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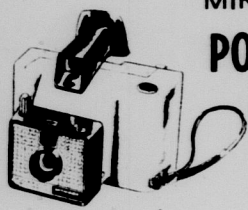




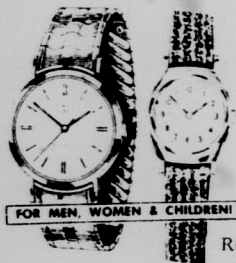
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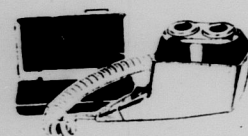
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# Museum's country store well-stocked for holidays

By JENNY POPE  
State News Staff Writer

A turn of the century country store, stocked and decorated for the Christmas season, will be the theme this year of MSU's museum's Yuletide display, according to Val Berryman, museum curator.

The store will contain toys, skates, mittens and Christmas cards, all dating back to 1880-1920. There will also be a tree with 1890 tin candle holders which clamp onto the tree.

The ice skates will be the type that clamped onto the sole of the shoe. The toys are made of iron and include such various items as a farm wagon pulled by a horse. The mittens include the heavy, furry ones used by men driving their sleighs into town. The woolen mittens were all hand knit mainly for children.

"In those days the family did not give 101 presents to the children," said Berryman. "There was usually one special toy and a utilitarian item and maybe an orange," he added.

Oranges were only sold at Christmas time, and receiving one in a stocking was a very special thing.

The Christmas cards are very different from those of today. "What is really unique about these cards is the various ways that Santa Claus is pictured," said Berryman. He is a man in a

red or green suit with a white, brown or even black beard. "He was often thin and certainly not the robust gentleman we know today," Berryman commented.

The Santas on these cards held a different sack in each hand. One sack contained presents for the good children and the other contained switches to be used on the bad children.

Our present concept of Santa Claus was originated in the 1860's by Thomas Nast. Nast, a political cartoonist who created the Republican elephant symbol, also created our fat, jolly, red suited, pipe smoking Santa.

The museum's country store has been a permanent fixture for three or four years. "We try to keep the store seasonal and constantly changing, as in the old days," Berryman commented.

The original idea of the store began when an East Lansing woman, who had owned a country store from 1880-1945, called the museum and donated everything in her store to the University.

Counters, shelves, an icebox, a cash register, post office boxes, and patent medicine bottles were the major items which were removed. There is also an old wood burning stove, around which all the men used to sit, and a coffee grinder.

"These things have no monetary value to us," Berryman

stated. "A tin can of 1890 is just as important to us in the store setting as a \$200 iron bank.

All these items are valued for their historical purpose and no pricing has ever been done on any of the antique items in the store.

"I spent over a year of spare time research before the store actually became a part of the museum," said Berryman. He visited other country stores in Detroit's Greenfield Village and in Cooper's Town, New York. He also went to other museums around the country. "These other stores are mainly tourist attractions, but ours is for historical value," Berryman added.

There are well over 1,000 items in the store. These have been donated by people all over the country. The pieces come in one at a time or else someone donates a whole attic full of old possessions.

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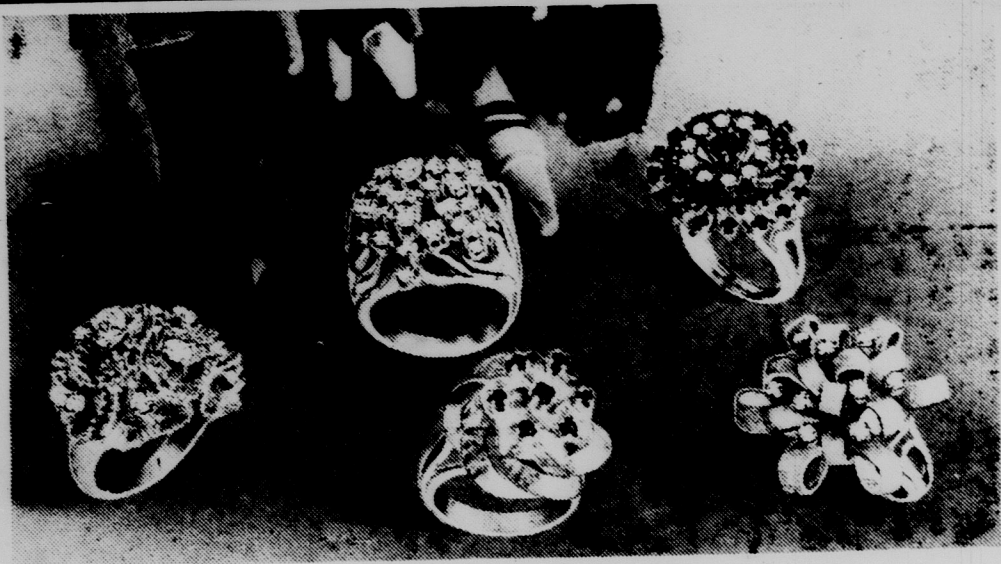
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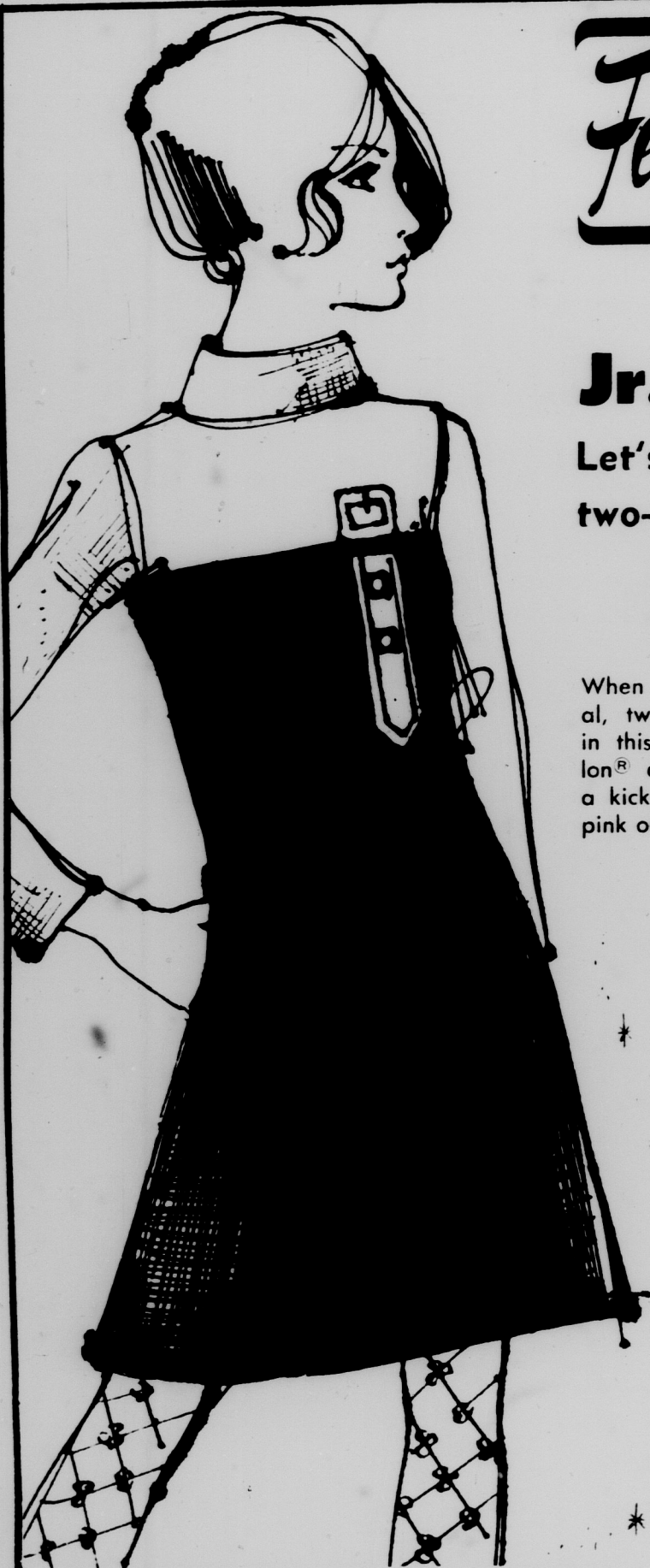
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The show opening Dec. 2 will display ceramics, including pitchers, casseroles, candlesticks, teapots, and bowls. Paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and jewelry, all created by art students and faculty members, will also be on sale through Dec. 23.

