

GOODFELLOWS, ALL:

Christmas Customs Revived in Suburbs

It is again Christmastime and the air is filled with Christmas music and the suburban community is decked with red and green holiday holly and fir trees.

Little note, apparently, was taken of the anniversary. For church officials opposed such celebrations as a paganistic revival.

Everywhere a remnant of eternal life, have long been used for decorating at Yuletide. Teutonic people believed that certain plants, such as holly, mistletoe, ivy, rosemary, or laurel in their homes and churches.

Carolers and caroling. Caroling was a popular pastime in England, where it is said to have come into common use after the Norman Conquest.

The Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam brought with them the idea that St. Nicholas was the gift giver.

Everybody knows, the old, "that the year's most joyous feast" Christmas is celebrated on December 25, both in homes and churches, to observe the anniversary of Christ's birth.

Some authorities claim that the choice of December 25 was made because it coincided with that of the Mithraic feast of the sun; also that of the Roman Saturnalia.

As early as 1444, grocery was used on the streets of London as Christmas decorations, and the custom grew through the years.

On Christmas Eve, countless of the top experienced by children's Christmas. Since ancient times the presents have been accounted for in various ways.

However, with the change to English rule, and the arrival of many people from England in the colony of New York, the two holidays, December 6 and 23 gradually merged.

Plymouth Kiwanians Get Details of Ypsi Greek Theater

"Blame It On The Brandy" was the subject of Mrs. J. Henry Owens' presentation to the Plymouth Kiwanis Club members.

Arranged in Paris, France, the main purpose of this meeting was to see if they could work together in harmony.

After the men had carefully placed it in the great fireplace, it was set afire by the brand saved from the log of the previous year.

On Christmas Eve children were allowed to stay up until midnight. All members of the family ate the servants set around as the flames from the yule log rose higher and higher.

So, Livonians, dig deep into that pocketbook and handbag and let's all make sure there'll be no child in suburbia who doesn't have a happy Christmas.

Her ideas were directed toward the attempts by many Ypsilanti citizens to establish an identity for their community which they could point to with justifiable pride.

Ypsilanti is a Greek name, it is completely appropriate to Mrs. Owens to have a Greek Theater in this community.

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Another suggestion, Hare said, is the sober man for the road concept. "The idea here is having parties but inviting a non-drinker for every group of four or five persons who drink."

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The purpose of the clinic was twofold. First, it is hoped that relations between area cheerleaders will be further cemented and secondly, the girls hope to gain some new ideas which would help them with old problems.

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CHRISTMAS VACATION finds Thurston High School students in classrooms. Future teachers from the class of '67 visiting with Assistant Principal Jack Harms (second from left) are Art Metzger, Western State; Viola Hill, Wayne State; and Gayle Woloch, Western State.

Kimberly Oaks Names Association Officers

Jack Reault, 14238 Loveland, has been named president of the Kimberly Oaks Civic Association in Livonia. He will serve with Ed Rostahn, 33053 Greenlawn, new vice-president of the group.

Other newly elected officers are Ron Eschenburg, 33103 Middleboro, treasurer; Ada Nowak, 1480 Blackstone, secretary; and Donna Maccox, 32224 Allen, corresponding secretary.

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