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Twenty Five Cents



Wayne County Commissioner Milton Mack, whose district includes Canton, probes a bubbling fissure at the Arsenal Road landfill in Flat Rock with the city's mayor, Ted Anders, (left) and state Rep. Curtis Hertel. Canton, attractive due to its prime landfill topography, is joining other communities in calling for a one-year moratorium on licensing new hazardous waste facilities.

Officials seek landfill halt

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

Canton is joining other communities in calling for a one-year halt on licensing new solid-waste landfills and hazardous waste facilities.

Municipalities are being asked to support a resolution drafted last summer by state Rep. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. The resolution calls for a moratorium on construction permits for new landfills, while existing problem sites are cleaned up.

Township trustees recently voted to support the proposal, which now is before the Committee on Public Health in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Canton has experienced no known leakage problems with its two existing landfills, according to Township Planner James Kosteva. But several nearby communities are plagued by seepage from landfills and other disposal worries.

KOSTEVA BELIEVES some fears may be addressed by a county-wide plan setting directions and goals over the next five years. If approved, that regional plan would

Canton could be mecca for landfills in future

make it difficult for any new landfill to develop locally without a lengthy process, Kosteva said.

"The county plan is going to identify all existing facilities," he added. "Given the procedure that is outlined for adoption, it's probable any new facility would be somewhat discouraged (from applying)."

A moratorium is a good idea, Kosteva said. But it would have been more useful earlier, since the task force of county communities has been working on the issue about three years.

A draft of the plan will be ready in another month or so, he added.

"Frankly, I think it's (moratorium) about two years too late," Kosteva said. "There should have been a moratorium when the planning was being done. We could have had a plan out long ago if we didn't have to deal with all the landfills (problems)."

ALL LANDFILLS must be licensed by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). State laws enacted in the late 1970s specify regulations for disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Setting of guidelines is more regional, and decisions can no longer be made strictly by the community, Kosteva said.

Supporters of the moratorium contend there is sufficient landfill capacity in Michigan, and that halting new permits would give the DNR time to clean up existing problem sites and develop other methods of disposing of waste.

One issue in Canton is the fear the township could become a mecca for future landfills because the clay soil holds moisture so well.

"The thickness and consistency of our clay is most attractive," Kosteva said.

NEITHER OF Canton's two land-

fills — Canton Recycling and Woodland Meadows — is licensed to accept hazardous waste, according to a DNR spokeswoman in Detroit.

According to Kosteva, Woodland Meadows in 1981 applied to the DNR for a permit to accept toxic waste on a parcel of land near its existing landfill site.

The application was filed under a DNR guideline allowing an "existing facility" to obtain toxic-waste licensing, Kosteva said. But the DNR rejected the request because the expansion site was separated from the original one by a railroad track, ruling it out as an "existing facility," Kosteva said.

Downriver, officials in Brownstown Township are worried about a dump in nearby Flat Rock leaching, and Huron Township residents have formed a task force against landfills.

"We're 100 percent behind the moratorium," said Rose Legg, Huron Township Clerk. "If we get nothing else, we get numbers — unity."

MEANWHILE, THE county plan

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Drinking drivers' service: No takers yet but owner hopeful

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

A Plymouth woman hopes the upcoming holiday season may spark some interest in a service for people who want to avoid becoming drunk drivers.

Last June, Peggy Haarz talked of launching a new business to drive intoxicated people home in their own car for a \$25 fee. She called the service Aid-U-Home. The idea prompted a lot of good comments — but no takers.

"I did a lot of stuff to promote it," Haarz said. "A lot of people said positive things about it, but nobody took advantage of it."

Haarz, a 1971 graduate of Plymouth High School, runs a secretarial and answering service in Plymouth. Although she isn't a teetotaler, she became deeply concerned about injuries and death caused by drunken drivers after several alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Canton.

Haarz decided to start the service after one of her secretarial clients, whom she described as a "top-notch man," was charged with manslaughter in the traffic death of his father. The client, a Plymouth man, was legally intoxicated when his car hit a utility pole in Canton, according to police records. The father was a passenger in the car.

THE PLAN would be discreet service, similar to a friend helping some-

one too intoxicated to drive, Haarz said.

A drinking client would arrange for an Aid-U-Car driver to take him or her home. Groups were eligible for the same \$25 fee.

An Aid-U-Car driver and partner would go to the pickup point. One would drive the client home in the client's car, while the other would follow in the business vehicle.

To maintain discretion, there would

be no uniforms and no signs or lettering on the vehicle, Haarz said.

Haarz said she has visited bars, circulated information door-to-door and run advertisements — to no avail.

"It really discouraged me," she said. "Maybe in this area it's slightly ahead of its time."

But, she hopes the abundance of parties in the upcoming holiday season will finally get her service off the ground. People who want to find out more may call Haarz at 459-5666.



PEGGY HAARZ

Up she goes

Officials' persistence pays off for Fellows Creek

When cement trucks rolled into Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton, it signalled a triumph that took township officials all the way to Washington.

The battle began in the summer of

1980 after a severe windstorm so devastated southeastern Michigan that a federal disaster was declared.

Ninety-mile-an-hour winds left residents without power for days, blew

away trees and parts of garages. Of grave concern to Canton Township was the washing away of a dam in Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Canton applied to the state of Michi-

gan for disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The township was reimbursed for extra manpower hours it incurred, however, township officials were told "that the cost benefit analysis in terms of reconstruction of the Fellows Creek dam was not favorable," said Terry Carroll, grant coordinator for Canton and Plymouth Townships.

"The question was put to us, 'why bother replacing (the dam) when it's been down three years? Is it really important?'"

Carroll's answer was yes.

"Because the water wasn't in there holding the banks up, erosion kept encroaching up on the tees and greens. That dam held water in the waterway during low flow periods. Without it, there was 300 feet of lineal erosion on the golf course."

"We were in danger of losing a tee and part of a green."

SO CARROLL went a step higher, appealing for relief to regional Federal Emergency Management Agency authorities. They denied Canton's grant request.

The subsequent trip to the nation's capital paid off.

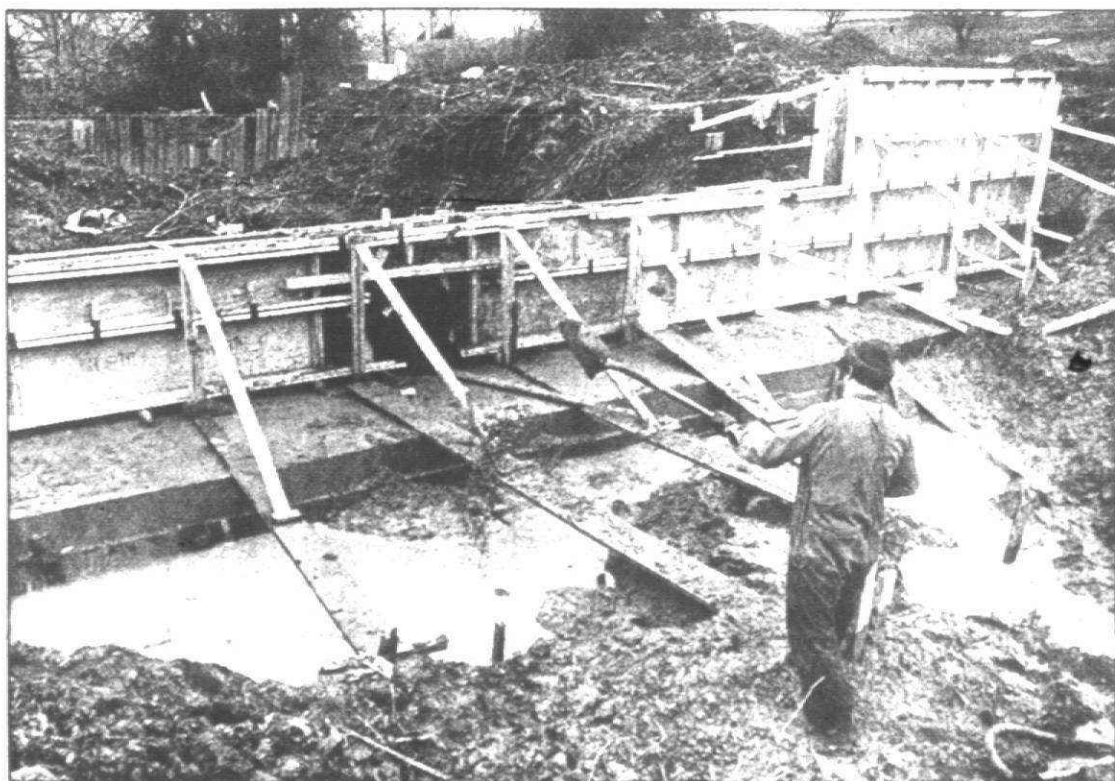
"They (federal officials) gave us something like \$11,000 a year ago," Carroll said. "But it took from last year to this year for us to get under-way. The drain commissioner held us up with the permit."

The dam's new forms and footing were poured, and the head wall was poured Friday, using several truck-loads of cement.

The reconstruction represents welcome relief for Canton.

The erosion hadn't yet found its natural level, and considerable damage would have ensued, Carroll said.

Fellows Creek is the largest tributary of the Rouge River in Canton Township. It's known, in fact, as the Lower River Rouge.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A workman at the Fellows Creek dam site scrapes concrete off wooden forms after cement has been poured into them. Destroyed in a 1980

storm, the dam is being reconstructed with federal funds — the spoils of a battle that took township officials all the way to Washington.

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The Perfect Gift

AN OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC SPECIAL SECTION

Band director reaping harvest after 25 years

By W.W. Edgar
staff writer

Central Middle School band had just completed its practice for the day and as the members walked out of the room their director, James Griffith, nodded graciously and admitted that high school bands had improved very much over the past 25 years.

"And don't forget," he emphasized, "they'll be getting better with each passing year. After all, the band era didn't get a real start until about 1960 and the young players have come a long way."

Griffith, who has been the high school band director since 1957 in Plymouth-Canton, took a few moments to look into the future and said that all the young players needed today was a

broader music literature to use.

All the music, or most of it, that is written today is for the great orchestras. And until that style is modified and sifted down through the ranks, the young players will be held back. But give them the music and they'll play it. With their love of music the high school bands will be prominent in the educational system.

GRIFFITH IS in a good position to know that the band era is on the up-grade.

Born in Traverse City in 1935, he was playing the piano when he was only 5 years old. By the time he was in the fourth grade, he had taken up playing the clarinet.

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from our readers

Vandals prey upon patriots

This letter is being written in response to an article your newspaper published in the Monday, October 31, 1983 of the Canton Observer which was written by Arlene Funke entitled "Flag raises Flak."

Canton favors landfill moratorium

Continued from Page 1 will have to be approved by two-thirds of the 43 communities and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners before going to the DNR for approval next summer, Kosteva said.

are aware, we chose the latter of these two (2) options, only as a reminder to all of the wonderful country of our citizenry and as a message of gratitude to all the unselfish, caring men who allow us to continue to live in and be a part of a truly free country.

In closing, we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the men and the families and loved ones of the men who had to suffer and lose their lives due to an extremely unfortunate situation in Beirut. Please accept our sincerest apologies and try to understand our actions were in defense of our representative and appreciation for the opportunity of being able to live in such a wonderful country.

Reps thanked by chamber

The Canton Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank you and your staff who participated in our November Board Meeting presentation on "How to Spend Your Advertising Dollars."

The presentation was informative, interesting and to the point and was addressed to small as well as large business.

Your staff, as always, was well prepared and creative. Members and guests all were helped by the information given.

can continue to help members and Canton businesses flourish. This, in turn, helps build our community.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Crime column annoys reader

The humor of the "cutesy" titles used as captions in your column, "Canton Cop Shop," by Arlene Funke, truly evades me, and I feel certain, also the victims upon whom these crimes have been perpetrated.

After all, the band music has only been popular for about 60 years compared to the 250 years that the great symphony orchestras of the world have been on the scene. But the bands will



Canton's Sharon Palonka, 27, had her hopes for a dream house dashed Sunday along with 95 other wishful folks. Palonka held one of 95 "Magic Keys" given to callers who correctly identified a song played by Detroit-area radio station WMJC "Magic" 95 FM.

Quality Griffith's hallmark

Then came the break in his musical life. He had planned to attend Michigan State University and was all set for the move to East Lansing when he visited a brother at the University of Michigan.

"I heard the Michigan band play 'The Victors' and I was won over. After all, I didn't like the Michigan State fight song. Then I entered Michigan and played under William D. Revelle for four years.

"I grew fond of him and admired him for his ability. I always referred to him as the Vince Lombardi of music."

Griffith came to Plymouth in 1956 and was a student teacher in Plymouth Schools. Midway through the term Lawrence Livingston, the band leader, asked him if he would like to take over the band leadership. He did and when Livingston died he became the band director in 1957. He has served in that capacity since.



James Griffith BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

come along if they can get the band music arrangements that are needed so badly."

Another thing helping the bands of today is the various high school competitions which are held each year, he added.