The works are priced by the

artists and are juried by the art students responsible for arranging the show. The show is managed by Darr Davis, Lansing graduate student, and will be held in the front and North galleries in Kresge Center.

The annual show "is consistently the most popular of the year," according to Dr. Paul Love, gallery director.

The galleries will be open from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, and all day Monday through Friday. Students will staff the gallery from 12 to 1 p.m. when it is normally closed for the duration of the show.

## Moslems fast dawn to dusk

The Muslim holy month of fasting, Ramadan, begins Sunday. Fasting is one of the essentials of the Muslim faith. During Ramadan, those who fast are required to do so from dawn to dusk.

The Koran, the Bible of Islam, prescribes fasting to learn self-restraint. The month of fasting provides a spiritual overhauling for the Muslim.

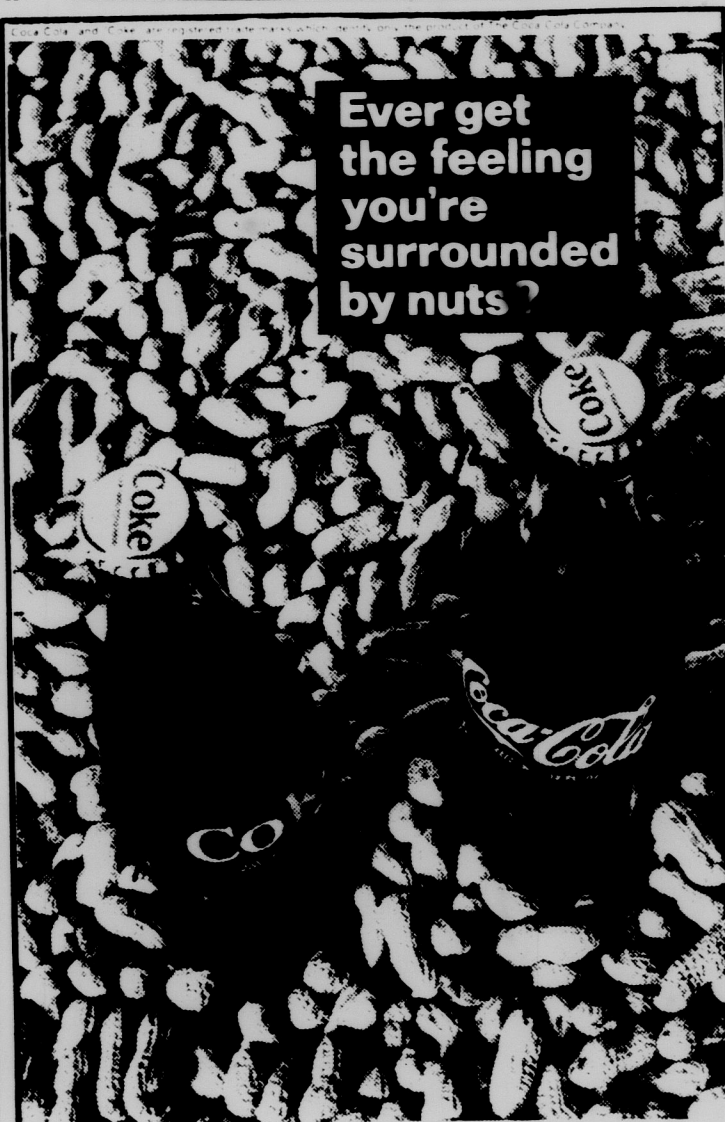
For the convenience of Muslim students at MSU, the Moslem Student Association (MSA) has prepared a chart of the times of sunrise and sunset during Ramadan. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the chart by contacting the MSA or by picking up a copy at the Foreign Student Adviser's office in Room 110A of the International Center.

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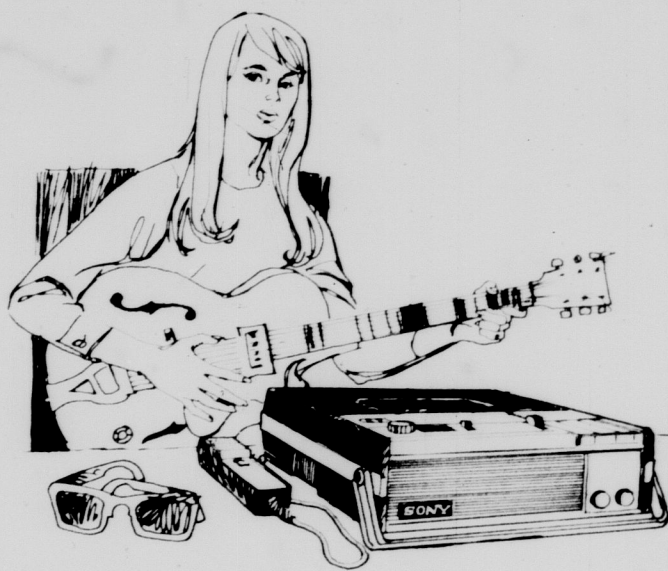


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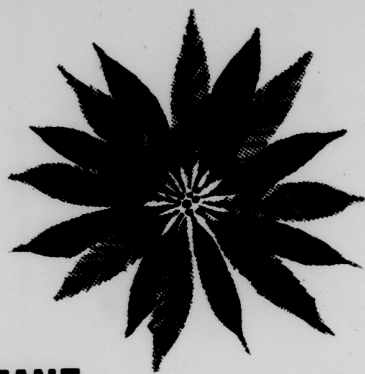
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Gifts lists, like wool mufflers, seem endless, especially when there are roommates and college chums to add to the list of family and friends back home. The overflowing Christmas spirit may abruptly turn into a case of Scrooge syndrome.

Modern technology, bless its heart, has stepped in to lift the burden from the gift-giver, while at the same time cultivating new tastes in both him and the recipient.

Today, the unusual and impractical are welcomed often over and above the utilitarian, not only for their individual and personal touch, but their low costs as well. Who wouldn't prefer a set of Pooh books to a pair of gloves?

There was a time when old standbys like cologne and dusting powder or lavish after-shave sets did the trick. Now, they've been replaced by hand-crafted earrings from San Francisco, Chicago and New York and leather goods of all varieties.

The ever-expanding market today caters to every extravagant taste. What's more, the unusual is beginning to win broad appeal with the more conservative buyers and receivers of artifacts.

Multi-scented candles in clever holders, long tapers, incense burners, fancy soaps with individual porcelain dishes, beads of every color and type fashioned into any number of items, baskets and colorful ashtrays—many items once regarded as not quite up to par for Christmas giving on the basis of material comparisons—are zooming to the top of the charts.

The imaginative gift is superb by the very fact that it is unique, a little strange and not exactly what one would expect. How many of you have given your mother an authentic Shirley Temple milk mug for her birthday, just like the kind she used to use when she was a kid? You'd be surprised at the pleasing results.

Books, prints and posters are out to win you over and meet with great success. Volumes from the classics to poetry to Peanuts are delightful, and of course, there are the Pooh books and Dr. Seuss.

Carved figures, ceramic pieces, glorified matchboxes, colorful coffee mugs, pieces of pewter, mod letter papers—all are representative of the gift revolution.

Glassblowers are having a field day, offering all sorts of exotic shapes and colors which have no directed purpose other than doing wonders for lonely book shelves and tables.

Flowers are always appreciated, especially when they're straw or paper, both large and small, ready to be stuffed in waiting Chianti bottles and mayonnaise jars. How about a dried artichoke or two?

Mobiles are excellent, and come in any number of shapes and sizes. They may be a grouping of cardboard discs in op patterns, or felt ducks and penguins, Viking boats and stained glass fish.

Unsolvables jigsaw puzzles, imported stoneware, planters created from English marmalade jars. . . the list is unending.

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**TASTES CHANGE****Christmas gifts getting unusual**

By JEAN WARDEN  
State News Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the old traditions of Christmas have returned in a big fashion.

Reds and greens have again taken the helm to brighten color scheme decorations. Again of the old traditional reds and greens have pushed pale blues, yellows, and greens into the background.

According to Betty Price, owner of Liebermann's Gift Stores, trends in pale colors has lessened.

"People are looking at Christmas in a more religious manner during this time of stress."

There has also been more interest in hand made craft items she said. This follows re-interest in old Christmas traditions.

Bavarian, Danish, Swedish and other European handmade items, like Madonnas carved from wood or styled from papier mache, are very popular. They're also trimmed with velvets and gold, and can be found in most gift shops.

Smaller decorations have been taking hold too, mainly because more people are living in apartments with less room for large displays.

