

TWO-YEAR-OLD Tony Fantuzzi tells his sister, Tina, 5, what he would like for Christmas

while seated on the lap of Santa who is closely listening to what is said.



EYES IN THE SKIES as this group of Moms and kiddies gazed into the heavens to see if Santa's helicopter was in sight. He arrived a few moments later to the loud screams of the

Next to Christmas morning, the most important day of the year for area youngsters was Friday when their favorite person...Santa Claus...arrived in shopping centers throughout

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Old Kris Kringle arrived via helicopter, miniature train, in a sleigh, and antique automobile...you mention it, and he used that type of transportation.

But it didn't make any difference to the bright-eyed youngsters how he arrived, just so they could greet him and give him a list of what they expected on Christmas Day.

Observer Newspapers sent five photographers to the Livonia Mall, Northland, Westland, Tel-Twelve and Farmington Plaza centers to record the reactions of the kids as they finally saw their bewhiskered, sinlling hero. The snappers included: Bob Woodring, Tom Donogbue, Leonard Poger, Terry Burke and Ralph Evert. Raiph Evert.

Santa's arrival officially opened the Yule shopping season, but it also opened the eyes of kiddies who just gazed in wonderment at what they saw.



TINY MICHELLE MUSSATTO wasn't quite sure whether she enjoyed sitting on Santa's lap or not. From the looks of Santa's eyes, he wasn't quite certain of what was going to happen either. They wound up the best of friends.



HAPPIEST OF ALL was this youngster from St. Francis Home who had just received a candy cane from Santa and was in the process of making his wishes known for Christmas Day.

## Excited Kids Pack Shopping Centers To Welcome Santa



LOOKING IN ON SANTA are these Livonia youngsters (from left) Donnie Nardicchio, 4; Michael Love and Sandra DiFederico, 5. They were just waiting their chance to sit down with



OLD KRIS used many types of transporta-tion for his visits. (Left) He waves from an an-



tique automobile and (right) rides in the ca-boose of a miniature train.



THEN HE WENT modern and stepped out of a helicopter followed by one of his female elves as he hustled to greet the hundreds of

youngsters who had been waiting anxiously for