

Hot Christmas muffins may be made by adding cranberries to any good plain whole wheat or bran muffin recipe that you have. Use the raw berries, either ground or whole. Add about one cup of berries to two cups of flour.

Total expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools rose from \$2.9 billion in 1946 to \$3 billion in 1954.

Predicts Family Living Costs Will Go Up In 1957

Most family living costs will increase in 1957, wiping up at least two or three per cent higher than they were in the current year.

This is the prediction of Mrs. Eunice Pardee, extension specialist in home development at Michigan State University.

Dental and medical costs increased faster than all other living expenses in 1956, Mrs. Pardee reports. She expects costs of these services to continue upward next year.

In general, food prices have been quite stable in the last five years. However, beef prices are expected to continue their sharp climb of the last half of 1956, while fresh pork prices may go up even faster.

The M.S.U. specialist believes that home furnishings costs will continue upward. Sewing machines, rugs and lamps are among the items expected for a price boost.

Higher costs of labor and building materials will make home building and remodeling even more expensive than at present.

Most new cars will cost from \$30 to \$100 more than in 1955. Used car and tire costs should also rise. And auto parts may be 10 per cent more expensive by the end of the year.

Credit will be more expensive, too. This includes mortgages and installment credit for home furnishings.

More installment credit will be used for small appliances, clothing, and for home furnishings as a charge account with payment on the installment plan.

Flower growers can force chrysanthemums to bloom any day of the year by regulating the length of time that the plant is in contact with light. So, chrysanthemums are available to the homemaker at almost any time during the year.

Chrysanthemums are very popular plants to have around the house over the holidays.

PUBLIC LETTER BOX

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Tips For Students Riding Busses

Dear Sir:

Since there are so many more school busses now than there used to be in Farmington, and so many new children moving in who have never been transported by school busses before, I would like to point out a few facts in their behalf.

There are certain rules to be followed when riding a school bus. These rules were made by people who have made a thorough study of the school bus situation, and were given to you to follow for the sake of safety and comfort.

The main things to remember, however are as follows:

1. When waiting for the bus, please stay well back from the main road, and do not push one another. Someone may get pushed into the path of the bus or a car.

2. When boarding the bus, do not all try to get through the door at the same time. It cannot be done, and the door frame will not stretch. One at a time, please! It is also safer to enter single file, as otherwise somebody might get pushed down or get his clothing caught on some projection on the bus.

3. When on the bus, get to your seat quickly and sit down and stay there until your destination is reached. Do not get illusions that the bus is a gymnasium. The seats are not to be climbed over or under. Do your boxing outside. If you have to swing do it on the playground. When you feel the need of an argument see your doctor—do not put your arms or heads out the school bus windows. Don't throw rubbish on the floor.

4. We are not asking too much. Children have to make some noise and cannot be expected to sit motionless like bumps on a log. The school believes that the children should feel free, but they must use common sense and follow the safety rules.

5. We no longer have safety patrol boys operating on our busses.

Lack Of Engineers May Hinder Road Building Plans

Michigan, and other states of the Nation, may see their road programs delayed in the few years ahead, despite increased revenues.

Gerald Wm. Graves, Executive Director, Michigan Good Roads Federation, said that the "manpower shortage" being felt in the industry now will grow worse rather than improve. He used a number of reports as his basis.

Mr. Graves pointed out that the universities of this nation graduated only 4,400 civil engineers last June.

"This is a far cry from the needed number of civil engineers to meet the demands today, without looking at the increased demand of the future," he said.

A recent survey by the Associated General Contractors of America indicates that 6,500 firms employing 30,000 civil engineers in 1954 will require, through 1960, an additional 20,000, he pointed out.

"This demand for civil engineers by just one group is far 3 times the number which are graduated each year," he said. "However, the problem doesn't end there," he added.

"The Automotive Safety Foundation," he said, "estimates a need of 1200 traffic engineers. The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads estimates a need of 5000 engineers for the various Highway Departments of the country."

"In this respect," Graves said, "the Michigan State Highway Department is short an estimated 150 engineers now, with no prospect of overcoming this deficiency in the very near future."

Shortages are being felt at the county and city level, also.

"For example," he said, "right here in Michigan 24 counties are having difficulties getting engineers because of the tremendous shortage already existing."

He stated that the problem becomes "frightening" when one considers there is also an increasing demand for civil engineers by various businesses associated with highways and other private businesses.