Ceramic and wood figures, featuring the nativity scene are especially popular this year. These sets, varying in price and size, can be purchased all at once or one piece at a time. The set can then eventually be completed.

Mrs. Price, using the analogy of World War II and the Vietnam

situation, can see how the trends and types of gifts and color schemes have changed.

Victorian fans and jeweled tree ornaments are also popular this year. They preserve the reserved feeling about Christmas.

As usual Santa Claus candles for little folks are in high demand. Gold and red angels fashioned from rich velvets and rick racks are in big demand.

Of course, holly and mistletoe are ordered in large quantities. Whether for party decorations or other fun, they can be purchased most anywhere.

Tree ornaments styled from yarn, sequins, ribbon and felt are those fun kind of things children love to hang on the tree. They're the unbreakable kind, indeed a good feature with small children around. Burlap angels and rustic looking decorations, also unbreakable are popular.

Coming up big are mice. Yes, just little old mice. Whether in decoration form or gift form, these little creatures have sprouted up as popular favorites with the younger set, as well as some of the older folks.

Checking around for tree ornaments and the like, one will find mice, big ones and little, all makes and models crafted from a variety of materials.

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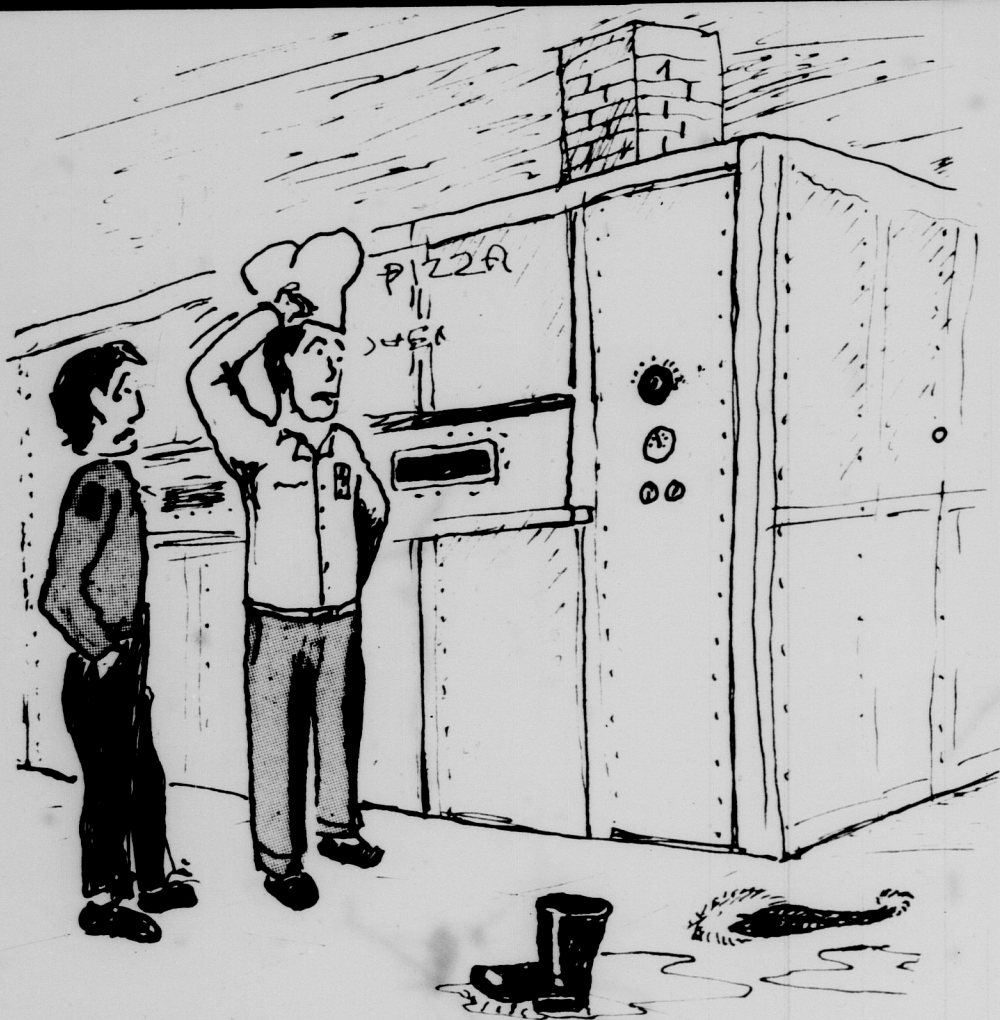
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Such items include Navajo cloth dolls, baskets of leather and straw from African tribesmen and such bright items as Portuguese whistles.

Prices beginning at one dollar offer a wide variety of treasures from long ago as well as items from modern world collections. Christmas cards are included as well as other crafts.

Christmas shopping at the bazaar type event given an international flare. Displays at the Museum shop offer handcrafted originals and museum reproductions from such places as Africa, India, Finland and Thailand.

A special gallery next to the shop prepared by members of the Museum Shop Committee displays numerous Christmas cards. Some are reproductions from the Detroit Institute of Arts' collection. Other cards come from the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Boston, Worcester, Chicago, Philadelphia and European collection.

Numerous selections of art books for children and adults are also offered.

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# The Yankees are coming

By DEBORAH FITCH  
State News Staff Writer

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There's the dazzling expanse of sun-warmed beach . . . and then there are the pale hordes of anemic Northerners who thunder into the sunny Never-Never Land the minute the first bite of winter sinks its teeth into Yankeeeland.

The second he sets his shivering Northern foot across the state line, the Yankee winter visitor becomes what is popularly known as a "tourist," an unusual species that can readily be pointed out by any Florida resident (yes, people do live in Florida).

The tourist is the creature who runs from beach to beach, madly collecting shells, sporting the most beautiful golden tan imaginable, and thinking, "Wow-what a tan; I look just like a native." (The natives who are watching him, meanwhile are thinking, "there goes another tourist.") A Florida resident would no more be caught outside in December, wearing a bathing suit, than would even the craziest Detroitter, spending the winter at home.)

While the residents are amusing themselves by watching tourists during the winter months, what are the tourists doing?

True to legend, Florida has, as the Board of Tourism will happily and repeatedly proclaim, "something for everyone."

So after escaping from Rock City in Chattanooga, Tenn., (the



number one tourist trap on the trip down, the winter visitor is free to get trapped all over the state of Florida.

If beaches are his bag, they abound, of course, but there's a distinction.

For the dreamy, "let's get away from it all" tourist, there are windswept, sparsely populated dunes of the West Coast, on the Gulf of Mexico. Night life on this coast is mostly confined to watching the tide come in and

waiting for the mosquito man, but it is the Florida of natural beauty, being nearly free of that good old Florida tradition called the "tourist trap."

Tiring of a Robinson Crusoe existence on the West Coast, the tourist can gather up his shell collection, assorted Bermuda shorts and suntan oil, and make tracks for the East Coast and excitement, big hotels, the Euro-

pean plan, and disappearing money.

The night clubs and hotels of Miami Beach attract big name entertainers, who share poolside lounge chairs and lousy room service with our friend the tourist. Northern visitors to Miami should feel right at home, as life moves at a frenzied pace, rather

than at the snail's pace that Yankees find so frustrating in the rest of the South.

In addition to varied night-time entertainment, the Miami area offers many attractions for the tourist who finds he can get out of bed while it's still dayling after indulging in whatever the night before.

He can watch the marine life watch him at the Aquarium, he can make friends with the few remaining Seminoles who look authentic enough to rate a second glance, or he can visit the wildlife preserves of the Everglades, keeping his children firmly in hand so that they don't try to pat the snakes or feed each other to the alligators.

Then, of course, there are the ever-popular day-time pastimes of swimming, sailing, deep-sea fishing and sun-burning.

For the tourist who seeks the cultural, there is the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. If he wants his Florida with a Spanish flavor, there's Ybor City in Tampa and the old world grace of St. Augustine. If our tourist is tired of culture, sand, surf and spending his money, there's free beer at Busch Gardens in Tampa, where he can get bitten by a parrot or a flamingo while downing a brew.

And for the tourist who plans to drive home by way of Chattanooga, those "See Rock City" signs start in Key West.

## Library salutes Phi Beta Kappa

By CAROL CORRIERE

Colonial Williamsburg will be the theme of the Friends of the Library's tenth annual Christmas dinner to be held in Kellogg Center on December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner, a major yearly event of this organization of bibliophiles, is usually based on a literary theme. Themes in past years have been "An evening with . . ." such men as Charles Dickens, Samuel Pepys, and William Shakespeare.