"These contests give the young players the incentive to go on. And their work is not going unnoticed. At the competition last month the stadium was jammed with music lovers. So, the high school bands are moving above the present level, and going up and up."

All they need is the proper assortment of music, and that costs money in today's market. But director Griffith, who virtually has become a legend in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is certain the high school bands will get what they need.

carrier of the month Canton

Joe Molnar has been named Canton Observer Carrier of the Month. Molnar has delivered papers since October, 1981, to Hillary residents in Holiday Park subdivision.

An eighth grader with a 3.0 average at Lowell School, Molnar is the son of Joe and Linda Molnar, and the brother of Jason, Jonathan and Jeffy.

Math, English and computers top Molnar's list of favorite subjects. He enjoys model construction and camping. The 14-year-old Molnar has won awards for scholastic attendance. He plans to enlist in the United States Navy.

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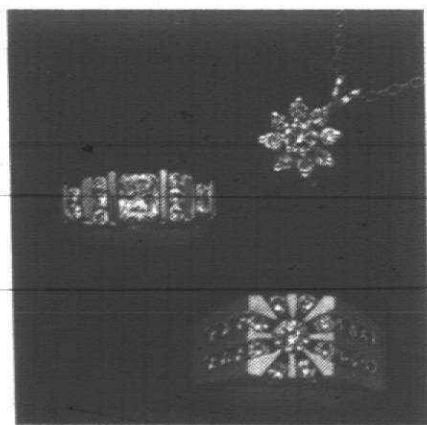
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military news

PROMOTED TO MAJOR
Army Reservist James T. Hodgson III of Brookshire in Canton has been promoted to the rank of major.

The part-time soldier is Assistant G-1 (personnel officer) at Headquarters, 300th Military Police Command (U.S. Army Reserve) in Inkster. His civilian job is a design engineer for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

Hodgson earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Norwich University in Vermont in 1970. In 1981 he added a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University in New York.

He received his commission from ROTC at Norwich University. He served on active duty with the Army in 1971-1979 as an engineer officer and as a pilot flying both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

He transferred to the 300th in 1982 as commander of the headquarters company, which is responsible for pay, feeding, training, supply and other support to the headquarters staff.

BASICS COMPLETED
Army Pvt. Kenneth J. Melotte Jr., son of Joan and Kenneth Melotte of

Avon in Canton, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and tradition.

He is a 1981 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

ARRIVES FOR DUTY
Pfc. Robert A. Payton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payton of Romulus, has arrived for duty by parachuting onto Fort Bragg, N.C.

His sister, Mrs. Micheal Conn, is a resident of Geddes in Canton. Payton's jump was the final step of airborne training begun at Fort Benning, Ga.

He is an infantryman and a member of the 82nd Airborne Division's second cohesion operational readiness and training unit.

The private received an associate's degree in 1982 from Alpena Community College.

TRAINING DONE
Army Pvt. Eric R. Feldt Jr., son of

Dolores Hissong of Trails Court in Canton, has completed one station unit training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

The 12-week session combined basic combat training and advanced individual training. Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

BASICS DONE
Army Pvt. David J. O'Hagan, son of Shirley O'Hagan of Canterbury Drive in Canton, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice,

first aid, and Army history and tradition. O'Hagan is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

BASICS COMPLETED
Pvt. Karin L. Hall, daughter of Charlotte M. Hall of Canterbury Circle in Canton, has completed Army basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

TRAINING DONE
Pvt. Kelly K. Thomason, daughter of Norma and Ross Porter of Willard in Canton, has completed Army basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Thomason is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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new voices

Dave and Cindi Hamlin of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, David Alan Hamlin Jr., Oct. 11 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. They have a daughter, Dana, 14 months. Grandparents are Dean and Norma Hamlin and Lee and Patsy Messer, all of Plymouth, and Ray and Sherry Sawdski of Garden City.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Church at Main. There will be an optional holiday cookie exchange and the annual mitten tree for scarves and mittens. The program will be excerpts from "The Nutcracker" performed by members of the Northern Ballet Theater Company under the direction of Michele Wolfe. Mrs. Harry Roebuck will chair the tea committee. All guests are welcome.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVILIAN The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month for a dinner meeting at Hillside Inn. Men and women are invited to learn about Civilians — its service projects for the community — wrestling tournament, band boosters and Special Olympics to aid retarded and mentally handicapped are just a few. If interested call 453-2206 for more information.

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FOLK DANCE CLUB Plymouth Folk Dance Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Bird Elementary School, Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail. For information, call 453-2400 after 6 p.m.

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NEW BEGINNINGS New Beginnings, an informal group for widowed people, will be 7:30 p.m. Mondays in St. John Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road south of Ann Arbor Trail. Meetings will be led by medical doctors, clergy and other professionals. There is no registration, and sessions are free. For information, call Terry Sweeney, 459-5160; Wilma Wagner, 455-6420; or Jack Martin, 459-2947.

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ISBISTER BOY SCOUTS Boy Scout Troop 1540 meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays in Isbister School, 9300 N. Canton Center Road. The small troop has room for more boys who love lots of outdoor activities. For more information, call Ken Hauser, 459-3457.

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MAYFLOWER LT. GAMBLE POST #VFW Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Post Home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. New members welcome. Call the post, 459-6700, for details.

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WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY Self-help group for alcoholic women meets 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Newman House, Schoolcraft College campus Haggerty, Livonia. A hot line, 427-9460, is in operation 24 hours a day.

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AMERICAN LEGION The Passage-Gayle Post of the American Legion meets 1 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in the Veterans Memorial Building, 173 N. Main, Plymouth. New members are welcome. Call Don Hartley at 459-2914 for information.

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SPINNAKERS Spinnakers is the single adult friendship group sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Northville and First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The group meets the second Saturday of each month in either of the churches. For information, call 349-0911 or 453-6464, weekdays.

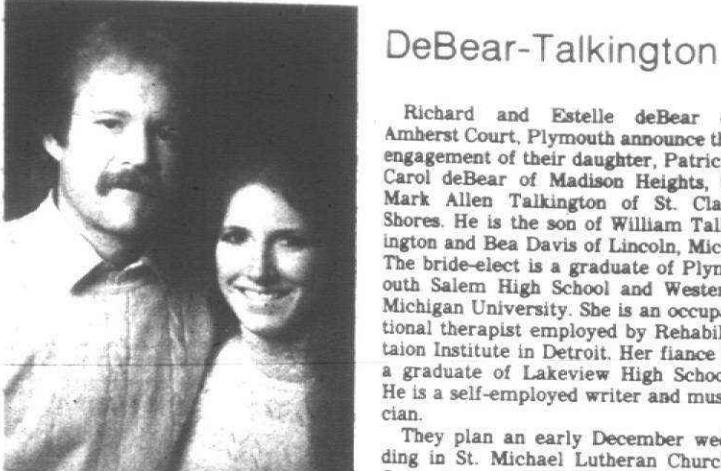
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CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Canton Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the museum, Canton Center at Proctor, Canton. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For information about the society or the museum, call Dorothy West, 495-0744.

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Richard and Estelle deBear of Amherst Court, Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Carol deBear of Madison Heights, to Mark Allen Talkington of St. Clair Shores. He is the son of William Talkington and Bea Davis of Lincoln, Mich. The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University. She is an occupational therapist employed by Rehabilitation Institute in Detroit. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lakeview High School. He is a self-employed writer and musician. They plan an early December wedding in St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton Township.



Rita and Rick Jenkins of Deepwood, Canton Township, announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Jenkins, Nov. 4 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Grandparents are George and Joyce Vick, and Raymond and Virginia Beapre, all of Livonia. Orrin and Laura Tibbitts of Starkweather, Plymouth announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Rachael Rose, Nov. 1 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was the third baby to be born in the new birthing center at St. Mary. Grandparents are Robert and Roselynn Bagady of Livonia and Eldon and Rose Tibbitts of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Ella Lanckriet of Utica.

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New Towne Plaza's Early Riser Sale advertisement. Features various discounts like 50% off, 40% off, and 40% off on specific items like sweaters, coats, and watches.

Gifts rolling in to Schoolcraft

By Tim Richard
staff writer

In an era of tax revolts and tight state aid, Schoolcraft College is seeking all the private and federal money it can find — and beginning to find it.

President Richard McDowell told trustees the Schoolcraft College Foundation has raised its fund goal to \$40,000 from last year's \$25,000.

"We're pleased with the early results," said McDowell, reporting that \$8,400 has been received from 170 gifts. Foundation funds are used for student aid and for equipment which the college couldn't otherwise afford.

McDowell reported college administrators are seeking \$2,000 from the state in order to revamp the computer program, serving more students and upgrading the quality of the program.

Last month McDowell announced receipt of \$167,000 in federal job training funds and a specific \$34,000 grant to train Ford Motor Co. employees.

THE BOARD voted to accept its biggest list of gifts in years — nearly \$18,500 in cash and materials.

Largest was a 1982 Buick Century worth \$12,000 which General Motors donated to the college's automotive department. Transportation from Flint,

worth \$250, was arranged by Buick dealer Tom Armstrong through Anchor Motor Freight Inc. of Birmingham.

Next were eight 1982 transmissions, which Ford Motor Co.'s Livonia transmission plant donated to the automotive service program.

Plymouth Wayne Welding Co. of Garden City donated nearly \$1,700 in wire and electrode materials to the welding program.

Industrial Metal Fabricators Co. of Detroit donated 8,500 pounds of scrap metal worth an estimated \$850 to the welding program. Metropolitan Alloys Corp., also of Detroit, donated 300 pounds of aluminum alloy worth \$270 to the foundry course.

Johanna Wirbel of Ann Arbor gave a 1978 Volvo

station wagon worth \$600 to the automotive program.

Other gifts and donors were: two sets of new soccer goal nets worth \$180, Little Caesar's Western Suburban Soccer League, Farmington, and \$50 cash from Business and Professional Women's Club of Plymouth.

IN OTHER business, the Schoolcraft board of trustees:

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C.J. Risak

New Agenda renews spirit for old battle

IT WAS LABELED the New Agenda. But, really, what was on the agenda wasn't all that new.

Women and sports was the topic. Boiling it down, the resolutions generated from the three-day conference included a reaffirmation of Title IX, which is being challenged in courts in several states (including Michigan), and a commitment to get to work at the grass roots level on problems facing women athletes.

That's it? That's all the 600 delegates from around the nation got out of their weekend stay at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C.?

Not exactly. The look in Cathy Dritsas' eyes told a different story.

THE NEW AGENDA was more than a rallying cry for women athletes. It sought direction for so many diverse women's groups, a chance to "get rid of vested interests," as Billie Jean King said.

Yes, Billie Jean King, famous tennis player, was there. So were Carol Mann, Donna DeVerona, Dick Schaap, Janet Guthrie, Diana Nyad and lots of others, including Vice President George Bush and wife.

The conference was 20 months in the planning. And while direction may have been the No. 1 purpose, what was accomplished was something a bit different.

Perhaps something more.

DRITSAS SPOKE quickly, throwing out words like "dynamic" and "relate" and "competitive enrichment." The athletic director at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart was the only representative from the state in attendance.

"Before this conference, I thought about phasing in other younger women to take over," she said. "But I got recommitted. I came back with the thought that, 'Hey, these women are putting themselves on the line. I've got to keep working.'"

The women "putting themselves on the line" were former athletes who faced the problems females face in sports and shared their experiences at the conference. It proved to be pretty heavy stuff.

"I was inspired, personally," Dritsas admitted.

TRUE ENOUGH, women still face lots of problems in the world of sports. And true enough, it was much worse 10 years ago. "You've come a long way, baby" is correct enough, but "You've still got a ways to go" is equally accurate.

The reinspired Dritsas knows this. She's seen the problems girls face in sports and the struggles that lie ahead. And at the New Agenda she was able to share the problems she's encountered and find not a sympathetic ear but a lot of shared experiences.

"It's unconscionable!" was her reaction after relating a story of how University of Michigan uses its field hockey area for a parking lot during football games.)

Although men receive the bigger piece of the athletic pie, Dritsas insists this isn't a man-vs.-woman conflict.

"Women don't want to take away from men," she said. "To me, a good athlete should be able to play no matter what the sex."

Once outside of educational institutions, the chance for women to compete is extremely limited, Dritsas said. And it isn't because men are in a conspiracy against them.

INDEED, THE BIGGEST problem women face in sports is other women.

"I find men very supportive because they know the value of competition," Dritsas explained. "I always felt the biggest problem is with other women."

The value of competition: If Dritsas has a goal, it would be making the rest of the female population understand how healthy competition is.

"If you believe in the concept of competition, then you should believe it's good for all children," she said in convincing style. "But nothing is going to be accomplished until parents say, 'My little girl is as good as my little boy.'"

"When parents get involved, school administrators will listen."

This "second-class" syndrome is another problem Dritsas sees confronting the woman athlete. People "think what girls do is less significant," she said.

How to fight a concept is the query. And there are lots of wayward concepts surrounding women's sports that need to be dispelled.

