the Jaycees will treat them to a holiday lunch complete with entertainment. Federal's will donate 100 hot dogs, and the wives of Jaycees and Goodfellow will provide other goodies for their lunches.

Volunteers from Thurston High School will add their artistic talents to the day by helping wrap gifts for the children.

With cooperation and community spirit like this, Redfordites will have less commercialism and put more peace and good will into their Christmas.

—SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

Mutual Police Assistance Pact Being Studied

A 15-city mutual assistance pact between Redford Township and surrounding communities is coming up for approval soon by the Redford Township Board.

The pact, which has been in existence as an informal arrangement for two years, would allow a meeting of mayors from the towns to call on forces from the other towns in the group in the event of an emergency.

Redford Township Supervisor Aldrick Bellare is a member of a five-man committee which is reviewing the proposal which was elected at last meeting of mayors from the affected towns last month.

THE mutual assistance pact was initiated in 1967 following the riot in Detroit. The communities have been participating in riot training at Willow Run airport, and each contract a task force.

The mutual aim is to have a combined, uniformed force which would be available to handle emergencies beyond the scope of the local forces, according to Chief Edwin Glez, of the Redford Township police.

"We are about through with riot training now," he said. "I expect we will begin to concentrate on handling other types of emergencies."

"I don't really expect we would be likely to have a riot affect us much out here," Glez said. "But we would also be prepared for a tornado or flood in the area."

THE COMMUNITIES involved in the pact might benefit from the side effect of the pact, according to Glez. Both the state and federal government have been reluctant to grant aid to single police forces, but

the larger unit which would be created by the pact would probably be looked at more favorably as a recipient of aid.

And the chief sees it, the pact represents an orderly plan for rioting, were to strike, for instance, the lines of command would be understood (the chief of the affected community is in charge), and it would be easy to coordinate the forces.

copies of a sample resolution adopted by downriver communities have been distributed to the township board, for study, and action on the proposal is expected soon.

7,000 Lights For Big Tree

A 300-year-old oak in Hilton Park, Wilmington, N.C., has the greatest limb spread of all known trees in the nation decorated for Christmas. Branches of the 90-foot-tall tree span 110 feet. During the holidays it is festooned with 7,000 colored lights and six tons of Spanish moss.

Paint For Jets

It takes 300 to 400 pounds of paint to cover the new jetliner passenger jets although the coating is only about three-one-thousandths of an inch thick.

Wanted-- Paperbacks

Good paperback books are the object of a search by Redford Township Library to add to the new open-shelf collection.

"Many of the 30,000 books published in the United States alone each year will never be in hard-back form," explains Mrs. Cecilia Zaleski, Redford librarian.

"These inexpensive paperbacks make it possible for us to help students by having multiple copies of books we couldn't otherwise afford."

The local library's open shelf collection got a good start with

several hundred volumes from the Wayne County Library System. They are classified in 26 categories by subject matter.

The 26 classifications are being used throughout the country for convenience in reordering and in organizing the collections in a simple manner, Mrs. Zaleski said.

Another item of current interest in the library is the collection of two dozen paintings by Redford's resident painter and art teacher, Emily Fox. She has included still lifes and abstractions in the exhibit which will continue through December.

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THEY HAVE TICKETS -- The Redford Township Music Society is raising funds for the Redford Symphony concerts and scholarship programs by selling tickets to the Jan. 15 showing of the film "Hello Dolly" starring Bette Midler. From left: Mrs. Harry Sterling (535-7270); Mrs. Floyd Holteno, president of the society; and Mrs. Robert Zimmerman (535-4119). Tickets are cheap--\$4.80--and good music gets the benefit.

(Photo by Robert Anderson)

Parties And Gifts

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Local merchants have donated materials for the gift wrapping project and for some of the hall decorating the high school students plan to do on Saturday before the party.

The Redford Jaycee Auxiliary members working on preparations have expressed delight with the offers of help from the teenagers.

"WE'RE SO HAPPY to have the help of these high school students," said Mrs. Arlene Frey, Jaycee Auxiliary president, "because we know how much fun they can make a party for the little children."

Goodfellows president Doran urges anyone who knows of a person or family in the township who needs help to let the Goodfellows know by leaving recommendations with the officers on duty in the police or fire departments within the next week.

First Aid Must

Pack a first aid mini kit when preparing for winter weather. Put in bandages, tape and other first aid basics -- including antiseptic first aid cream to avoid chapped and cracked skin.

Loose Linings Cause Maxi-Trips

Maxi trippers: A lot of near accidents caused when heels catch in hems of maxi coats could be prevented by sewing the linings to the hems. It may be a little late for manufacturers, hung up on the old concept that coat linings must fall free, but maxi owners can certainly take a stitch in time.

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Five Mile-Inkster Area Paving Job Completed

The thorn in the sides of merchants in the Five Mile-Inkster Road area, and residents from Inkster Road to Merriman Road along Five Mile, was removed Wednesday with the opening of this two-mile area to traffic.

Since Aug. 11 the paving job has caused inconvenience to

motorists and businesses in the neighborhood. Wednesday morning, however, city officials officially opened the road which is five lanes wide allowing for a left hand turn lane.

For the merchants, the opening was an early Christmas present. When the project started they had been told the complete paving would be finished

by Dec. 15. The opening five days ahead of schedule was a pleasant surprise as many had expected the job to drag on into next year.

ALTHOUGH several merchants had complained about the drop in business while work was going on, Emil Huck, owner of Huck's Bavarian Village, 27331 Five Mile Road, remained optimistic saying he felt it was worth while. "I know all of us will benefit from an improved, wider Five Mile Road," he said.

This two-mile stretch of Five Mile Road, which had been in poor condition and the cause of complaints from motorists for some time, is now a gleaming white road and another completed link in Livonia's ambitious paving program.

The remaining four miles of Five Mile through Livonia from Merriman to Eckles, is scheduled for widening early next year.

Because Five Mile is a county road, the cost is being shared by Wayne County with Livonia paying 40%, Wayne County 60%.

THIS PROJECT is just a part of the many paving programs underway throughout Livonia. The city is spending nearly \$4 million in paving projects this year covering more than eight miles of road improvements and 16 miles of sidewalks.

Financing of the projects comes partly from a \$9.8 million bond issue approved in November 1967, with the remainder raised through special assessments.

Included in the paving improvement program, in addition to Five Mile, are Newburg Road, Stark, Lyndon, Brookfield and Henry Ruff.

Just recently announced was a \$1.5 million contract for the widening of Farmington Road between Schoolcraft and Plymouth with an underpass to be built at the C&O Railway crossing.

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