

From Briar Hill

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Christmas joy started off nicely for Jan Patterson when she won one of the pinsettias for bowling 26 pins over her average in the Woman's Morning League on Dec. 18. The top prize was won by Ann Stephan. The other pinsettias were won by Sue Morgan in a Mystery Game. Sue and Fran Mann bowled the exact score so the girls flipped a coin. Fran was given a consolation gift donated by Norwest Bowling Alleys.

Our junior reporter, Mark Copp, reports the Alameda school put on a Christmas concert Dec. 19. Mark was one of several soloists for "Twelve Days of Christmas." Some of the Briar Hillers participating in the choir were Betty Deuel, Debbie Dunn, Diane Reimer, Nancy Collins, Betsy Nauman, Cheryl Moffitt and Meredith Ramsey. Those in the band were Bill Neumann, on cornet; Erick Palmer, trombone; Don Steiner, sax; Debbie Robertson, flute; Meredith Ramsey, flute; Alan Auman, flute; Barbara Palmer, violin; and John DeWitt, drums.

SANTA CLAUS WAS the hit of the evening when Cub Scout Pack 163 had their annual Christmas party Dec. 19. Briar Hill's Den 10 attended the party held at Woodale school. Erick Palmer received his 2 year pin, Chris Weber and Dale Crockett received Bobcat pins and Chip O'Neil and Bruce Patterson received Lion badges and gold and silver arrows with the top team. Four gifts, donated by Bel-Aire Lanes, were won by Bob Auman, Pat Lupia, Don Bramlage and Ken Hopkins for bowling most pins over average.

Happy Birthday to Dick Miller, who will celebrate a teenager on Dec. 27. Diane Reimer, 12 on the 21st, Christina Wick, 10 on the 20th, and Steve Babcock, Joan Babcock look sons Steve and David to dinner at Westwoods on Steve's birthday, the 16th.

Thursday, Dec. 19, has a special meaning for Art and Barb Acker. Their wedding took place on this day, 10 years ago. Dec. 20, were Betty and Jack Emmett. They flew to Buffalo, N.Y. to attend a dinner-dance at the Brookfield Athletic Club in Williamsfield, N.Y.

The party was given by Jack's boss, The Emmetts flew back on Saturday, Dec. 21, to rejoin their family for holiday festivities.

COLLEGE STUDENTS home for Christmas... Ted Morris, Jr. flew home Dec. 18 from Ashland, Kansas where he is a senior at St. Benedict's. Lloyd Manasco arrived home Dec. 20 from U. of M. Don Winter came in on the 21st from Central Michigan.

Kudos to our Briar Hillers who made the honor roll. Those at North Farmington were Bonnie Britton, Ellen Hedeman, Jeanne Martilla, Robert Phair, Sue Schunacher, Cathleen Newton, Don Bramlage, Diane Schunacher and Max Young. At the Dunclellites were Bev Hatch, Dick Miller, Debbie Newton, Craig Emmett, Mary Jo Hopkins, Sue Palmer, Janice Young and Bob Hatch.

John Kinley, 16 years old, was just selected as a candidate for the American Field Service as an exchange student. The Kinley lived in Briar Hill before moving to Ohio.

THE MEN'S FRIDAY Night Bowling League finished the first half of the season on Dec. 20. Coming out in first place was the Westbrook Barber and Beauty Salon team whose members are Bob Auman, Ted Kleinhaus, Mike Mamut and Roy Schenkel. The winners of the first half will bowl the winners of the second half, at the end of the year, to determine the top team. Four gifts, donated by Bel-Aire Lanes, were won by Bob Auman, Pat Lupia, Don Bramlage and Ken Hopkins for bowling most pins over average.

Hank and Kitty Jones are enjoying the Christmas holidays while on vacation at home.

Grace MacLeod's dog, a Scottie, has a pupple who will be ready to leave mama on Christmas day.

Douglas Fir Tops in Trees

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when Christmas tree. O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches.

Although there are close to 50 species of fir found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite—the Douglas fir—is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to The Encyclopedia Americana, balsam flows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and give off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas choices are the Eastern red cedar, black spruce and Scotch pine.

Canadian Christmas trees from seven provinces are part of the holiday scene in many countries. The United States, alone, accounts for about 90 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees. Still others are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

Kendallwood

The home of John and Lee Bomb on Thorny Brae was magnetic with Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22, during which neighbors gathered at an Open House Party.

Laurie Cairns, daughter of George and Dora Cairns spent several delightful days in Philadelphia visiting Kathy Kuhl, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kuhl, formerly Farmington residents.

The St. Gerard, St. Anthony Circle of St. Fabian's had their Christmas Party and gift exchange at the home of Mary Lowery of Thorny Brae, on Tuesday, December 24, which twelve ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sabatino of Farmington Road, announced the engagement of their daughter, Diane Sabatino, on December 12, to Mr. Leonard Schwab. Wedding plans are in the making.



A CHRISTMAS PLAY was presented by the pupils at the Kenbrook Elementary School last week before parents in an evening presentation Tuesday night and at an assembly program Wednesday morning. Taking the curtain calls above are some of the actors and actresses who took part in the production.



"HUMMMM! LOOKS OKAY" says Dan Thompson of 32336 Bonnet Hill, Farmington Township, as he joined thousands of other area residents this past week in picking out a Christmas tree. Vacant lots throughout the community have had a good selection of Yule trees brought in from the north to allow the keen eye of persons such as Mr. Thompson.