However, according to John Crawford, president of the organization, this old custom will be set aside this year in order to honor MSU's newly established chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa itself was founded at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia on December 6, 1776. Hence the Colonial Williamsburg theme.

The menu is being planned along the lines of "Christmas Dinner at the home of George Wythe." Wythe was the first professor of law in America. He

taught at William and Mary, where Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were among his pupils.

Guest speaker at the dinner will be Russell B. Nye, distin-

guished professor of English. He will talk on American Scholarship.

Friends of the Library is an organization of faculty members and residents of the Greater Lansing area interested in developing the library and cultivating an enthusiasm for books on the campus.

The society holds several meetings throughout the year, but the Christmas dinner is its most important yearly event. Through it comes the opportunity to make their work known to the general public.

Another project of the Friends of the Library is the addition of rare books to the library's special collections.

This year's dinner has been planned under the direction of Mrs. Rumsey Haines. Along with the members of the organization itself, many local members of Phi Beta Kappa have been invited to attend the dinner.



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# Cooking up a holiday storm

By DOLORES COLANGELO  
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DENNIS HALL

If you're not one of the fortunate who will be spending the Christmas holidays Someplace South, why not bring a touch of elegance into your snow-bound long winter's nap? Sumptuous fare served in a suitable festive mood can make a memorable evening out of one that normally would have been spent watching Peyton Place with your mother.

The recipes and suggested menus offered below, coupled with a bit of imagination, could be a very convenient means to impress friends and family and influence beaux.

Why not aim high and cook Christmas dinner for your whole family? Start with the traditional and add a touch of personal flair to create a meal fit for royalty.

Thaw a giant turkey the day before Christmas; figure about one pound for each person. Leap out of bed on Christmas morning and blaze a trail to the kitchen to put the thing into the oven, remembering to stuff it first. Don't be greedy and stop by the tree on the way, presents will wait—the bird won't.

When you come home from church, have a glass of sherry and then barricade yourself in the kitchen for the next five or six hours. During this time, you should occupy yourself with whipping up various goodies. Among them: dinner rolls and banana bread (don't cheat and buy these things at the store—home-made is definitely in) and a molded salad with mayonnaise sauce for garnish. Depending on the time schedule, dessert can be made the night before (which would cut into your TV time) or during the day while the turkey is roasting. We suggest a German Dutch Chocolate Cake, for an international flair, or the customary pumpkin and mince pies.

If you're really feeling energetic, maybe you'll make a cranberry pie—a tasty finish to the meal.

Highlighting this delicious repast would be white wine, coffee and brandy.

If you're not up to turkey, rock cornish hens do nicely.

After coping with the mob, an intimate party for six or eight during the next week would be in order. We suggest glazed ham with pineapple topping as a main course. Along with this, serve sweet potatoes, a green salad and a casserole of Italian-cut beans in mushroom sauce with almond topping. For dessert, something light, Russian tea cakes and Christmas cookies (probably left from the week before) and dark, rich coffee. Red wine goes with dinner; served a golden liqueur after dessert.

For the extravagant, why not squab under glass figuring two per person. Stuff the squabs with wild rice and giblets, serve baked potatoes and sour cream, asparagus Hollandaise, a tossed salad and miniature sweet rolls. For a light and elegant dessert, orange sherbet covered with Drambule and mandarin oranges will leave your guests breathless.

On the selfish side, picture this: a tiny table with candles and a snowy white cloth set in front of a blazing fire of yule logs. (Keep your father handy for touches like this.) While watching the fire and sipping a drink, serve shrimp cocktails. On the table is an intimate little dinner for two—duck l'orange, yellow rice, water cress and celery salad with bleu cheese dressing. Dainty dinner rolls, baby lima beans and white wine complete the picture.

During the last course, have your mother (out of sight in the kitchen) concocting crepes suzettes. Offer brandy, coffee or tea with this for a really grand finale.

On the proverbial cold, winter evening, with the snow falling lightly, call a few friends and invite them over for a delicate and festive midnight supper. On a brightly decorated buffet table, have fondue with soft rounds of bread. Two or three different breads is a good idea. Next to the carrot and celery sticks and the tossed salad, proudly display a fresh fruit compote of peaches, oranges and white grapes in a whipped cream and brandy sauce. Serve tea and then a liqueur.



Table setting courtesy of Liebermann's, Lansing.  
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## Seasonal savories to serve

### CRANBERRY PIE

Start with flaky pastry crust in a nine-inch pie dish. Use 3 1/2 cups of cranberries, sliced in half. Mix them with 3/4 cup of light brown sugar. Turn this mixture into the pie shell and pour 2 tablespoons of light syrup over it. Cover with a thin top crust, sealing the rim with the tines of a fork. Decorate the top with one or two large openings. Bake in a 425 degree oven for twelve minutes, then reduce the heat to 325 degrees and bake for another 50 minutes. About half an hour after you put the pie into the oven, pour a mixture of 1/2 cup light brown sugar, 2 tablespoons syrup and 1/4 cup boiling water into one of the openings in the top crust. When you take it out of the oven, sprinkle sugar on top and let it cool before serving.

### GLAZED HAM

The decoration of the ham calls for one of two cans of round pineapple slices (depending on your taste for pineapple) placed on the ham; make them secure with toothpicks. Save the juice from the pineapple slices and place in a small sauce pan. Maraschino cherries inside the pineapple rings are an extra garnish.

Add 1/2 cup of white Karo Syrup to the pineapple juice and boil at low heat until mixture thickens. Remove from the heat and add two or three teaspoons of light brown sugar to heighten the color.

Bake the ham for about one hour. Then begin basting the ham with the sauce (continuing to do so until the ham is done.)

### GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Prepare two packages of Italian-cut green beans according to the directions. Butter an average size casserole dish and pour into it a

mixture of the beans, a can of mushroom soup, 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1/2 cup chopped green pepper, 1/4 cup chopped onion and 1/2 cup milk. Cover the top of the casserole with bread crumbs and sliced almonds. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

### SQUAB

Before one starts these little birds roasting, the stuffing must be prepared. The giblets should be pre-cooked so that they will be done when the squab is finished roasting. Cook wild rice according to the package directions. Then add the giblets, a little onion for taste, a couple of ground nuts for flavor and pinches of salt and pepper.

The squab are quite small, so over cooking can ruin an excellent meal. Wrap the squab in tin foil with a dab of butter inside. They should be roasted for not longer than one hour, because it will make them stringy.

Serve under a glass cover to keep hot with water cress for a bit of color and garnish.

### HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

Melt 1/2 cup butter in the top of boiling water. Add 4 well-beaten egg yolks and 3/4 cup boiling water.

Cook over the hot water until the sauce thickens, being careful not to cook it too long or hard.

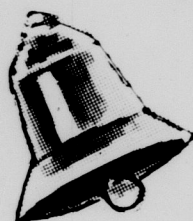
Remove from heat and add a few grains of cayenne pepper, a dash of salt and 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Cover and keep over hot water until serving time. Note that the sauce should not stand too long; if it starts to curdle, beat it vigorously with a rotary beater until it is smooth and creamy again.

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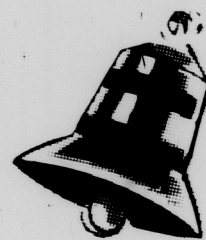




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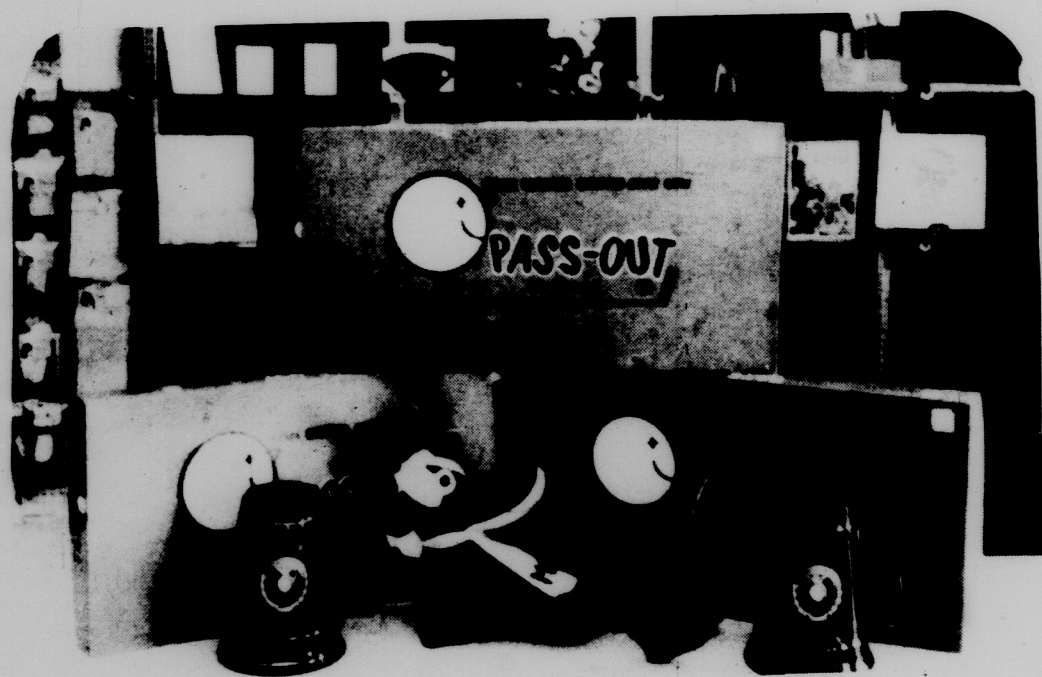