"You know," Dritsas related as we walked to the door, "one of the hardest things I have to teach the girls is how to win. That trying to win is important, instead of just playing."

That was the aim of the New Agenda. To provide new answers to old problems. And to reinspire people who care into carrying on the battle.

Because it isn't over yet.



Dawn Johnson, after making a big steal, outraces Franklin defenders for a layup Tuesday night. She

was fouled on the play and converted the three-point play. Johnson scored nine points on the night.

JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Rocks shackle Pat offense

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The greased fastbreaking Livonia Franklin girls basketball machine ran into a Rock Tuesday night. The result: a 43-27 win and a berth in the state regional tournament for Plymouth Salem.

Franklin (16-7) rolled into the district finals on the strength of its fast-paced, run-and-gun style of play, and the phenomenal scoring of Alicia Lectka, who scored 42 points in the two previous district games.

Salem (19-4) fought its way to the finals with a tenacious man-to-man defense and the equally phenomenal scoring of Pam McBride, 32 points in two contests.

When the two teams squared off in the Plymouth Canton gym Tuesday, a loud bunch of Franklin rooters and an out-numbered but enthusiastic contingent of Rock fans, saw Salem completely shut down the Patriot fast-break and thus, completely take away their offense.

BUT IT DIDN'T look like it was going to be that way early.

Franklin came out smoking and threatened to run the Rocks out of the gym in the first quarter. Led by eight points from Sue Johnson, the Pats roared ahead 12-4.

"We knew that the emotion level was going to be a factor in this game," said Salem coach

Fred Thomann. "We knew they would be real fired up and we kind of based our game around that. We felt if we could hang in there that they would come off that high and we could start playing our game."

The Rocks hung in there. When Mary Beth Weast came off the bench in the second quarter and canned two long jumpers, the momentum swayed drastically. Salem went on to shut out the Pats 15-0 in the second quarter.

McBride, who had missed her first four shots, sandwiched a hoop between Weast's two bombs to pull Salem close.

Reggie Rojeski, who has been playing superbly both offensively and defensively for the Rocks, blocked a shot and made a layup with 4:50 left in the half, and the game was tied 12-12.

THEN, AFTER THREE straight misses, Dawn Johnson connected to give the Rocks the lead. They never trailed after that.

"We knew that we couldn't get into a half court game with them," said Patriot coach Tim Newman. "If we don't score, press and run, we aren't going to win."

And that's exactly what Salem stopped them from doing in the second quarter.

"They run a patterned fastbreak," Thomann said. "We knew what they were going to do."

Thomann said they knew which Patriot would handle the ball on the break, and Rojeski was assigned to slow that person down — which she did effectively. That done, the break was stalled.

IN THE SECOND quarter, Franklin was limited to just seven shots, attesting to the Rocks' stingy defense. Franklin went 14 and a half minutes without a field goal through the second and third quarters.

Johnson got the Rocks off and running in the second half. She made a steal, turned that into a fast layup and was fouled — a three point play. The next time down she sank a jumper and Salem led 25-14.

By the end of the quarter Salem was ahead 31-19.

But you don't win 16 ballgames by giving up after three quarters, and the Pats fought their way back into the game.

Sue Johnson, who led the Pats with 15 points, scored two quick baskets to pull within eight.

MICHELLE DAWSON got a big basket for Salem, putting in a jumper off an offensive

rebound, and Salem went up again by 10, 33-23.

"Our bench was the key for us," Thomann said. "Weast hit those two key jumpers and played great defense. And Dawson did a fabulous job. That was a big offensive rebound and basket in the fourth quarter."

A basket by Carolyn Smith, her only points of the night, pulled the Pats within eight again with 4:28 to play, but the Rocks, hitting seven of eight free throws, pulled away down the stretch.

McBride led all scorers with 17 points. After missing her first four shots, she made six of her next 11. Johnson had nine for Salem and four steals.

But the story of the game was defense — Rock defense. Alicia Lectka, shadowed all night by Fran Whittaker, didn't score a point and had very few shots. The Rock defense created 18 turnovers, nine in the fourth quarter.

For Franklin, the co-champions of the Northwest Suburban League, the season comes to an end. And, according to Newman, it was a good year.

"I'm just tickled to death the way the kids played," he said. "We were probably the best third in the league. It's just so good to see kids."

For Salem, it's on to the high school tournament, which they will host beginning Tuesday, Nov. 29. They will play the winner of the Romulus district.

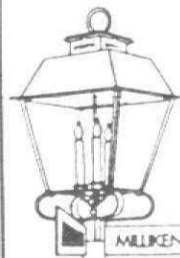


BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Congrats!

Salem swimmer Kristal Taylor accepts plaudits from teammates after she won the 100-yard freestyle event in the Western Lakes league swim meet Friday. Both Canton and Salem had successful outings — for Canton, it was the best ever. The story is on Page 3C.

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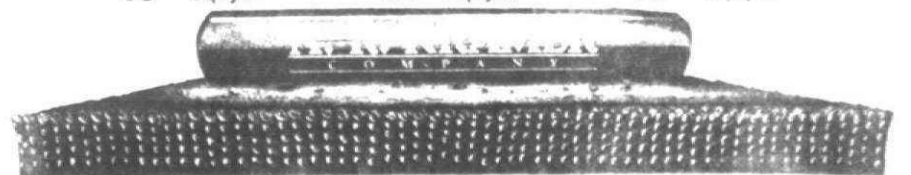
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Travel



A good stop for 'snowbirds'

Chattanooga Choo-Choo is worth leaving home for

Travel writer Iris Jones will in the next few issues take a look at places "snowbird" travelers can visit on their way south to Florida...

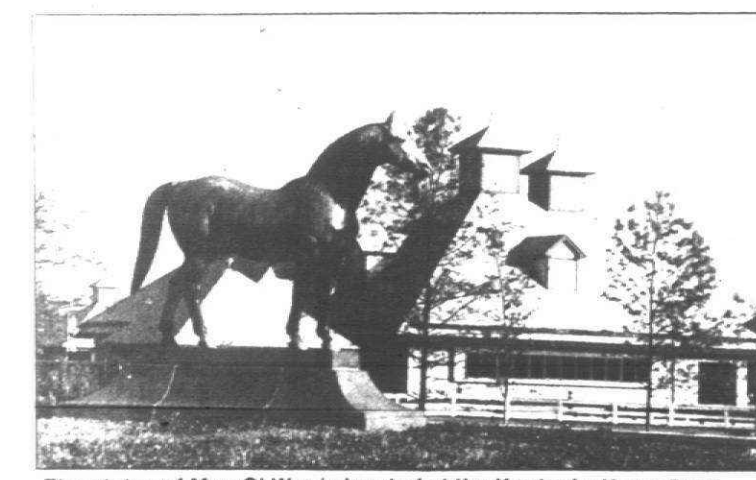


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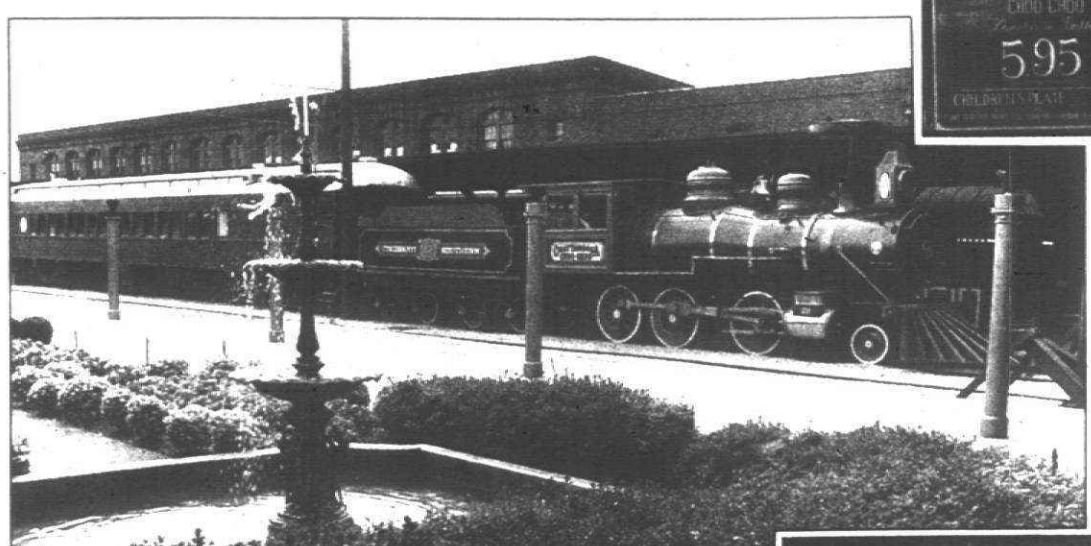
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Leaders from 6 states hear regional plea

In the last 13 years, the six Great Lakes states have lost population, industry and industrial strength to the West and Sunbelt. And only multi-state regional planning will restore it...

THE CONGRESS on the Economic Future of the Great Lakes States - originated and hosted by Edison in Detroit's Renaissance Center - brought together top spokesmen for business, labor, government, education and agriculture to pool their expertise on ways to improve the region's economy.

The GM chairman emphasized that "we are attempting to formulate a long-range strategic plan for this region." "Too often in the past, there's been a tendency to look only to the next corporate financial report, the next collective bargaining session, the next election, the next harvest or the next academic year."

SMITH OF Bloomfield Hills called for a "renaissance of the Great Lakes states" but cautioned that "we can't be parochial in our approach." "The competition today is global in nature," he said.

development, but the auto union chief warned we first have "got to stop flying blind" in such efforts. "Indicative planning on a regional basis should be coordinated by a multi-party, TVA-type agency. It should focus on restructuring the metalworking sector of the Great Lakes states - the core of our comparative strength - emphasizing the re-use of idle plants and work forces."

LEVIN NOTED that the locks "are vital to the economic health of the entire Great Lakes region" for vessels moving iron ore from upper Michigan and Minnesota to steel mills along southern Lake Michigan and Lake Erie.

Build new 'Soo' lock, senators ask

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle have introduced legislation authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a second large lock at Sault Ste. Marie for ship passage between Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

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'Make sure they do well' — Gov. Blanchard

By Kathy Parrish
staff writer

Executives of Robert Bosch Corp. looked at 100 sites for its new high tech campus. The German-based firm said "Yes" to Farmington Hills because of low interest, tax-free financing and other inducements worked out by the city, state and Detroit Edison Co.

So Bosch was the ideal spot for Gov. James Blanchard to announce his latest steps to stimulate business activity in Michigan and improve its business image. "They're here, and hopefully they'll do well. We're going to make sure they do," said Blanchard, welcoming the firm which produces auto parts ranging from small electric motors to fuel injection systems. "This is happening around the state. Michigan is on the move."

AT A NEWS conference attended by representatives of several businesses the state has helped, Blanchard last week announced three more parts of his 20-point economic revitalization program.

Through the restructured Department of Commerce, the state will try to:

- Increase Michigan exports through a new Office of International Development.
- Help state businesses gain more federal contracts.
- Renew its commitment to promote Michigan as a good place to do business.

In expanding its business retention effort, the Commerce Department also has started a program to assist women in business. And it has specialists to work with special

sectors of business like automotive, food processing and forestry.

The governor outlined his economic revitalization plan in an address to the Michigan Legislature Oct. 6. He previously announced that a Commerce Department ombudsman will help businesses cut through regulatory red tape, new rules for franchising and simplified requirements for stock sales.

'For the first time in Michigan, major sectors are working together. The confrontation mode has gone the way, hopefully, of the Model T.'

—Ralph Gerson
Commerce director

BLANCHARD stressed his determination to "forge a strong, new alliance between government, business, labor and education."

"For the first time in Michigan, major sectors are working together" explained Commerce Director Ralph Gerson, a former Washington, D.C. resident whom Blanchard brought home to Michigan to revamp the department.

"The confrontation mode has gone the

way, hopefully, of the Model T. There is a new mode."

Gerson said incorporations are up 10 percent in the state. He added that "a rigorous set of conditions make it much more difficult for business today."

"If they falter, so does Michigan."

BLANCHARD announced new promotional materials for the "Say Yes to Michigan" campaign, which is in its third year. The governor said the campaign helped generate \$10 billion in tourism.

A new product promotion campaign makes "Yes Michigan" stickers available to state manufacturers who want to identify homegrown products for consumers.

"A psychological turnout for the state is crucial," said first lady Paula Blanchard, who is volunteering her time to the product promotion campaign.

"Michigan is the home of products, products, products."

Along with helping "take the mystery out of exporting" for Michigan businesses, the state will also work through its Washington office to bring in more federal contracts.

Gerson said the U.S. spends \$94 billion yearly on procurement. And Michigan — which was the second largest defense contractor during World War II — has the capacity to "do it again."

"We intend to market Michigan as it has never been marketed before," stressed Gerson, adding that the Water Wonderland is "not just a beautiful state with a great shoreline."

"It's a state with all the economic assets and a tremendous future ahead of us."