Graves said that the whole situation will be greatly aggravated in the future, because it is estimated that 42 per cent of the present executives of the civil engineering construction field will retire within 10 years.

Needed also are numerous skilled personnel, he pointed out, especially designers and draftsmen. Here the demand is not being met, either, and will grow worse.

Graves urged that high school students be encouraged to enter universities in the civil engineering field.

If you are planning to cover your holiday turkey with foil while it is baking, remember to use a temperature of 450 degrees F. or your turkey won't be done in time for dinner. To brown the turkey, remove the foil.

Name Cadet M/Sgt. At Western Michigan

Gary B. Walters has been named cadet master sergeant by Lt. Col. Virlyn Y. Jones, commanding officer of the ROTC detachment at Western Michigan College. It was disclosed this week.

Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley B. Walters, 34028 Oakland. He is a junior, studying in business administration.

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Wives more often than husbands are responsible for saving money. According to recent surveys, both husband and wife manage the savings in 59 per cent of the families, the wife in 25 per cent and the husband in 15 per cent. In families whose income is above \$10,000 a year, the husband is more likely to see that some money is put away. But in families in the \$2,000-\$10,000 bracket, the wife plays the more active role in making sure something is saved.

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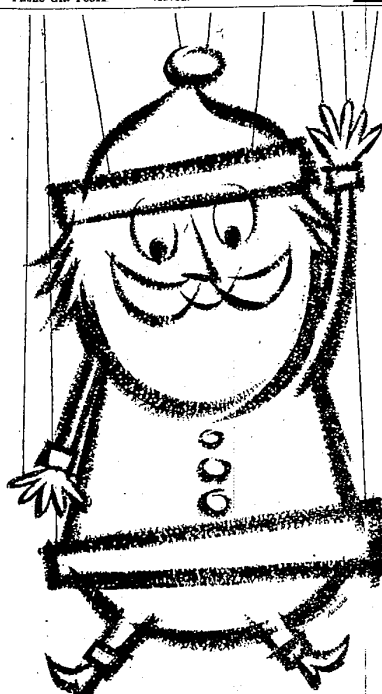
The Kendallwood Newcomers Club will hold their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Roger Belanger, 23282 Quail Hollow Road, Tuesday evening, December 18, at 8 p.m. There will be a Christmas party and an exchange of gifts, stated Mrs. Richard Morgan, president of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ellsworth of Green Willow Road announce the birth of a second son, Andrew Jay. He was born December 3 at Ford Hospital and weighed seven pounds, ten ounces at birth. The Ellsworths have a daughter, Georgia, 4 years old, and their first son, David, 2 Mrs. Ellsworth is expected home with her new son sometime this coming week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thayer of Quail Hollow Court returned recently from a week's vacation in Florida.

A children's Christmas party was held Wednesday evening, December 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Day of Bayberry Road. The stockings were filled with goodies and Santa Claus was there with a present for each child. A buffet dinner was served for the parents and children.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Glosier, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Witek, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sec, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Pagnucco, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lipson, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Sankey and Mr. and Mrs. John Summers.

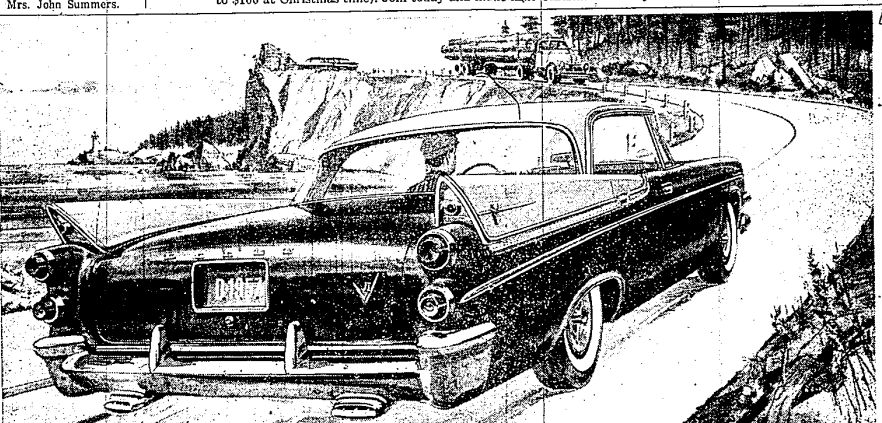


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