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### Glad tidings

These musical angels are hand-carved wood, one of the prominent themes this season in holiday decorations. State News Photo by Michael Schonhofen

## Music groups plan Christmas shows

The Christmas season will be remembered in music this weekend when the Women's Glee Club and University Chorus and Orchestra present their concerts on campus.

The "Music for Christmas" program by the department of music's Women's Glee Club will be presented Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Chapel. The University Chorus and Orchestra, directed by Gomer L. Jones, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Auditorium.

Assisted by The Brass Choir directed by Douglas Campbell, the Glee Club will present its 41st season's program of Christmas songs including selections from several countries. An interlude for flute and harp will also be part of the program.

Beginning the evening with the Processional, "Torches," the Glee Club, led by director Ethel Armeling, will then sing a symphony from "The Fairy Queen." Included in the evening's Christmas songs will be a Flemish carol, "A Lovely One Is He" and

a folksong "I Wash My Face in a Golden Vase."

The traditional "Ave Maria" and other selected Christmas songs will be sung with Sweet-Inck's "Recessional" closing the evening's performance.

Sunday's orchestra and chorus concert will feature "Gloria in Excelsis" from one of Bach's greatest choral works, the "B Minor Mass," completed in 1738.

Soloists for "Gloria in Excelsis" include two graduate students in music, soprano Marilyn Werner, Pittsburg, Pa., and bass Charles Greenwell, Lansing. Two music department faculty members, Ethel Armeling, contralto, and J. Loren Jones, tenor will also be featured soloists.

The chorus will perform four French carols, including "Sing We Now of Christmas" and "Touros-louros-louros." The audience will also be invited to join the Chorus and Orchestra in singing several traditional carols.

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## Seasonal Savories

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### FRUIT COMPOTE

Slice one dozen oranges and peaches into a chilled bowl and add the white grapes (about one pound). Add sugar to the mixture until the fruit is just slightly sweet and refrigerate. Place a bottle of your favorite brandy in the refrigerator to chill.

Just before the guests are to arrive, add about 1/2 the bottle of brandy to the fruit mixture. Then speed mix the whipped cream. This is very necessary because of the fruit juices, which will soften the whipped cream. To the whipped cream add one or two cap fulls of the brandy, depending on the tastes of you and your guests.

Fold the whipped cream into the fruit and re-chill. This dessert is bound to bring many compliments to the chef.

Here are some great drink ideas for those holiday evenings when it's cold outside and the spirits need lifting.

### OLDE YULE WASSAIL

Heat 1 quart ale almost to boiling point. Into it stir some grated nutmeg, powdered ginger, and grated peel of 1 lemon. While ale is heating, beat up 3 eggs with 4 ounces of moistened white sugar.

Put hot ale into beaten sugar and eggs in one pitcher, and into another put 1 quart of warmed rum or brandy. Turn ingredients from one pitcher into the other until mixture is smooth, then pour into holly-wreathed Wassail

Bowl. (Use hot pitchers and a pre-heated Wassail Bowl. Be sure the drink is hot!) 18 servings.

### FARMER'S BISHOP

Select 6 oranges with nice peels. Stick each with 8 cloves, and bake oranges whole in a slow oven for 1 hour. Place them in a heated punch bowl and prick well with a fork. Pour over them 1 quart slightly heated apple brandy, and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons sugar. Set fire to the brandy, letting it burn for a few seconds only, then extinguish the flame by pouring over it 1/2 gallon almost boiling cider, reserving 1/2 cup cider. Into this 1/2 cup stir the following: 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg. Add this mixture to the hot prepared punchbowl with more sugar if you wish. Serve at once. Reheat bowl contents in a chafing dish or over the stove, as needed for refills. Makes 24 servings.

### ARTILLERY PUNCH

Mix 3/4 cup sugar with 6 ounces lemon juice and let stand for an hour. Then add one bottle each of red wine, sherry, bourbon and brandy in a large bowl with ice. Throw in a tablespoon of bitters and a bottle of club soda just before serving this powerful drink.

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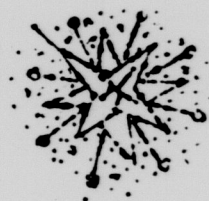
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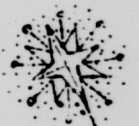


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# European Christmases vary

By JEAN WARDEN  
State News Staff Writer

Fun and laughter, thoughts of Santa Claus for the little folks, jingle of bells and good times, it's all a part of the Christmas holidays.

Whether it's in the United States or far corners of the world, Christmas traditions rich in meaning bring peoples closer together in understanding, religiously as well as nationally. Every country following tra-

ditions of past lore is hustling to prepare for the big Christmas day. It may be with wreaths, lighting candles each week, singing in choirs or fasting.

Whether Christmas falls on the 25th or not, little children can't wait for the day of opening presents and eating candies.

The Armenians are one of many groups that don't celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. They celebrate it Jan. 6 as a holiday preceded by a week of fasting by devout churchgoers.

Christmas Eve, choir boys go through villages collecting bread, butter and other foodstuffs for the big meal following Christmas Day's church service.

Santa Claus in the Armenian traditions is known as "Gaghant Bab." There are no trees under which he can leave gifts. Instead an olive branch lighted with candles takes its place.

Children are rewarded with gifts on New Years, when the streets are crowded with the young, folk dancing and singing

after receiving fruit and sweetmeats.

Czechs and Slovaks celebrate Christmas Dec. 6th, known as the Day of St. Nicholas. They call Santa Claus "Saint Mikulas," and hang stockings outside windows so that when the Saint passes by, he can drop presents in them.

The big family dinner consists of baked carp, plus dried fruits and Christmas bread known as "Vanocka".

After dinner, the families look

into the future by melting lead or wax and pouring it into water to see what shapes and forms it takes.

Czechs greet their friends on Christmas Day with "Vesele vanoce" while the Slovak would say "Vesele vianoce."

In Deutschland, one finds the German holiday season quite long. Celebrations begin on the first Sunday of Advent. It's a long-time custom to hang wreaths of evergreens and bright ribbons with four candles. A candle is lit each Sunday so that by Christmas they are all burning.

This builds the excitement for children as well as adults; each successive burning candle means the day of fun is nearing. German children get gifts on Dec. 6th, known as St. Nicholas Day. On the night before, children hang stockings in front of the window and later find nuts, cookies and other sweets the next day.

The Christmas tree custom originated in Germany and the idea ascribed to Martin Luther. Candles are lighted on the tree on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Church services are held in the afternoon.

"Froehliche Weihnachten" is heard joyously as people come to the church, usually decorated in white with snow and silver candles.

Leaving Germany and traveling south, one finds traditions of the Greek quite different. Only poor children receive gifts at

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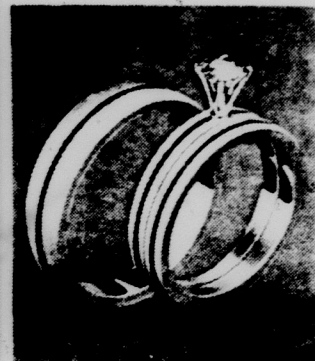


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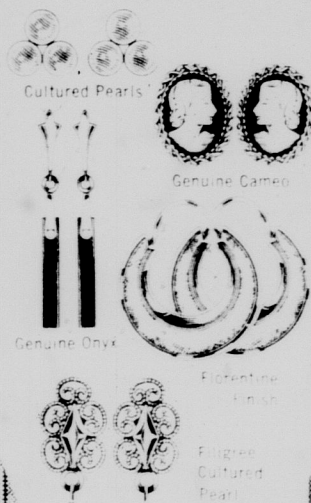
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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

'Twas the night before Christmas  
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A police interrogation.