'Blues' seek lids on costs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan will offer large-group customers a three-pronged cost-containment program that requires prior authorization for hospital admission beginning in early 1984.

The three components of the Blues program is part of a nationwide effort by Blue Cross and Blue Shield to control health-care costs. The steps will be:

- Prior authorization of non-emergency hospital admissions.
- Prior authorization of an appropriate length of stay in hospitals for all admissions.
- Medical necessity to determine the kind of treatment most appropriate

for some selected medical conditions.

GROUP CUSTOMERS can choose any combination of the three components.

"Several of our customer groups have already signed for the first two elements of the prior authorization program," said Robert H. Reveley, Blues vice president for health-care affairs.

"There are a number of ways this program can cut costs," Reveley said. "In some cases, services that would have otherwise been performed in a hospital will be switched to a less-costly outpatient setting.

"If hospitalization is approved, authorization will be given for an appropriate

length of stay based on the nature of the care. This is expected to eliminate any unnecessary hospital days.

"Finally, alternative treatments may be recommended, as appropriate, for consideration in reducing costs," Reveley said.

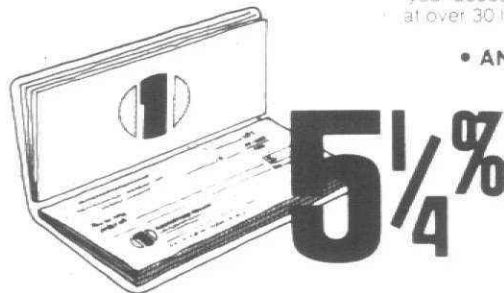
ALREADY the Blues are part of a coalition in Flint made up of representatives of hospitals, health-care professionals, insurers, organized labor, business and community leaders that earlier this year developed a pre-authorization program. It has been dubbed "RUN," for Reduce Utilization Now.

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short shots

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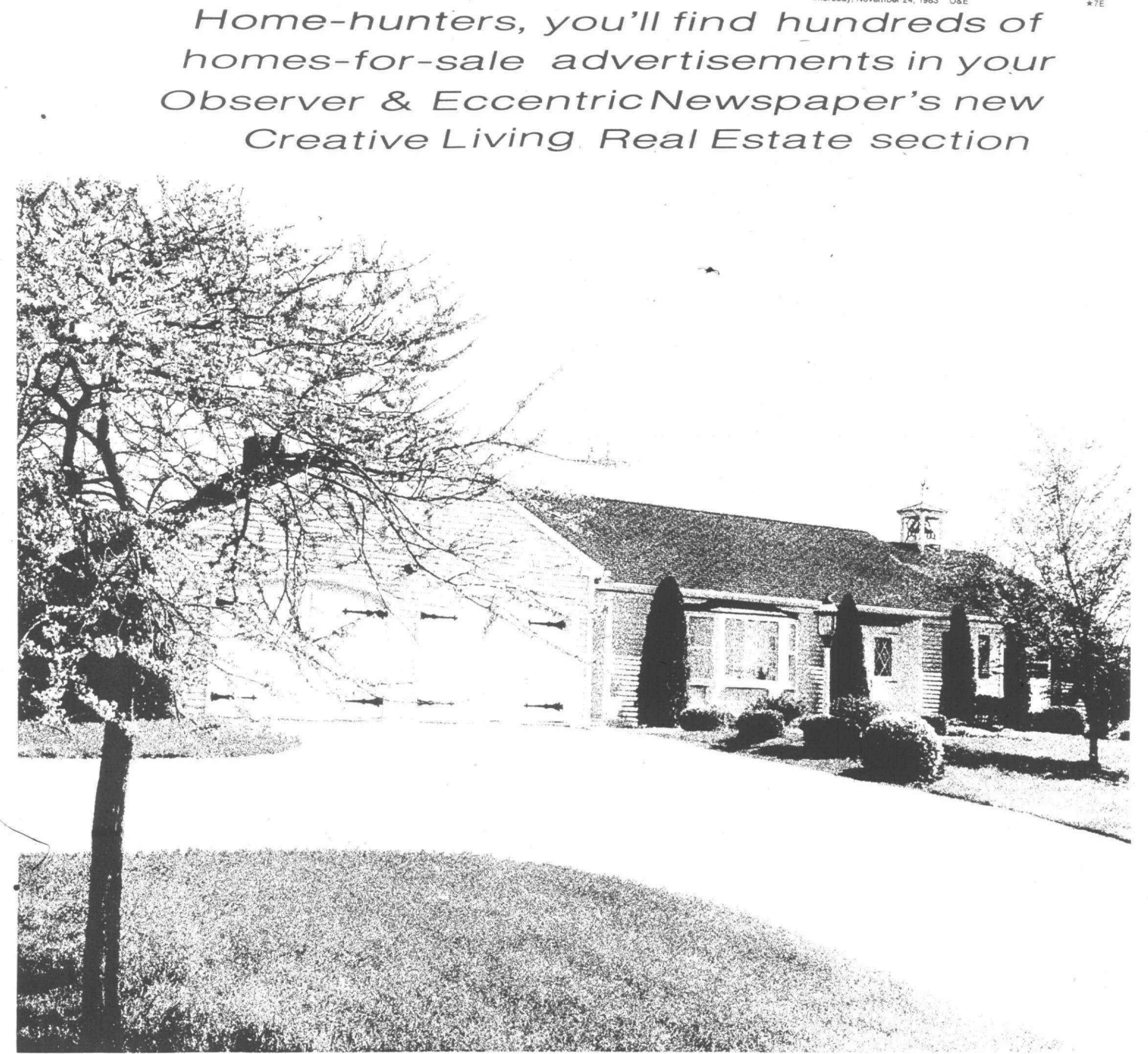
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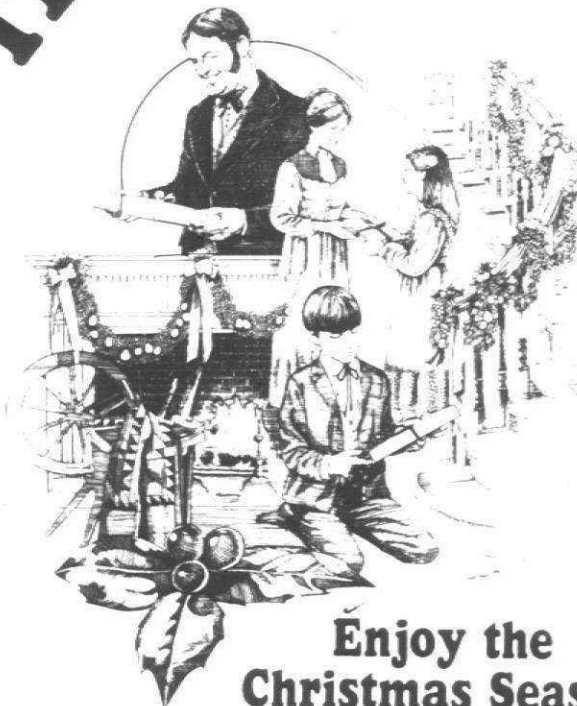
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Yuletide foods, singers and performances on antique musical instruments will provide a festive atmosphere throughout the museum's great hall. Children will be invited to play with reproductions of 19th-century toys, and everyone in the family can enjoy making their own period ornaments and greeting cards.

PREPARATIONS FOR the holiday will be shown in more than a dozen of historic buildings at Greenfield Village, showing the range of activities during the 19th century.

In the house of Thomas Edison's grandparents, cooking and family activities of an 1860s holiday will promise a

warm respite from December's chill. Candies are made in the 19th-century home where H.J. Heinz produced the first of "57 kinds" of condiments.

A rural Christmas of the 1870s is portrayed at the boyhood home of Henry Ford, decorated with ornaments of natural materials and a simple tabletop tree trimmed with handmade flags reminiscent of the centennial.

In contrast, the nearby urban home of Orville and Wilbur Wright will celebrate a Christmas of 1909. A full-size tree with paper and store-bought ornaments, surrounded by gaily wrapped presents is the centerpiece. Similar decorations deck the halls throughout.

Yuletide Evening at Greenfield Village offers another holiday experience for visitors. The after-hours event features a candlelight dinner with musical entertainment at either the Eagle Tavern or Heritage Hall in Henry Ford Museum. The highlight of the evening is a sleigh ride and walking tour through the village, with hot spiced cider as a warm ending to the occasion. Yuletide Evenings are scheduled for Dec. 1-31, except Dec. 24-25, and require advance reservations by calling 271-1620.



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IF YOUR HOLIDAY photos are disappointing, maybe you need to change attitudes and not equipment.

Is there only one family member who takes the holiday pictures each year? Do most of the pictures show kids opening gifts? If so, this is year to change your habits and let others enjoy the fun of photography and to begin your children's photographic education.

Children will love being able to take pictures of their parents opening the gifts they gave them or being able to photograph their friends, pets or prized possessions. With many newer cameras, the flash is automatically fired when it is needed and the film is advanced after each shot, leaving the photographer free to concentrate on the basics of a picture.

Try to involve more adults in the picture-taking too. If the same person is missing from most of the holiday pictures in your photo album, the odds are that's the person who does most of the photography. By passing the camera among the whole family, you can get pictures of everybody enjoying the holidays.

Make the most of your seasonal picture-taking by following these tips:

- Have plenty of film and fresh batteries on hand. Check your flash unit.
- The more spontaneous your photos, the better. When taking group or individual portraits, make your subject look comfortable. Avoid unnatural poses and talk to your subjects to help them relax.
- Start taking photos early in the season. The trimming of the tree, baking of cookies — all are subjects you'll want to capture on film.

• Work with natural light when you can. But the holidays aren't the time to experiment with conditions you're unsure of. Rely on your flash when in doubt.

• Know how your camera works. If it's been awhile since you've taken photos or if you're using a new or borrowed camera, take a practice roll of film.

• Study your surroundings. Windows and mirrors can ruin your pictures if the flash is aimed directly at either. It's best to aim the flash at a reflective surface on an angle to avoid having the reflections come back directly to the camera lens.

• Get close to your subjects to capture their expressions. Faces, not feet, make for the best photos. Instead of stepping back, the photographer should step forward for good, tight photos.

• Watch the background for distracting objects that may appear to "grow" from someone's head in the actual picture. Our eyes are sometimes selective, but the camera sees everything.

• Try to photograph kids with presents they receive from relatives. These pictures make excellent thank-you notes.

• Plan your photos ahead of time. Make a list of the photos you want to be sure to get. Then tape the list on the back of the camera.

• Avoid trying to put too much into any photograph. The trick is to take several pictures, zeroing in on a single quality at a time.

• Vary the angles, distances and styles of your pictures. Don't forget to zoom in and out with the camera and to zoom out naturally. To help set the scene, include your surroundings.

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If it's been a few years since you've had a family group portrait made, it may be time to have another that shows how the children have grown.

A family portrait made by a professional photographer can be as creative and varied as your lifestyle. For a formal, traditional look, you can arrange to have a portrait made in the studio with dramatic lighting and background. For a photograph that captures a more informal lifestyle, consider a portrait made in your home or outdoors in a park or other suitable location.

Because the holiday season may be the photographer's busiest during the year, it is wise to plan ahead for an appointment.

When you make the appointment with the photographer, select the style and setting for the portrait session. The professional will be able to answer any questions you may have about coordinating clothing colors and styles for each member of the family.

Generally, it is best for women to select outfits with long or three-quarter

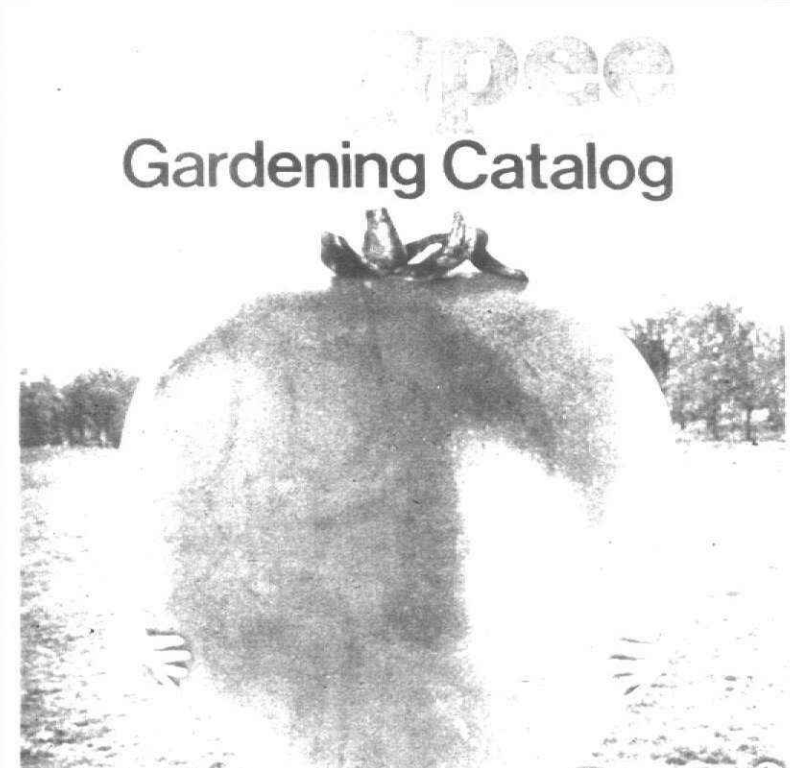
length sleeves, flattering — not bulky — necklines and a minimum of jewelry and accessories. Black and stark white should be avoided except as accent colors. Men can opt for conservative business suits — again, avoiding solid black — or coordinated slacks, sweaters and shirts for an informal portrait. Children should be dressed in appropriate outfits, but avoid T-shirts and jeans, which will soon look outdated.