Kimberley

By JUDY BURNS

BREAKFAST WAS served by Ed and Jean Hayes for the Bowblinks, the Charles Millers and their son Ronnie and his date, the Horsts, Churchills, Kowalskis, Eckels, and a few couples invited to the dance as guests — the Peters and the Pritchards. This same group had begun the evening with cocktails at 8:30 a. m. e. of Charles and Thelma Miller.

Buffet dinner was also the menu at the Reynolds' home after the dance, welcomed by the Sanches, Higgins, Webers, Coffins, Lances, Hagues, Vaznozzis, Withmers, Toupias, Matiens, and Hendries.

Jean and Bob Wheeler of Westmeath offered donuts and coffee to the Paganucci, Ellis Phillips, Stadlers, Strachans, Moraths, Hawthorns, Messers, Flatters, Shoans, Atwell's, Nortons, Tunas, Elchbergers, Piroccchi, Shaw, Megees, and Staders.

Betty and Bob Hawthorne, celebrating their 5th anniversary on December 20, hosted a festive party on that night to commemorate the occasion. Members of the Kimberley Couples bowling league attended an open house and buffet supper given by Star Lanes from 4 p. m. to 1 a. m. on December 21. Jim and Carol Keitel invited many neighbors in for Christmas cheer on Friday night, December 20, as did Chuck and Marie Evans on the afternoon of the 22nd.

Poinsettias to Katen Keel, 11 on December 12; to two Toots, Paul, 14 on December 17 and Susan, 9 on December 17; to Gary Hawthorne, 8 on December 8; to Pat Colley, not telling the day after Christmas; and to Jean and Fred Barry's very special present, daughter Paula, born on Christmas Day 11 years ago. Happy Birthdays!

1845 — The first class graduated from the University of Michigan.

Presentation Is Big Success

Up goes the curtain now, the drama is beginning. Watch as the spotlight shows a merry bit of make-believe. First comes the sugar plums, those dainty little dancers, pirouetting on their toes, they make a charming arabesque.

To the tune of "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky, these words were sung by dancers, toys, and mice portrayed by the 3rd grade classes of Kenbrook Elementary School.

THREE ACTS were presented by the three third grade classes of Mrs. Ora Joy, Mrs. Iza Neal and Mrs. Audrey Schmedden and Directed by Mrs. Amy Adelman the Music Consultant.

In the picture, ACT I is represented by Narrator, Christine Erickson, Marie Silberhaus, Deborah Bendin; Fritz, Stephen Mackay; Mother, Constance Ransom; Father, Mark Daly; Godfather, Drosselmeyer the inventor, William Gilmour; Nathaniel the Nutcracker, Thomas Benjamin; Mouse King, William Schaefer, Michael Gasser; portraits one of the mice, and also John Griswold; toys are portrayed by John O'Connor and Frederick Bulman.



"GEE WHIZZ, MOM, what a neat cannon!" six-year-old George Osestowski seems to be saying in the picture above as his little brother, three-year-old Donny, tries out the ramrod. The two boys and another brother, Peter, nine years old, accom-

panied their mother on a late shopping tour at Scott's Dish Store in the Downtown Farmington Center. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Osestowski of 24780 Hathaway Street, Farmington Township.



"SOMETHING LIKE THIS, MA'AM?" Mrs. Betty Albrecht of 26246 Greythorne in Kimberley Subdivision, Farmington Township, is pictured above in the Towne Toggery Men's Shop, Downtown Farmington Center, where Tom Seckay assisted

her in selecting something, we think, for the man in the home. Last minute Christmas shopping always seems to come up for just about everybody in spite of whatever good intentions there might have been to get everything done early.

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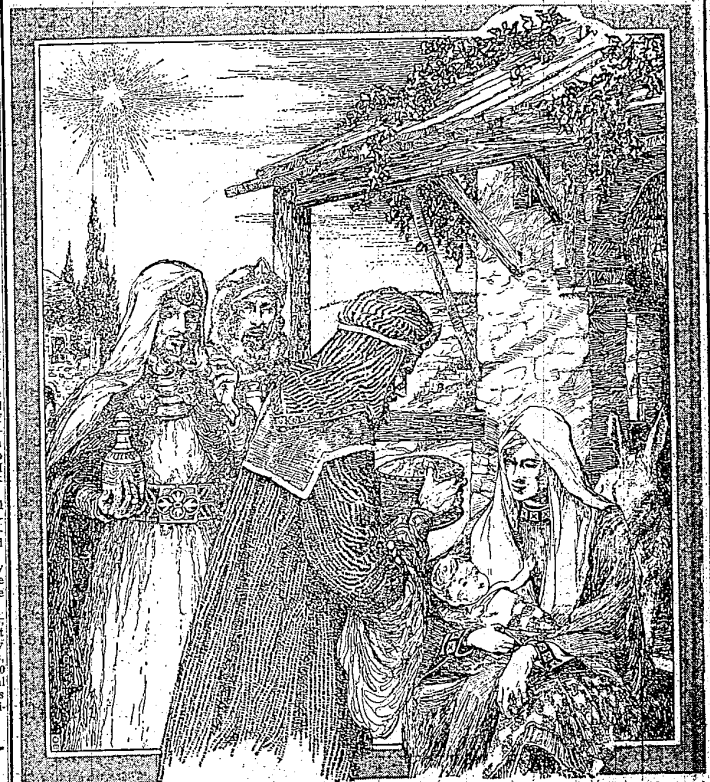
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A Christmas Message

Reverently, we remember a night of awe and wonder,
when angels sang, shepherds watched and a shining Star guided Wise Men
to the manger where a Child was born. We celebrate this holy holiday with thoughts for all
our good friends everywhere, and, with the hope that for
you, the meaning of Christmas may be ever deeper, its joys ever greater.

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