A young campus officer  
Entered the room  
And on the spirit of  
Yuletide  
Cast the shadow of  
gloom.

By STUART ROSENTHAL

INTERROGATOR: OK, next we got with us Mr. Santa Claus, alias Santy Claus alias St. Nick, alias Kris Kringle. Don't I have an Interpol flyer on you around here somewhere?

SANTA: Ho Ho Ho.

INTERROGATOR: North Vietnamese, eh? No wonder you need so many names--most of them foreign, I notice. Why don't you just give us a rundown on your activities last December?

SANTA: Oh, yes. . . Ho, Ho. . .

Well, after I checked the list I keep of all good little boys and girls in the world. . .

INTERROGATOR: A mailing list! So you're a pornographer trying to corrupt the tender young minds of our youth. What were you before you got this job—a stunt man in stag movies?

SANTA: No, no. I keep a record of all the boys and girls in the world and whether they've been bad or good to decide if I should bring them gifts.

INTERROGATOR: Sort of a blacklist, huh?

SANTA: No, I'm an equal opportunity employer.

INTERROGATOR: Doesn't this list of yours constitute an invasion of privacy?

SANTA: We've been working all year long to amass our collection of toys to distribute on Christmas Eve.

INTERROGATOR: I think you've got toys in your attic, baby. Anyone who'd hire you ought to include a sanity clause in the contract. Where do you get these toys anyway?

SANTA: My elves and I make them in my workshop.

INTERROGATOR: I should have known! So you work with fairies, huh. What's wrong? Isn't American Labor good enough for you?

SANTA: After we've finished our work for the year, we settle down for a traditional Christmas Eve dinner--turkey. . .

INTERROGATOR: It figures.

SANTA: egg nog. . .

INTERROGATOR: You godless eggnogstic.

SANTA: Then I get out Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. . .

INTERROGATOR: Yeah, I know, then you and the red-nose go out and get polluted.

SANTA: No, I hitch him and the

other reindeer to the sleigh.

INTERROGATOR: That's plagiarism. James Fennimore Cooper already did "The Deerslayer."

SANTA: Then we begin our yearly trip through the sky.

INTERROGATOR: So you really get high, then? I never did like that pot belly of yours. Where do you come from and where do you go?

SANTA: I start at the North Pole. . . .

INTERROGATOR: You're Polish? That's a communist country. I guess that explains the red suit. And why do you wear that hat or is your head shaped that way?

SANTA: And make my first stop in Locust Grove, Oklahoma.

INTERROGATOR: And you just fly right across international boundaries? That's a flagrant violation of air space, of which judging from the looks of you, you take up a lot of.

SANTA: Then I land on the roof and take my bag of toys and go down the chimney.

INTERROGATOR: I hope you get the flu.

SANTA: And fill the children's stockings.

INTERROGATOR: Do your fairies help you fill them with fruit? I've heard that a lot of kids are scared of you. Why do you like to frighten little children?

SANTA: I'm afraid I don't understand.

INTERROGATOR: Haven't you ever heard of Claustrophobia.

SANTA: After I've distributed my gifts, I head home to begin work for next year.

INTERROGATOR: One question Claus--

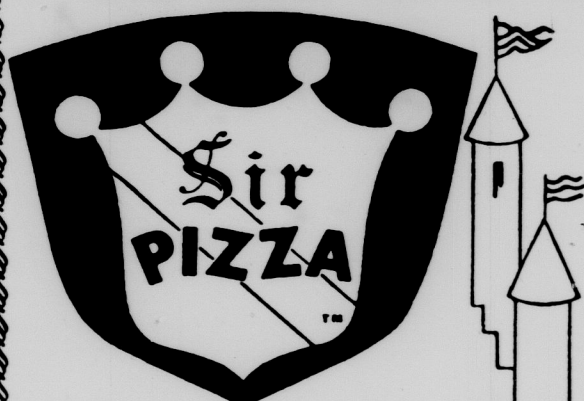
SANTA: Yes?

INTERROGATOR: What's in it for you?

SANTA: Now you've got it all. . .

INTERROGATOR: O.K. Claus, because I got the Christmas spirit I'm letting you off this time. But just remember to curb your Reindeer and get a sticker for your sleigh.

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# Area churches plan special choir music

By DAYLE SCHWARZLER  
State News Staff Writer

The exact date of Christ's birth is unknown, and it wasn't until the third century A.D. that the anniversary was observed to any appreciable extent.

Through the years Christmas has become a great Christian festival, with social as well as religious significance. And of course not only Christmas but also the mid-winter Jewish festival Chanukah, the Feast of Lights, occurs at this time.

Area churches are sponsoring a variety of special programs and services during the Christmas season. In addition to Christmas morning services, most churches will hold Christmas Eve services at 11 p.m. Many of these are candlelight services, and at some communion will be offered.

University Methodist Church,

1120 S. Harrison Rd., will sponsor a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Rd., will also hold a concert of the "Messiah," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Four choirs—Edgewood United, Pilgrim Congregational, Haslett Community and Okemos Community choirs—will be combined for the performance.

Edgewood United Church will also sponsor a panel discussion entitled "Peace on Earth?" on Dec. 15. The participants will be church members who have been stationed around the world, and couples from the church and community are invited.

The University Lutheran Church choir will present Saint-Saens, "Christmas Oratorio" at the regular worship services Sunday. A brass orchestra and

choir will be directed by Robert G. Sidnell, asst. professor of music at MSU.

There will be a wassailing festival at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church, including a Christmas buffet for students and the singing of Christmas carols.

The church, which is located at Division and Ann Streets, will hold Advent services at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday before Christmas. The Rev. Ernest Dunn, the Rev. George Gaiser and the Rev. Walter Wietke will explain the theological implications of parts of Handel's "Messiah," and the music will be presented.

Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., will have a special Advent musical service at both worship services Sunday. The sanctuary choir, under the direction of Corliss Arnold, asst. professor of music at MSU, will be featured.

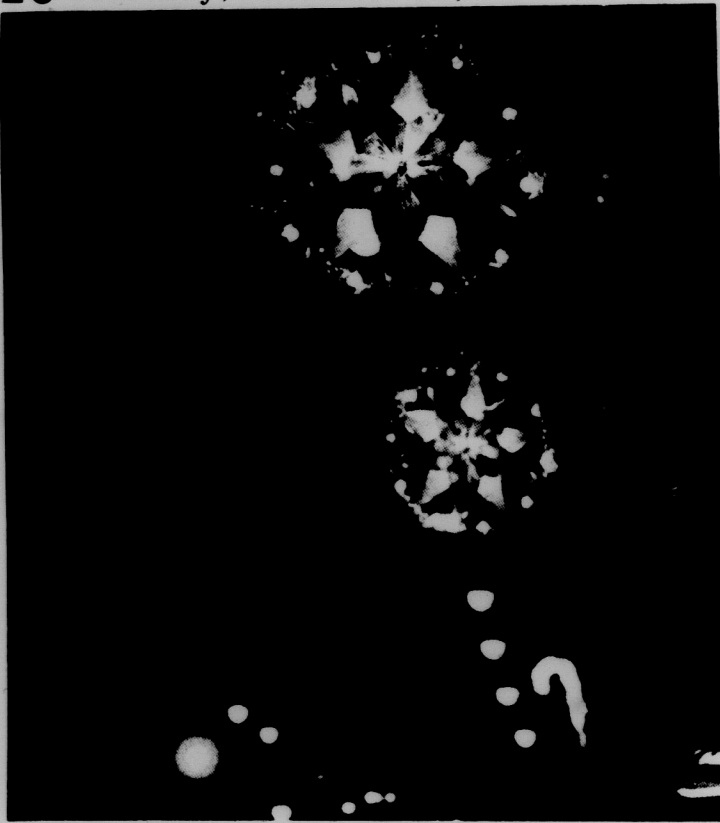
The church will hold its Festival of the Nativity at 5 p.m. on Dec. 17. From Dec. 17 to Dec. 31 only one Sunday worship service, at 11 a.m., will be held. A Watch Night service will be held at 11 p.m. on Dec. 31.

University Baptist Church will hold a Christmas choral worship service and an Advent communion service at 10 a.m. Sunday with "Good News" as the theme.