Your photographer will probably advise bringing two or three choices of outfits for each person to the portrait session.

If you have a treasured family pet, you may wish to have it in the group portrait. Alert your photographer ahead of time so he is prepared to handle and pose the pet.

If your children are grown and away at school, try to arrange a portrait session for the Thanksgiving weekend when they will all be home to celebrate. Be sure to let the photographer know you wish the portrait ready for holiday gift-giving.

If you don't have enough time between the portrait session and the holidays to have the final photograph framed and wrapped, ask the photographer to make a small print of the selected view and give this to your loved ones with a note explaining the present to come.



For those with a sense of humor

Signet's "Bumpee Gardening Catalog" is a spoof of the Burpee species, offering seeds for lily of the valley girl, the money plant (rockefeller davidus), Holy Moses burning bush, the claude pepper, skunk cabbage, designer corn and nunkist oranges. How can you go wrong buying from with a catalog whose motto is: "If not completely satisfied, join the crowd." The spoof is available at area book stores.

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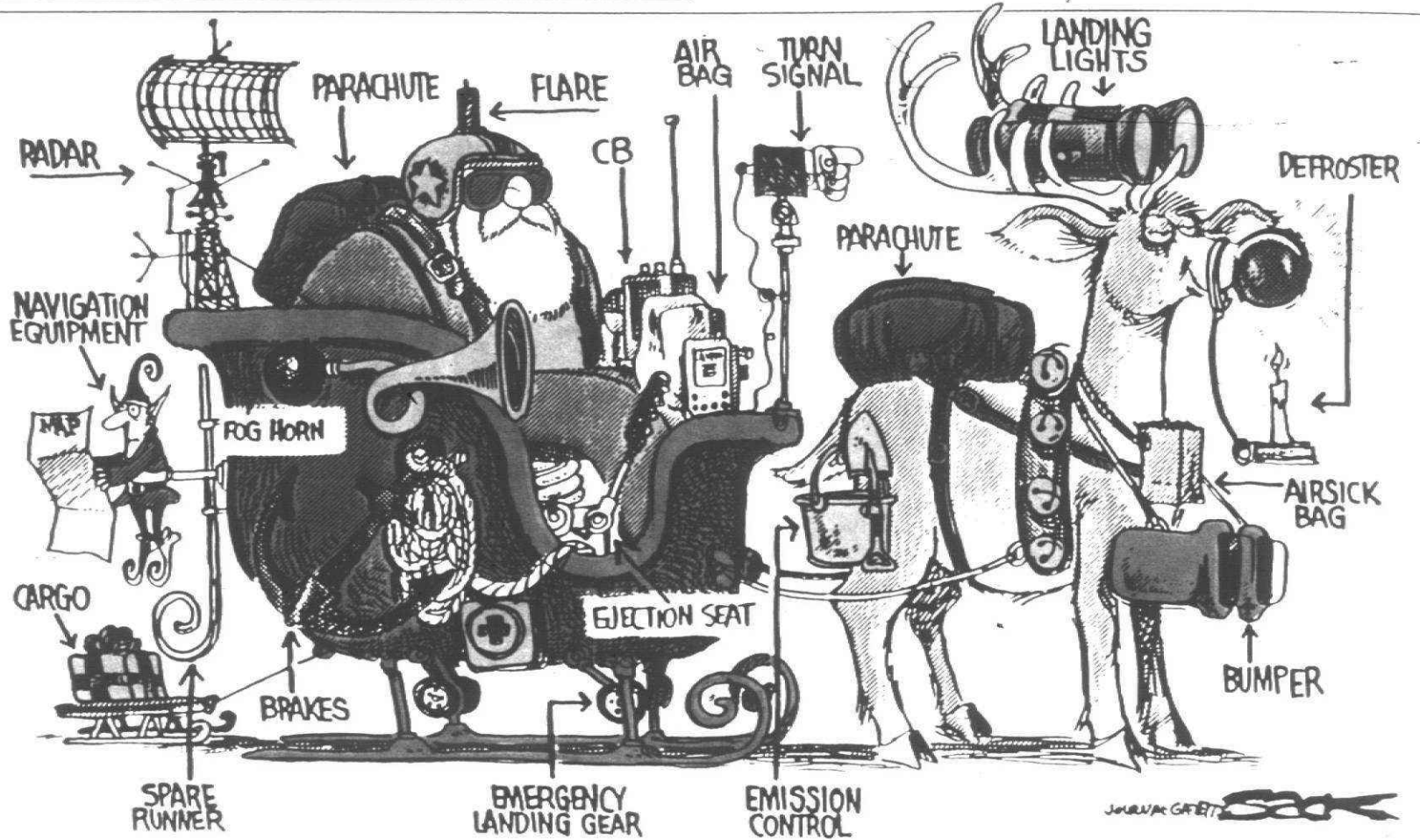
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Stocks go up and stocks go down, but in the land, there's always a bear market. Primarily responsible for this state of affairs is an almost-tetragonarian bear cub named Teddy. In a fast-paced, fast-oriented and fickle-minded society, the forever young Teddy Bear remains one of America's all-time favorite toys.

"Never in the history of Wall Street was the country more at the mercy of bears than it is today," cried the toy industry's trade magazine, *Playthings*, in 1906. "Staffed plush Teddies are fairly rampant, and indications show prospects of a long and continued reign."

How right they were. Fleeting fashions come to other stuffed animals, lions and tigers may trail on occasion to push Teddy off center stage in the toy store window. One year whimsy has to type, that is, both in on Teddies. "Nevertheless," our retailers tell us, the Teddy Bear is still number one. "Dennis Levesque, *Playthings'* current associate editor, says Douglas Thompson, president of the Toy Manufacturers of America, agrees. "There's no decline in this species. The Teddy is on the increase."

First among equals perhaps, because each bear owner naturally thinks his or her Teddy is best is a seldom seen Teddy Bear who lives at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. This delightful chap, with his honey-colored coat covering a rather round belly, has bright black shoe button eyes and a wisdom-of-the-ages or slightly smug expression. He only meets his public occasionally.

"We've had lots of requests for him, and he's been in view of a number of times," Herb Collins, formerly the Smithsonian's chief curator of political history, says. "But we have to be careful; his joints loosen with handling and his coat fades in the light." Actually, for a bear who's been around since the turn of the century, he's in excellent condition. And the Smithsonian Institution wants him to stay that way because he's one of the first teddy bears made in America.

It was Herb Collins, now the executive director to the Smithsonian's National Philatelic Collection, who personally brought this teddy to the Smithsonian in 1964. President Theodore Roosevelt's grandson, Kermit, his wife and their children had been presented with the Teddy Bear, one of the originals from the Ideal Toy Co. by Benjamin Michtom, son of Ideal's founder. Michtom dated the bear to 1903; the year his parents went into the toy bear-making business. The Roosevelts decided that the teddy bear named for the president should go to the Smithsonian.

He almost didn't make it. A letter from Mrs. Roosevelt to Michtom advised, "I was about to get in touch with the Smithsonian about presenting them with the original bear when the children decided they didn't want to part with it yet." Happily, Mark and Anne Roosevelt, the president's great-grandchildren, changed their minds. Several months later, the Smithsonian and the American people got their bear. Theodore Roosevelt's favorite bear

always got his. On Nov. 14, 1902, the president was on a hunting expedition. Snuggly Miss, an aide to Clark Ammons, that the president had a bear, some of his party chased down and skinned a 148-pound black bear. The hunters put the bear and tied it to a tree. A messenger was dispatched to summon the president so that he might shoot the animal and go home with a trophy. When the president arrived, he refused to shoot the exhausted and tethered creature.

The spot was tried was heard around, the *Long Press Association* representatives were with the hunting party and a small army of reporters was following the president's trail. On Nov. 20, 1902, a cartoon by Clifford Berryman, the incident appeared on the front page of the *Washington Post*. The American public immediately responded by ordering the bear, and the bear's popularity sprang from that time, and its popularity quickly spread to the president.

Still, however, the whole matter looked like a whimsical tale. A subsequent Berryman cartoon of the same hunting episode dated 1902 depicted the bear as smaller than the one in the first cartoon, a worried-looking and very appealing cub. Berryman's little bear was a great success and appeared in his cartoons of Theodore Roosevelt for years afterwards. In fact, Teddy's bear was everywhere. Observed historian Mark Sullivan,

"The 'Teddy Bear,' beginning with Berryman's original cartoon, was repeated thousands of times and printed literally thousands of millions of times. Toy-makers took advantage of its vogue; it became more common in the hands of children than the woolly lamb."

Legend and family oral history have it that Brooklyn candy store owners Rose and Morris Michtom gave America its first stuffed bear toy and named it for Theodore Roosevelt. According to their son, Benjamin (who died in 1980), Morris Michtom was inspired by the Berryman cartoon and wrote to the president, asking his permission to make a small bear cub and call it "Teddy's Bear." As Benjamin Michtom heard the story from his father, the president agreed, although T.R. was said to have expressed doubt that his name would mean much in the toy bear business.

Despite the skepticism, Rose Michtom made a few samples of the new teddy bear. In 1903, Butler Brothers, a large wholesaler, agreed to distribute it and the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co. was born. "I've been hearing the story since I was a tiny child," Mark Michtom says. Currently a senior vice president of Ideal Toy Corp., Morris Michtom's grandson heartily appreciates the fact that a teddy bear started a multimillion-dollar business.

The teddy bear has, in fact, started several multimillion-dollar businesses, although they prefer to think they started him. Another firm famous for its teddy bears is the Steiff Co. of Greding, on the Brenz, West Germany, headed today by Hans Otto Steiff, great-grandnephew of co-founder Nian, had nothing on the



Kathy Churilla clutches a modern day version of Teddy.

Steiff Co. menagerie—everything from a peacock with real feathers to a life-sized graffe. "But the teddy bear is still our most popular animal," says Steiff, himself a sturdy bear of a man. According to the Steiff bear tale told and retold by family members over the years, an American buyer brought several thousand of their toy bears to America in 1903. In 1907, a vintage year for teddy bears, Steiff sold nearly a million toy bear immigrants.

By then, practically every large American city boasted two or more teddy bear factories. There was a teddy bear whose eyes lighted up, one who whistled, one who played music, one who tumbled and one who laughed, revealing a set of teeth like the president's—the better to "bare them at his enemies."

In this same bearish year, young women regularly were seen driving through Central Park in Columbia electric victorias and other fancy vehicles, their teddies the only passenger. But teddy bears were not just for the rich. By 1908, the Sears and Roebuck catalog advertised a family of three bears for 25 cents. Parents presented the Goldlocks. The growing teddy bear population was aided by a Michigan minister, who warned that replacing dolls with toy bears would be the main road to respect in little girls.

Teddy was not to name. If bears were to be had, good old America's snow-how was the culprit. Hardly a day passed but that a new teddy article is brought before the public. Playthings trumpeted the tiny Hamptons-Dumpty teddy came apart returning a miniature compact. Teddy bears were on automobiles, buttons and dials, as well as on linen, stationery, even postcards, sheet music and even old water bottles.

In this year's gift catalogs, teddies are turning up once again—including a teddy bear sleeping bag and a furry teddy bear hot-water bottle. For that extra-special someone, there's a natural, ranch-milk teddy. Stores selling only teddy bears and related bear-mobilia are springing up all over America, and antique teddies sell for hundreds of dollars.

Clearly, America is experiencing a new teddy bear awareness. Last year the 108-year-old Zoological Society of Philadelphia, America's first chartered zoo, held America's First Great Teddy Bear Rally. For two days 25,000 people and an undetermined number of bears marched in parades, entered contests, attended to arcade games and swapped bear tales.

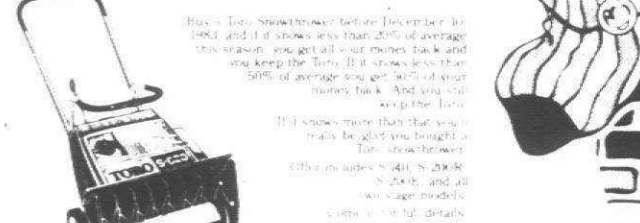
Anthropologists, as collectors of bearlike motifs are known, abound. Matthew Murphy, board chairman of the Republic Bank of Plano, Texas, started at the age of 5, back in 1935 with three dozen ranch-raised teddies. First they were soldiers, and later they became football players with numbers and medals. "Today they are retired bank executives," Murphy says. He owns 1,157 bears, but only 200 remain in the teddies.