Members and friends of the fellowship are invited to small group dinners which will be held throughout the parish Dec. 17. At 7:30 the participants will meet at Wardcliff School for an all-church Christmas program.

Church members and friends will meet at the parsonage at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 for caroling and a Christmas Eve vesper service. There will be a Watch Night service at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31, including a New Year's Eve party and communion service.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbott Rd., will hold two special choral services on Dec. 10 at the regular worship services. Christmas music will be featured.



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# Christmas meditation

Someone once said that with the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, "For the first time man was glad about God." In Christ, one saw God as a Being who truly inspired the trust and love of men.

To millions of Christians facing the days of deepening uncertainty and strife in our world, Christmas is a day when all life is filled with glory, song and joy. They celebrate the belief that this Blessed Event, and what followed, assures humanity of eventual triumph over evil.

But if such victory cannot come without God, neither can it come without the cooperation and effort of

men. Throughout history men have found that life without God is empty and meaningless—but very, very few ever really learned to live their beliefs.

If war, famine, sickness, hatred and misunderstanding are to disappear from our world, surely each of us who truly desires their passing must begin by asking himself what he has done, or not done, to help.

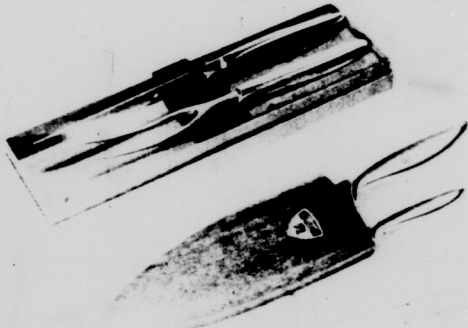
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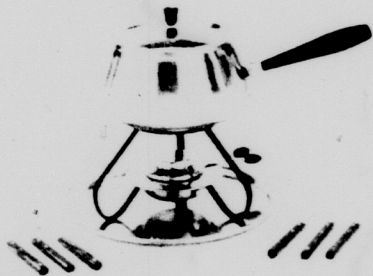


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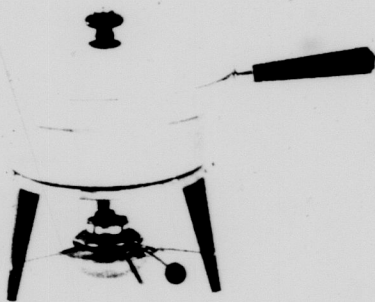


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#### FOOTBALL FORECAST RESULTS

Last week's results were: College Life 9-1;  
 St. John's Student Center 7-3; Asher House 7-3



### CHANUKAH

## Jews celebrate Festival of Lights

By FRAN ZELL  
 State News Staff Writer

Jews around the world make the holiday season meaningful by remembering the miraculous way their people have survived for centuries despite wandering and persecution.

For Chanukah, which falls each December (December 27-Jan. 3

this year), commemorates the strength and power of the Jewish people to overcome oppression and remain an independent nation.

The celebration, one of the more important of the minor Jewish holidays, recalls the heroics of Mattathias and his five sons while leading their people to victory over their erstwhile Syrian conquerors.

In those days, Palestine fell under the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes, king of the Syrian domain to the north. In his efforts to build a strong empire and overpower the Romans, Antiochus tried to subdue Palestine by wiping out the Jewish religion. He forbade any type of religious worship among the Jews and carried Greek gods and idols into the Temple.

At first the Jews met oppression with passive resistance. The story is told of a woman, Hannah, who together with her seven sons chose to die rather than pay tribute to the Greek gods.

When passive fighting proved ineffective the Jews rose up in arms against Antiochus. Judah Maccabee, the eldest of Mattathias' sons, led his troops to Jerusalem where they managed to establish a new Jewish government.

When the Jews reconquered the Temple, the story holds they found only enough oil to keep the Temple's eternal flame aglow for one day, hardly allowing enough time for a fresh supply to arrive. Miraculously, however, the oil burned for eight days.

Thus Chanukah is celebrated for eight days and each night a candle is burned in a menorah (candelabra). On the last day, eight candles plus a shamash candle used to light the others are lit, symbolizing the length of time the oil lasted.

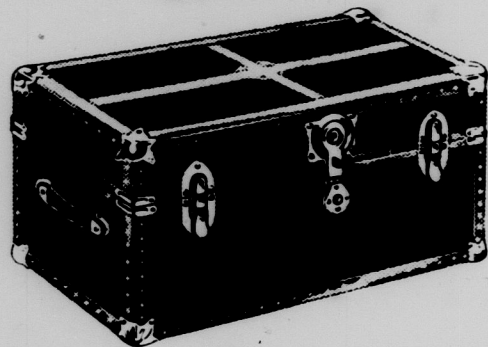
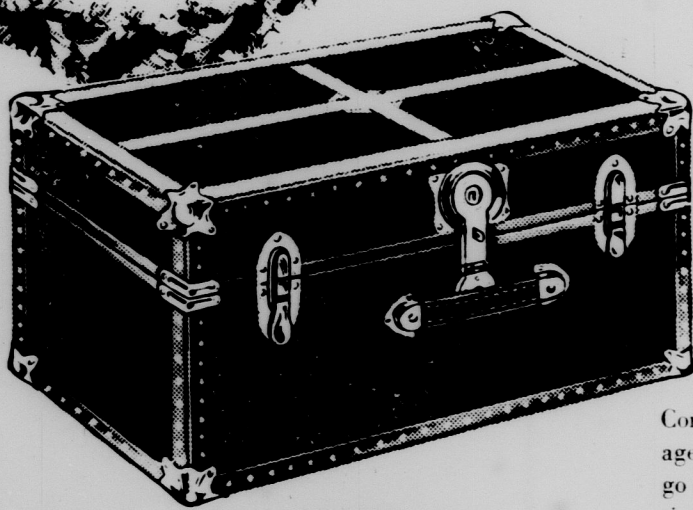
Besides lighting the menorah, Jewish families celebrate the holiday with parties, games and special foods (dairy dishes are eaten and latkes -- potato pancakes -- are a favorite. Children receive gifts and money (Chanukah gelt) and in synagogues, the story of Chanukah is retold.

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## 19th ANNUAL LIGHTING

# Aging pine welcomes y'U'le

By JENNY POPE  
State News Staff Writer

Just because you're 120 years old doesn't mean you can't get lit up once in a while—or once a year for that matter.

On Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. the MSU Christmas tree, located on Abbott Boulevard at the corner of Campbell Hall and the Union, will be lit up with 1,000 multi-colored lights.

The pine tree is 120 years old and advancing age is making it increasingly difficult to trim and to make it look good, said Irwin J. Holliday, assistant general foreman of the maintenance physical plant.

Sponsored by Pi Beta Phi sorority and Delta Tau Delta fraternity, this year's 19th annual yuletide lighting signifies the

University's recognition of the Christmas season.

Two children from a local orphanage will turn on the switch which will light the tree.

A 75-member chorus from the sorority and the fraternity will sing carols which will include "What Child Is This?", "Carol of the Bells," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

"Students are invited to take a study break and come sing carols under the tree," said Dick Stouffer, member of Delta Tau Delta.

"President Hannah used to officiate in past years, but we feel it is more of a student project," Stouffer added. After the ceremony the chorus will gather in front of Cowles House to serenade Hannah and his wife.

Five men from the electrical department will spend almost a week trimming the tree at a cost

of \$1,000. The lights are actually 25-watt bulbs which have been attached to 200 strings by the department. The 65-foot tree will be topped with a 24-inch diameter star.

"The lights will go on at 4:45 p.m. and off at midnight until Christmas Eve," Holliday said. "From Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve the lights will stay on all night and turn off at 8 a.m.," he added.

The decorations will be removed shortly after New Year's Day.

MSU claimed its first Christmas tree in 1924 by the south entrance of Morrill Hall. A few years later, the tree was moved to the north entrance of the building. The lighting has also taken place at the Women's IM and Home Economics Building. The present site for the tree was chosen in 1935.

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# The Christmas Girl: romantic sparkle

By ROBERTA YAFIE

State News Feature Editor

When was the last time you bought a party dress? Yeah, the kind that really made you look like a girl. Or how about a cape? Or shoes of pastel leather flowers?

The holiday season--color it glitter. No matter the current

trend, the season's fashions always have something to sparkle about.

This year offers a kaleidoscope of choices with everything from mini to maxi to texture to hardware swept up in The Cause.