The Great Bears of the World, with 2000 members, is a nonprofit organization devoted to donating bears to children and their parents in hospitals, institutions or wherever they are needed. Through their gifts in name status, the Great Bears has given some 2,000 teddy bears and other bears since the group was founded in 1971. (8, 10, 12 states have given named Teddies. Roosevelt's birth date, Oct. 7, is Good Bear Day. The 27th of August, the United Nations Day, is the Year of the Teddy Bear.)

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Why all the fuss over a stuffed furry creature? New York City's Big Apple Bear Den put it this way: "We have an enduring affection for the teddy bear, finding it to be a universal symbol of love, comfort and joy."

Psychiatrist Dr. Paul Horton of Meriden, Conn. agrees, applauding the therapeutic value of the teddy bear as a "solacing object." Horton is the author of "Solace: The Missing Dimension in Psychiatry" (University of Chicago Press, 1981). The solacing object might be a teddy bear or any other stuffed animal, a security blanket, a sailboat or a live pet, so long as it gives comfort in times of stress or change.

Horton often "prescribes" teddy bears for both children and adults as a supplement to an overall treatment program. One 12-year-old boy who suffered from nightmares received a tiny teddy from Horton with instructions "to talk with it every night and put it under his pillow to protect him when he went to sleep." The nightmares stopped.

The growing teddy bear population so alarmed a Michigan minister that he warned that replacing dolls with toy bears would destroy the maternal instinct in little girls.

So Teddy has a serious side. He is a willing listener who can share good times and bad. He's also nuggable, clean around the house and cheap to feed. No wonder America is going crazy over him once again.

At least one person, however, was immune to his charm. Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Alice Roosevelt Longworth. When offered one of the original teddy bears in exchange for posing with the teddy on the occasion of the bear's 60th birthday, she refused, asking tartly: "What does a 79-year-old doll want with a 60-year-old teddy bear?"



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Despite the best of intentions, the holidays can sometimes be disorienting and confusing to a child. To help fully enjoy the wonderful things this season has to offer, here are some tips to consider.

A major concern parents have during the holiday season is selecting toys for their children that are safe. This is especially true for first-time parents who may be less familiar with appropriate toys and how to judge a toy's safety features.

According to Dr. Paula Abrams-Smith, staff child psychologist at Fisher-Price Toys, evaluating toys for possible safety hazards is something every parent should do. "It's not a complicated once you know what to look for," she says.

Abrams-Smith advises parents to watch for small parts, small points, and pull joints, sharp points, flimsy construction, pinch points, and unprotected edges.

Of course, all types of projectiles, such as darts and rubber bands, should be avoided especially for infants. To anticipate how any toy's features compare

Big for your child can be misused, she says.

If this is your baby's first Christmas or Hanukkah, Abrams-Smith suggests a few basic toys that almost all infants find interesting and stimulating. Huggable, cuddly soft toys help provide a secure, comfortable feeling no matter what your baby's sex, and can be used in almost any play environment. Musical mobiles are ideal for encouraging young infants to listen as well as track movement and color. In bright, eye-catching colors, rattles and teething rings for teething, holding, shaking and watching.

Most baby toys, including water toys, babies are to experiment with pouring and spilling. The use of puppets can help infants play with their imaginations in the home. Toys with push-button lights can be played with but only in play when attached to high chairs and stroller seats where parents can supervise them.

Toys that are in pieces, such as dolls, baby stroller accessories, etc., must not be used until the child is old enough to understand the consequences of seasonal gift-giving. Toys that are used in the home should be kept in mind for use in the home. Toys that are used in the home should be kept in mind for use in the home.

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Portable computers can be a time-saving tool for business people or students on the run, but gift-givers need to be sure they buy a portable system that matches the needs of the person who will be using it.

The wide range of sizes, prices and features among portables means that shoppers must select wisely. To start off, they should become familiar with what's on the market.

Models vary from handhelds — pocket-size machines with single-line displays — to 20- or 30-pound systems, called transportables, that are no easier to lug than a portable typewriter. In between are notebook-size computers that fit into a briefcase but still have capabilities similar to larger desk-top machines. And among those in the notebook-size category alone, prices range from \$800 to \$8,000.

"You need to begin shopping with a list of features the owner will need on the computer," said Ron Ockander, director of sales for Epson America Inc. "If you match the tasks he or she needs to accomplish with the computer, you're much more likely to spend your money on the right kind of system."

First, he advises, determine where the computer will be used. Someone who travels frequently and needs the machine to work and communicate on the road needs a lightweight, compact system. Transportables have a full-size screen and keyboard, but they're heavy and bulky.

It's also important to keep in mind how long the computer will be used at a stretch. Some systems can run up to 50 hours without recharging, others only for five. Consider, too, whether the computer should incorporate a printer. Many owners need to produce hard copies of their work right away.

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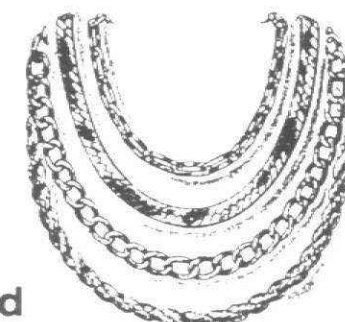
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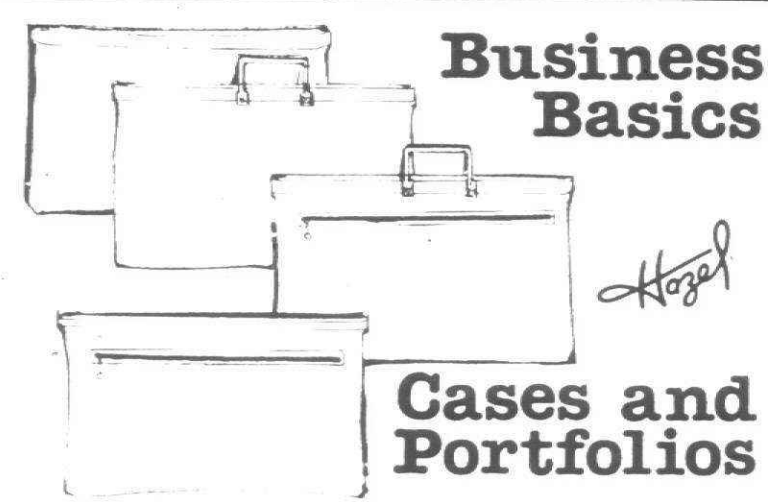
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Beta, VHS, VCR

Variety is the name of video equipment

In this age of electronics, one of the most popular family gift choices is a home entertainment center. But choosing the components that will give you the best value and meet your individual needs is not easy.

Michael Thaller, a distributor of TV programming for World Communications in Los Angeles, says it is important to learn all that you can, not only about the different kinds of equipment available and their uses, but also the types of stores that want to sell to you.

• **VIDEO CASSETTE** recorders (VCRs) — The most important thing to learn is that they come in both Beta and VHS models. The two types of tape are similar but cannot be interchanged.

"The main consideration is finding out what system your friends have in the event you trade tapes," Thaller said. "VHS is more popular since more titles are available on VHS, but the waiting lines are also longer to rent or purchase the tapes."

Some VCR manufacturers offer machines with stereo capability, but since your TV doesn't have stereo sound whatever you tape off the TV will still come through in mono.

• **VCR OPTIONS** — VCR units range from \$400 to over \$1,100 with options causing the vast price spread.

"The basic model usually has a 24-hour timer and a mechanical tuner," Thaller said. "You can record any one show in 24 hours and usually that's all

you need." Otherwise, he said, you'll get a stockpile of unviewed tapes that you won't have time to see if you didn't have time to watch the original broadcasts.

Programmable timers and electronic tuners cost hundreds of dollars.

The one feature Thaller believes worth the money is the search-cue and review button.

"You can search through the tape while you're watching it and get through the commercials."

• **VIDEO DISCS** — Discs are played on machines that look like record players and include movies and entertainment specials as well as sports, cartoons, rock music, travel and other features. The machines are less expensive than VCRs — priced about \$300-\$500 — but they can be used only for playback, not recording.

"The advantage to the disc is that it has somewhat better picture quality, much better sound quality and costs one-third that of a prerecorded movie tape," Thaller said. But you can tape four two-hour movies off the TV onto a VHS tape for the cost of a video disc. The most likely customers for video discs are those who can't get cable programming or have no desire to tape conventional television shows.

• **CAMERAS** — Picture quality varies little from the least expensive to the most expensive models, according to Thaller. "What you are paying for is the electronic viewfinder, color capability and picture tube, and instantaneous playback ability."

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Hanukkah: a festival of freedom

HANUKKAH, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrates the first struggle in human history when men fought not for material possessions and land but for the ideals of liberty and religious freedom.

In 175 BC, Antiochus IV became the king of Syria, the land to which Israel had been annexed. He tried to force the Jews to renounce their faith and their customs, to worship Greek idols so that the kingdom would be composed of one people, all uniform, all believing and doing the same things.

Antiochus decreed that any Jew caught observing the Sabbath or having in his possession the Torah Scroll, the Five Books of Moses, or who in any way maintained Jewish ceremonies and did not worship the Greek gods, many of whose statues bore the features of Antiochus — would be killed.

The flag of rebellion was raised in Modin, a small town northwest of Jerusalem by Mattathias and his five sons, who rallied Jews from the entire country to join their guerilla forces. After the death of Mattathias, the fight was continued under the leadership of Judah Maccabee. Maccabee is Hebrew for hammer and symbolizes that Judah and his Maccabees were the "hammer of the

Lord" as they fought against the Syrians.

Through brilliant military tactics, Judah and Maccabee and his small group of followers, won a series of victories against the well equipped Syrian legions in 168 BC. The last victory at Emmaus opened the road to Jerusalem in 165 BC. Following that, they gained possession of Jerusalem and began to clean and rededicate the temple.

After the cleansing and restoration, preparations were made to rededicate the temple. But ritually prepared oil could not be found. After much searching a little cruse of oil was found, bearing the priestly seal. This quantity of oil might normally have been expected to last for one day. But the oil lasted for eight days and was called the miracle of Hanukkah, which is the Hebrew word for dedication.

SINCE THAT TIME, Hanukkah lights have been lit in Jewish homes in all parts of the world. These lights commemorated the relighting of the eternal light or the "Nehr Tomid" in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem by the Maccabees. They have come to signify the right of people to freedom of religion and to loyalty to one's traditions. It represents the triumph of democracy over tyranny.

So it is that Hanukkah is a happy Jewish holiday that is essentially celebrated at home. It is marked by the lighting of candles. Beginning with one candle on the first night, an additional candle is lighted each successive night of the holiday until on the final evening, eight candles will be lit. A special pilot candle or "shammas" is used to light the candle which are placed in a menorah, an eight-branched candelabra reminiscent of the candelabra in the ancient temple.

The candle lighting is accompanied by the chanting of blessings and is followed by songs. Prayers of praise and thanksgiving hymns are recited in every service throughout the eight days.

HANUKKAH IS OFTEN marked by the giving of gifts. In some instances, a child is given a different gift after the blessing of the candles each night of the holiday. One of the favorite games played on Hanukkah is that of dreidel. This is a four-sided top, on each side of which a Hebrew letter is marked signifying whether the child is to put in a nut or other object, take the entire kitty, or half, or pass. The four Hebrew letters are the initial letters of the Hebrew words, "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham," which means, "A great miracle happened there."

Among the special foods prepared on Hanukkah, latkes or potato pancakes are the most popular. Kugen or potato pie and the loaf of bread called Chollaare also served.

Hanukkah is a time to receive guests, as well as a family reunion. Jewish homes are decorated with candles and flowers. It is also the occasion for community celebrations. There are parties, concerts, dramatic presentations in gaily decorated settings. Synagogues and religious schools and other Jewish institutions usually arrange special events in celebration of Hanukkah. But with all the festivity, the poor are not forgotten. They are usually recipients of Hanukkah gelt, gifts of money, or other necessities.

IN RECENT YEARS, another Hanukkah custom has been created in Israel. It is the torch relay. In Modin, where Mattathias initiated the fight for freedom, a torch is lit and in relay it is passed from hand to hand until the final runner presents the torch to the president of the state amidst waiting and cheering people.

Jews believe the ceremony relights anew the inspiration and the courage of the modern Israeli Maccabees who persist in their struggle for human liberty, religious freedom and the existence of the state of Israel.

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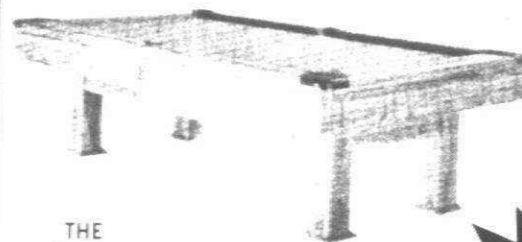
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We overspend and many of us overimbibe — all under the guise of holiday spirit.

However, those who overimbibe this season may get more than the resulting hangover. Tough new drunk driving laws are going to be strictly enforced and those caught driving while intoxicated may be spending the holidays in jail.

In 1981, more than 2,000 people died on the nation's highways — victims of drunk drivers. But the loss of life in accidents caused by drunk drivers is something partygivers can do something about.

Today's wise party-givers know that the state's tough drunk driving laws will be doubly enforced this holiday season and are planning their parties to be lively but their guests sober.

The nation's CareUnit program and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism suggest the following holiday tips for the host and hostess who are planning on serving alcohol at their party:

- Offer more than drinks. When the focal point is liquor, the party is definitely slipping. Stir up conversation, draw out a talented guest or play games, video or otherwise.

- Always have a jigger available when guests mix their own drinks. Guests who try to "eyeball" a jigger of booze will often end up drinking more than they had planned.

- If you plan on having a bartender, select one you know who will make the drinks "light" and will quietly "cut someone off" when they've had too much.

- If you're passing around glasses of champagne, do so at regular intervals. The body can handle about two-thirds of an ounce of alcohol an hour.

- Don't double up. Many people pace their drinks, so don't serve doubles. The body can usually handle one drink an hour; a double is the equivalent of two.

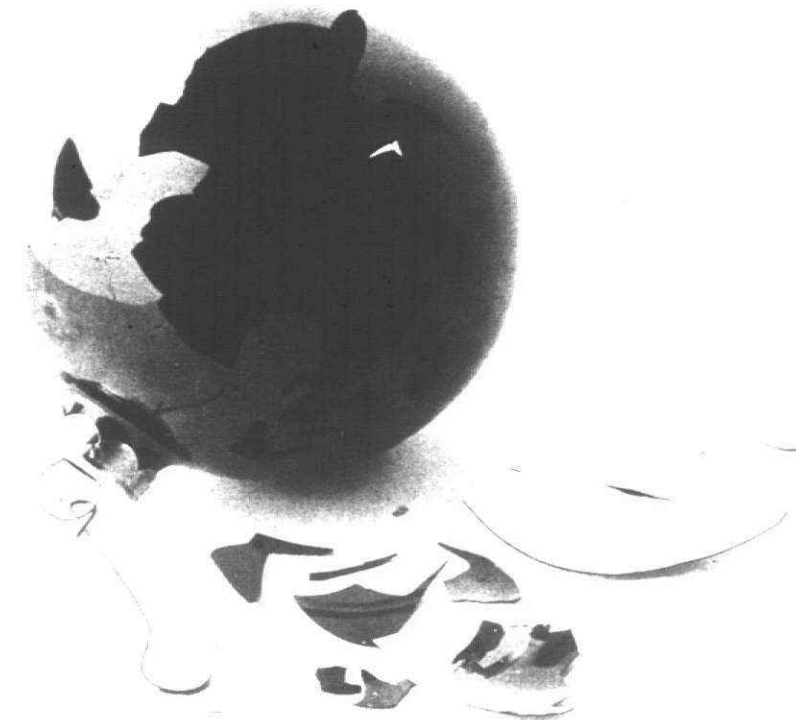
- Don't push drinks. Let a glass become empty before you refill. And then, don't rush, especially if someone comes up empty too often. When a guest says "no" to an alcoholic drink, don't insist.

- Provide something non-alcoholic to drink. While canned sodas are fine, it is not as festive or budget-wise as a punch.

- Serve food. Many hosts and hostesses serve late dinner so that guests eat something substantial before leaving the party. Food slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed by the body.

- Push snacks. Snacking slows down the rate at which people drink.

- If you notice one of your guests drinking too much, do what you can to slow him or her down. Offer some food, ask for their help in the kitchen keeping them occupied or volunteer to make



Don't allow your holidays to turn to tragedy because of an overconsumption of alcohol. Every year drunk drivers are responsible for loss of life on the highways.

their next drink and make it light.

- Encourage your guests to carpool to the party, designating a specific driver who will stay sober for the evening.

- Many party-goers arrange with friends to take a cab or rent a limousine. Splitting the costs can make this less expensive and safe.

Every year we hear statistics on holi-

day fatalities. No host or guestess wants a guest to become a fatality, but every year some do. To avoid it, party-givers must be part diplomat, part psychologist and most of all part police officer. Never let anyone drive home from your party who is not sober. Take their keys, call them a cab, drive them home yourself. The extra effort is worth it.

Parade of the toy soldiers

SERIOUS collectors wouldn't even consider buying a modern toy soldier.

"Today, a kid goes to a store to buy toy soldiers, and he gets a bag of all one-color, cheap plastic figures that are so ugly!"

So says Jack Matthews, a Washington D.C. communications lawyer, who has a different impression of the toy soldiers of his boyhood. So different, in fact, that he has spent nearly 20 years of his adult life amassing a collection of 7,000 of them.

Matthews is not unusual in the world of toy soldier collecting. His friends, Neal Crowley, a construction firm executive, recently flew from his Los Angeles home to Washington for a lecture by Peter Johnson, curator for the Forbes Museum of Military Miniatures in Tangier, Morocco.

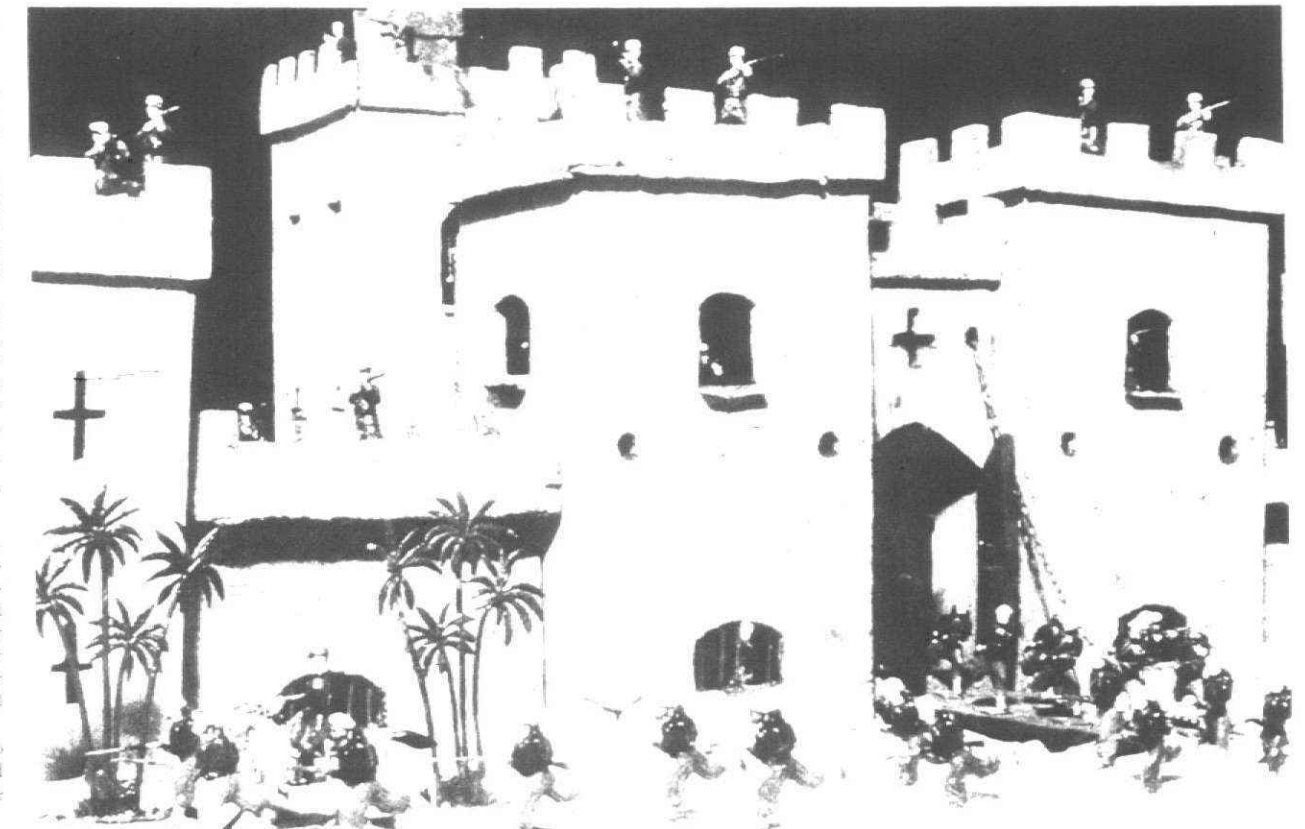
"I lose myself in them for hours," Crowley says of his armies.

The number of collectors is growing. Frank G. Frisella, director of the American Model Soldier Society and the American Military Historical Society, founded in 1960, says his group's roster recently topped 500, and there are many similar groups. A fair staged in Philadelphia by collectors has drawn more than 5,000 visitors.

SO WHAT IS the appeal? Why do grown men fly thousands of miles, spend thousands of hours and dollars on these childhood relics?

"Nostalgia is the most telling appeal," says Johnson. "They're attractive, nice

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A rod puppet production of "Hansel and Gretel" by Bob Brown Puppet Productions for the Detroit Youtheatre for ages 3 and above is Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art. Admission \$3.

Sara Crewe's Christmas Surprise is a musical riches-to-rags-to-riches story for ages 5 and older. A special Brownie-Girl Scout salute. Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art. Admission \$3.

The Prince Street Players present "Sleeping Beauty" at the Detroit Institute of Art 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 27-30. Admission \$3.

"The Wizard of Oz" is the holiday offering at the Henry Ford Museum Theater with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman and Cowardly Lion at 2 p.m. Dec. 3, 10, 17, 26-31.

● THE PLAY'S THE THING
"Scapin," Moliere's riotous comedy, will be staged by the Actors Alliance Nov. 18-Dec. 18 at Lycee International, Evergreen at 13 Mile in Southfield. Curtain at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$8 Fridays, \$9 Saturdays and \$7 Sundays.

The world premiere of the musical "Shot Thru the Heart" runs Nov. 16-Dec. 18 at the Birmingham Theater. The acclaimed drama "Agnes of God" runs Dec. 28-Jan. 22. For information on times and ticket prices, call 644-3533.

Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit come alive again in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 1-25. For ticket information, call 377-3300.

A darker vision takes over at the Meadow Brook Dec. 29-Jan. 22 when the theater presents Eugene O'Neill's masterpiece "Long Day's Journey into Night."

The Spotlight Players present a "Christmas Cabaret" Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 offering a variety of Broadway show tunes. Curtain at 8 p.m. at John Glenn Auditorium, 36105 Marquette, Westland. Tickets, adults \$4, students and senior citizens \$3. For information, call 595-6117.

The musical "Chicago" continues at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 2-3. For reservations and information, call 522-8057.

Anton Chekhov by way of Neil Simon is offered in the Will-O-Way production of "The Good Doctor" beginning for 14 performances on Dec. 2. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Special holiday performances are planned at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 28 and 29. Tickets are \$5, senior citizens \$3. For information, call 644-4418. Will-O-Way is at 775 Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

● NOEL NIGHT
Wednesday, Dec. 7, is the date for this annual Cultural Center event. The Detroit museums offer a variety of festive evening activities. The Detroit Institute of Art features the Choirs of the Archdiocese of Detroit in the Great Hall at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Three selected choirs will perform in Kresge Court at 7, 8 and 9. Tony O'Brien will give an organ recital in the auditorium at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Self-

guided tours of the galleries are available and children under 12 are invited to shop for presents at the museum store. The Detroit Historical Museum will feature the St. John Presbyterian Male Choir, the Cornerstone Choir and the First Christian Reformed Choir. The puppet Mona from television's "Hot Fudge" will entertain children. Craft demonstrations and letters to Santa Claus will be other features. Some free refreshments will be served. Other Cultural Center museums will also participate.

● AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
A Victorian Santa Claus will greet visitors to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Dec. 3-31. Cartoonist Thomas Nast, writer Clement Moore who wrote "The Night Before Christmas" and Sarah Rorer, food editor of the Ladies' Home Journal in the 1890s, will also come magically to life to explain the beginning of some happy Christmas traditions. In Greenfield Village, the many historic buildings will be appropriately decorated to fit the different periods presented. Candy making, cooking, decoration, Christmas card printing, choirs and the Wright Brothers preparing for their historic day at Kitty Hawk all will be part of the fun. Admission. The village also offers special Yuletide Evenings from Dec. 1-31. Advance reservations are required.

The Troy Museum buildings will be decorated for the season. An 1820s' log cabin and an 1840s' farmhouse will be appropriately presented. An exhibit of antique toys will be displayed. Visitors are invited to decorate the museum tree at the annual Hanging of the Green, noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.

Farmington Community Center and Farmington Historical Museum will hold an open house 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, with holiday entertainment and refreshments in the two historical homes that have been decorated by professional florists to appear as they may have looked in the Christmas season of the late 19th century. Tickets are \$3, \$1 for children, for both houses at either door. The community center is on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. The museum is on Grand River west of Farmington Road.