The Romantic Revolution. The colors are soft, the fabrics are some which you haven't thought of wearing for years, the styles are, well, romantic, feminine, graciously elegant.

Sharing the rack with the silver mini-dress is a pastel knit, low-waisted, dripping with ostrich or marabou at the neck and spilling onto the shoulders and down the side.

Infiltrating evening wools and knits are dirndl skirts of moire, topped by delicate white shirts, tucked and pleated, ruffled and bowed.

Evening skirts run the gamut from black crepe, which takes especially well to white silk tailored shirts or those ruffled and open at the neck, to evening culottes, and from there to rich, heavy tweeds and plaids accompanied by cashmere sweaters or smoking jackets.

Pants suits go everywhere, like little boy shorts and smoking jackets of velvet with ruffled shirts, to the long variety, both equally adaptable for evening.

Gala garb is a rainbow, including everything from pastels to rich golds and purples, hot pinks and greens, heavily seasoned with black and white. Fabrics are equally bold and gentle, ruffled and feathered crepes and wools, hot-colored satins, moires, jerseys and knits, spiced with every conceivable type of hardware, from chain belts to rhinestone and golden studs, the glitter of braces of metallic weave.

Not to be outdone, accessories carry on the tradition handsomely. Hosiery and footwear glitter in metallic tones, as well as complimentary hot and cold shades. Earrings run wild, from tiny, antique affairs to golf balls and peacock feathers that graze the shoulder.

Belts are found in the strangest places, wrapping up a little cocktail frock with a wide band of leather, velvet or satin, resting on the hip with a chiffon shirt-dress that will take you through a full evening's worth of entertainment, holding coats and skirts together.

The festive look is a total look, composed of any number of interchangeable parts, not all of which were born on Seventh Avenue. Hair, both the long and the short of it, is sleek and neat. Eyes have a field day, or night, loaded with gold dust or brushed with faint color.

Why button up an overcoat when you can wrap things up in a full-length hooded cape or a mid-thigh cashmere coat dripping with lynx at collar, cuff and hem.

Not only are the evenings fashionably ripe, but daylight, too, is amply provided for. The beauty of the "little wools" and knits and silks is that the great majority are willing and able to carry you through a day of lunch and shopping to dinner, the theatre or a concert or a tour of the discotheques and coffee houses and a final slice of cheese cake. You needn't pack extra accessories to make an after-five change-over, either; black jet earrings go equally well with knickers as they do with crepe.

Sportswear doesn't shy away from such elegant touches, but readily awaits improvisation. A good chunk of the beauty of the times is the freedom, not only of choice, but of experimentation, something akin to decorating a new house. A little of each and you've got a look of your own, which should do quite well until you decide to revamp it the following day.

Least we forget, hats. Complimenting furs, suedes and cloth coats alike are swiss and Italian felts, tied under the chin and flipped on one side Aussie style or fashioned into any number of great shapes, knit berets and caps and fur toques and hoods.

It makes any clothes horse glad to be human. Isn't it grand, boys?

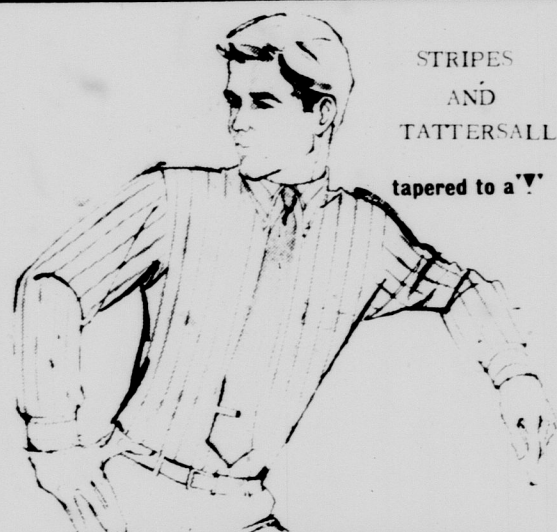
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Wright has centered his experimentation around the Scotch pine which is the most popular Christmas tree sold in Michigan. The experimentation is said to be the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world, involving more than 100,000 trees on 15,000 plots in 39 separate localities throughout the United States and Canada.

One of Wright's main efforts has been directed toward finding trees resistant to the pine sawfly. The larvae of this insect attack the pine and can destroy the needles. Wright has found that an eastern European variety of the Scotch pine is particularly resistant to the sawfly and is breeding this resistance into the new hybrids.

Wright has also found that the best colored Scotch pines come from seed originated in Spain, southern France and Scotland.

"The Belgian, French, Italian and Hungarian types are medium green in the summer and winter," he noted, while the Greek and Turkish types are darker green year around.

Michigan is the nation's leading producer of Christmas trees, accounting for 10 per cent of all plantation grown trees in the United States.

Wright said that Michigan Christmas tree growers try to avoid the seed from the northern parts of Europe, particularly from the Ural mountains.

"Trees grown from these seeds develop yellow needles," he explained. "They start to turn color in early September and by Christmas time some of the needles are almost the same color as a ripe lemon."



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By JEAN WARDEN

State News Staff Writer

Each year as holiday seasons approach many people wonder what Christmas is really like behind the iron curtain.

The Russian Christmas celebration is closely associated with the church, with Orthodox Russians observing a forty day fast. The day before Christmas a huge feast is eaten which consists of hutya (boiled rice or wheat grains) with poppy seeds, nuts, jam, and small pies filled with rice, mushrooms, mashed beans or peas, as well as roast goose and ham.

During the big meal someone throws a handful of hutya to the ceiling. If it sticks, a prosperous and happy year will come.

After the meal kilach, or braided bread, is left between two lighted candles on the table, at which time the family goes to church. The dead are supposed to return at midnight on Christmas eve to partake of the bread. Surprisingly enough, many legends recorded that animals have the power of speech and prophecy on this night. A feast is prepared for them, too.

Children delight in the Santa Claus they know as "Dedushka Moroz." Unlike the American Christmas, it is a traditional for the grandmother, "Baboushka", to distribute all the gifts ranging

from red boots for children to special gold slippers for young girls. Passed lore reveals that Grandmother repented of unkindness and to make up the amends she distributes gifts to children. Other versions say she refused an offer to accompany the Three Kings on their journey. Regretting this also, on Christmas Eve she goes about searching for the Christ Child. She has never found him and bestows gifts to the children.

Paralleled closely to the Russian celebration is the Ukrainian Christmas. The Russian holiday based to the old calendar, means that the Christmas celebration occurs 30 days after ours.

Old rites require the Ukrainian housewife to put straw under her dining room tablecloth and on the floor. Sheafs of wheat are also spread on the floor to represent the surroundings of Christ's birthplace.

Christmas festivals last for three days. Jan. 6 is the "blessing of the water," better known as "Boyayavlennia", but also known as Jordan. In the old country villages, priest leads villagers to a nearby stream where the ice is broken and the water blessed. This water is later distributed to the congregation.

So far as it is known, this custom is not followed in American Ukrainian churches.



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## Christmas Traditions

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Christmas. Adults exchange gifts on New Year's Day. St. Basil, of "Hagios Vasilios" is the big red and white bearded man we know as Santa Claus.

Known as a seafaring nation, it's not surprising that part of the traditions involve blessings of the waters.

At high noon, a procession, led by the Archbishop or Bishop, starts toward the water front. A crucifix sheathed in rich vestments is thrown into the sea after a dedication and prayer. Men and boys in offshore boats dive after the cross. The one capturing it receives special blessings from the Priest and money from the crowd.

In Tarpon Springs, Florida, a large Greek-American colony observes this as a yearly celebration. This tradition is also carried on in parts of New York.

Hungarian Christmas celebrations last two days. Bells ring continually during that time.

At midnight, villagers don colorful costumes and go to a church for a mass which is celebrated amid flowers and evergreens.

During the Christmas season it is common to see gaily dressed children in the streets singing carols and carrying a miniature manger of "Bethlehem."

A "Novenna" of religious

preparation comes before Christmas in Italy. A special manger is prepared in the home. Every morning for nine days, families assemble before it to recite prayers. Known as the "praesepe", this custom goes back into Italian lore many centuries.

Believe it or not, eel is the Italian Christmas Eve meal. At holiday time, this special "cap-

tone" costs as much as a dollar a pound.

Also unusual is the fact that Italians do not use Christmas trees or any kind of evergreens. Gift-giving is not prominent either. Christmas Day itself is a holy day, with people flocking to impressive church services.

The holiday season extends to Jan. 6, the Day of Epiphany. Not until this time are the mangers dismantled.



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