Greenmead, Livonia's 100-acre historical site at the corner of Eight Mile and Newburgh, will hold a Victorian Christmas. Hill House Museum and several restored buildings will be decorated and open during the season. Special holiday hours run from Dec. 3-28, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. by appointment. For information, call 477-7375. Donations \$1 adults, 25 cents for children 10-18.

● YULETIDE SETTINGS
A Christmas Walk through seven homes in Farmington-Farmington Hills begins with tea and a boutique shopping in Farmington Center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Maps are provided with tickets for \$7 donation at the center from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Walk is sponsored by Hill and Dale Garden Club to support garden therapy lessons in 28 special education classrooms.

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Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary presents "Holiday Magic" featuring a collection of festive decorations and table settings, tea and a boutique Dec. 11-13, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Admission.

● CRAFTS, ETC.
Plymouth Parks and Recreation annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale Nov. 28-27 and Dec. 2-4 at Plymouth Cultural Center. Different artists at each show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association holds its annual greens mart in Forest Place Mall, For-

est Ave., Friday, Dec. 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Baked goods, fresh holly and other holiday greens will be on sale as well as handmade Christmas decorations.

Plymouth Symphony holds a luminaria sale at Westchester Mall, Forest Ave., Plymouth, Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 during mall hours. The symphony holds its annual Christmas ball Saturday, Dec. 3 from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Reservations at \$45 a couple must be made in advance. For reservations call 459-3469 or 453-6346.

● MUSICAL MERRIMENT AND INSPIRATION

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra offers three holiday series. A Weekender Pops series featuring traditional Christmas carols will be held Friday and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 18, at Ford Auditorium. Tickets range from \$12 to \$18.

The Symphony and the Kenneth Jewel Chorus with soloists perform Handel's Messiah Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22-23, for three performances at Orchestra Hall. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be performed by Dance Detroit with the Symphony for 14 performances, Dec. 21-31 at Ford Auditorium. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. For information and tickets, call 367-9000.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Northern Ballet Co. of Livonia present "The Nutcracker" 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Joy-

Road west of Canton Center Road. Tickets \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and all students.

Plymouth Community Chorus presents "All Our Best" Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy Road west of Canton Center Road. The 130-voice chorus marks its 10th anniversary. Tickets \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens.

The Cranbrook Music Guild presents a Christmas songfest featuring the Eastern Michigan University Madrigal Singers in the Cranbrook House library, 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7. Admission.

The baroque orchestra and chorus of Ars Musica perform parts one and two of Handel's "Messiah" inside Christ Church, Cranbrook 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Admission.

Christ Church, Cranbrook carillonist Beverly Buchanan performs Christmas music 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Free.

Farmington Community Band with the Hand Bell Choir of Nardin Park United Methodist Church perform "Bells Are Ringing" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, Harrison High School's Center for the Performing Arts, 12 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road. Tickets at the door, \$2 adults, \$1 students and senior citizens, \$5 for a family.

The Troy Community Chorus performs Vivaldi's "Gloria" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Troy Athens High School. Tickets \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students. For information, call 899-0101.

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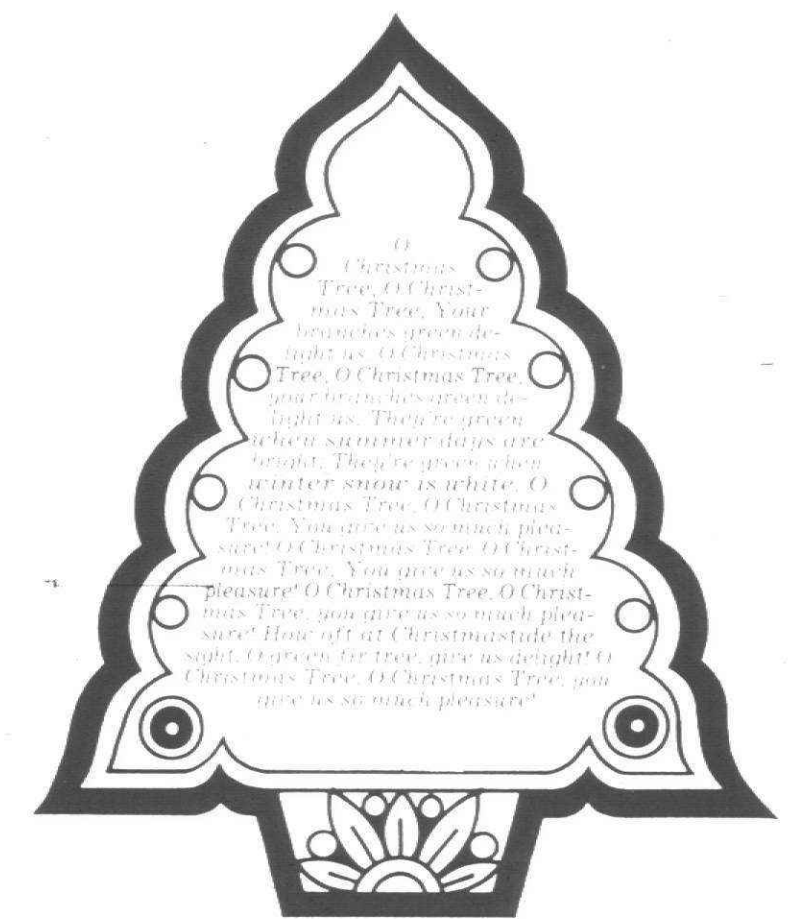
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Oh Tannenbaum: Your customs delight us

The custom of gathering the family around the Christmas tree for putting on lights, ornaments and strands of popcorn seems to be as American as the flag and apple pie.

Don't you believe it. Like most of our Christmas traditions, tree trimming came to this country along with the European immigrants.

It is difficult to trace the beginnings of the custom. Many myths and ancient stories surround it.

One of them is that Martin Luther started the tradition. The story goes that he was attempting to explain to his wife and children the beauty of the snow-covered forest under a glistening star-speckled sky.

According to the legend, he went into a garden, cut down a fir tree, dragged it into the nursery and put some candles onto the branches.

A picture of Martin Luther and his family surrounding "the first Christmas tree" has been prominently displayed in Protestant religious books throughout the years.

What is known is that in ancient times trees were worshipped by many people, and gifts were placed on the branches as sacrifices to the deities.

The practice of giving gifts to others was later introduced by the Christians. Hence, gifts were hung on "Christian trees" or Christmas trees.

The earliest written record of Christ-

mas trees is from 1521 in the province of Alsace in the upper Rhine in Germany. Another reference is from Strasburg in 1605.

"At Christmas, fir trees are set up in the rooms and hung with roses cut from paper of many colors, apples, wafers, etc.," it is written.

Until the early 1800s, the use of Christmas trees was mainly a custom only in Germany. Historians cannot determine why in about 20 to 30 years, the practice spread throughout Europe. These Europeans later brought the tradition to the new land, the United States.

It is believed that tree trimming may have been an outgrowth of a practice adopted by early dwellers in the forest. They placed foodstuffs in trees during the night so they could be out of the reach of prowling animals.

Later pictures or replicas of foodstuffs such as ham and bacon were used, as substitutes for the real items in order so they could be held by slender tree branches.

Cookies were soon added to the trees in the shape of flowers, bells, stars, angels, hearts and animals.

Then came the candles, ribbons, a star for the top, nuts, fruits covered with strings of beads, and other ornaments.

Before the introduction of electric lights, wax candles caused serious fire hazards in most homes. For this reason, candles were only placed on the Christmas tree for a few hours during the holiday season.

Skiing is Fun!



Bavarian Village

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to create a model of a soldier in a room, a miniature.

Toy figures have covered the gamut from Alexander the Great to Hitler, from William Tell to Kaiser Wilhelm, from George Washington to Queen Elizabeth.

Toy Egyptian soldiers have been found at the tombs of the pharaohs, and Roman and ancient Greek examples have cropped up too. But it wasn't until the late 18th century that they became toys for ordinary children.

This happened round Nuremberg, Germany, when artisans used excess tin to make two-dimensional "flat" soldiers for their children. The first to see the commercial potential was Johann Gottfried Hilpert, who marketed tiny flat versions of the armies of Frederick the Great.

The flats, made of an alloy of tin, lead and antimony, developed into a three-dimensional "round" soldier perfected by French and German firms. But the breakthrough came in the 1890s when an English firm, Britains, invented a means of making hollow-cast soldiers that could be sold for a penny apiece.

"They took the world's nurseries by storm," Johnson says.

Britains produced a variety of basic soldier models which were hand-painted in the uniforms of every British Army unit. Whenever a new conflict broke out, Britains would issue a new set featuring the combatants. It also marketed an English village scene in 1923 which led King George V to ask, "But where is the village idiot?"

The omission was soon remedied; the



The detail of a toy soldier can be seen in this hand-held miniature.

"village idiot" was sold for 15 years until it was removed for reasons of poor taste.

Britains stopped making lead-based soldiers in the 1960s due to the cost and pressure over the use of lead. Although Johnson notes, "I never heard of a kid having problems, short of swallowing a Bengal Lancer."

The German industry was wiped out in World War II, and American figures never amounted to much, except for the dime store models which dominated the low end of the market.

It was the end of production of high-quality pieces that spurred the collecting market, so that individual pieces now sell at auction for as much as several hundred dollars.



Holiday greetings

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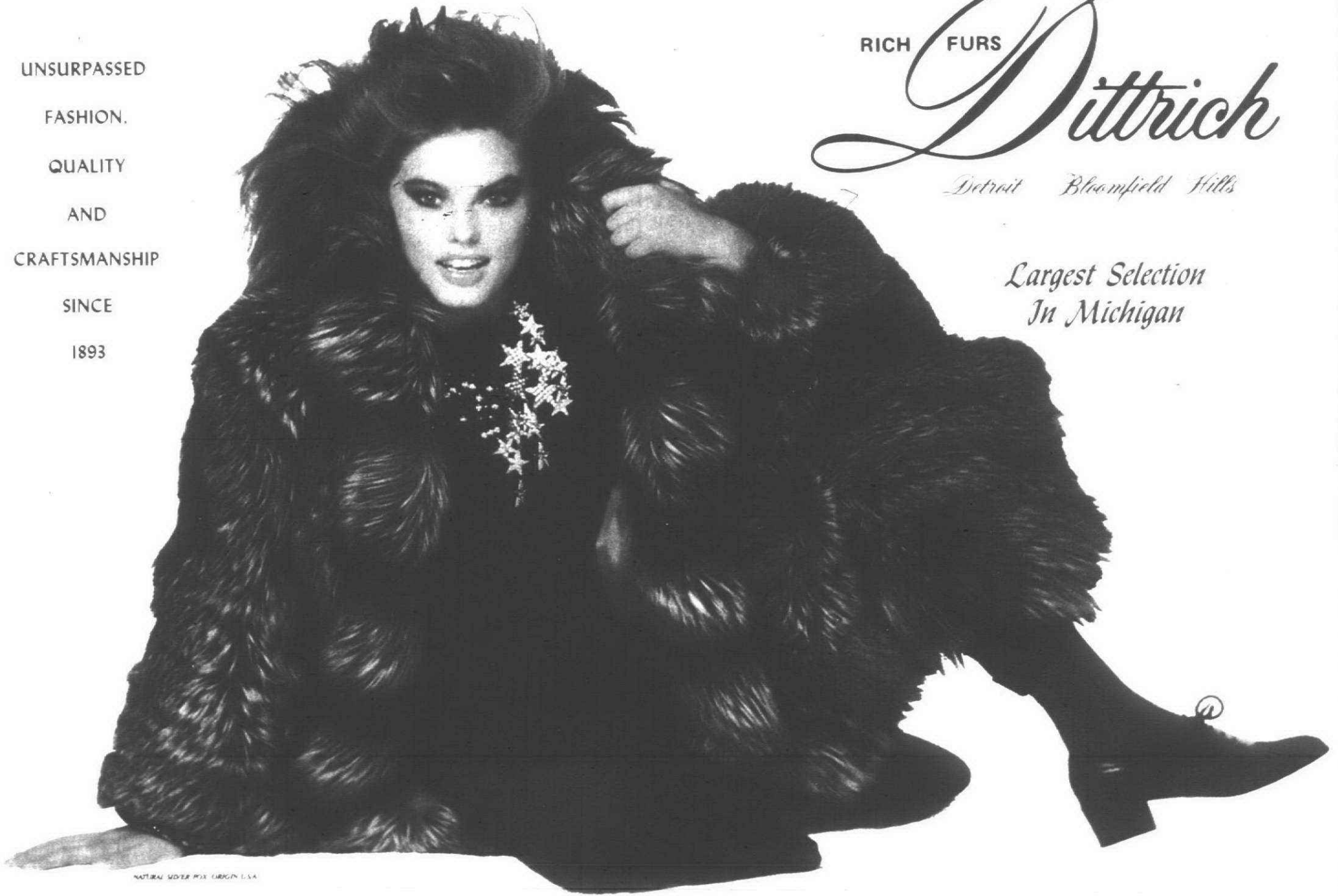
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