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### CO-OP Nursery Starts Winter Registration

The Manchester Co-Op Nursery will begin taking registration on November 30th for those four year olds interested in joining the winter season. Class meets on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings or afternoons. Activities include art projects, cooking experiences, basic readiness activities, creative play and dramatics, and a chance to make many new friends.

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### Attends Seminar

The Michigan Constables & District Court Officers Association held its 19th Annual Seminar at Kellogg Center, M.S.U. December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and the following subjects were taught: Misdemeanor & Felony Laws, by Keith Roberts, Assistant Attorney General Search & Seizure-Laws & Techniques, by William Weiner, Cooley Law School. What Police Officers should do while waiting for case to come up in Court, The Honorable Dunbar Davis, 35th Judicial District Court Judge, Liquor Law Enforcement & the Constable, LeRoy Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Liquor Control, Department of Commerce, Firearms-How & When to use, Trooper Thomas Baldus, Firearms Instructor - Training Division, Department of Michigan State Police. Comments on the New Legislation & Civil Law, Judge Eugene Stovia, Southgate.

There was also a Qualifying Examination for those who had not previously taken it, an election of officers, and a banquet.

Eleven Constables and Court Officers from Washtenaw County attended this Seminar, as well as many others from both the lower and upper peninsula.

The new officers are: President-Lyle L. Moore, Washtenaw County (Manchester Township), Vice President-B.G. Stockwell, Kalamazoo County, Secretary-Charles LaCorte, Macomb County, Treas-

urer & Executive Director-John Braganti, Wayne County, Trustee-James Brotha, Mackinaw County, Trustee-Andrew Yenchar, Oakland County, Trustee-Frank Boessler, Kalamazoo County.

### DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for office of the Manchester Council is Tuesday, December 20, 1977 at 4 p.m.

The following offices will be open in the March, 1978 election: President, Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor and three Trustees.

Petitions can be obtained from the Village Clerk, Mary Wheeler.

### County Extension Garden Calendar

The Washtenaw County Cooperative Extension Service has produced a 1978 Garden Calendar designed with south-east Michigan growing conditions in mind. This illustrated, 8 1/2" X 14" wall calendar gives detailed information on selected monthly topics, as well as daily hints, planting dates, spray dates, etc.

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### Men In Service

Lieutenant Donald M. Tapping, U.S. Marine Corps, has been selected for aviation flight training, and will report to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida in early February. Lt. Tapping entered the Marine Corps last February and was assigned to Officers Candidate School, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia. In May he received his commission and in October graduated from the Basic School. Lt. Tapping is now temporarily assigned to the Research and Development Center at Quantico.

Donald was a 1972 graduate of Manchester High School, and earned his BA degree from the University of Michigan in December 1976. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Tapping, Jr., 520 Summit St., Manchester, Michigan.

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### Scavenger Hunt Tuesday, December 13

Tuesday, December 13th at 3:30 p.m. many young people of our community will be joining in the Christmas Spirit by conducting a door-to-door scavenger hunt for gifts that can be packed into Christmas boxes for area families. Since Mother Nature doesn't always respect the date picked we also reserve a second date. That is Thursday, December 15th.

The Family Service tries to compile a very complete list of people to greet with a box. If you, the people of the community, have a friend, relative, or neighbor who should be added to this list please call either Claire Reek 428-8852 or Dianne Schwab, 428-8976.

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Manchester wrestlers started the week showing a strong desire to win despite an 18 point deficit at Vandercook Lake High School.

The Dutch forfeited 3 weight classes and yet rallied back winning seven of ten individual matches before falling 4 points short of defeating the always powerful Jayhawks.

Dutch wrestlers who won Tuesday were Fritz Sannes 112 lbs. pin over Leekelly, Todd Green 119 lbs. pin over Tim Fraser, Terry Van Doren 132 lbs. pin over Ron Lammon, Terry Brown 145 lbs. dec. over Larry Huffman 11-9, Steve Eversole 155 lbs. dec. over Jeff Watts 19-16, Daryl Clark 165 lbs. pin over Jack Cure, Dan Jordan Heavyweight pin over John Sheets.

Fritz Sannes started the first of five pins for the Dutch pinning his opponent in 5:42. Fritz built his record to 2-0

with another pin over Steve Stok of Hudson in a convincing time of 1:17 bringing spectators and contestants to their feet in applause. He was later voted wrestler of the week by his teammates and will share Tri-Captain honors with Co-Captains Joe Roberts and Dan Jordan.

This weeks wrestling schedule will take Manchester to Leslie Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Onsted Thursday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. and to Napoleon Saturday, December 10.

The Dutch wrestlers should have a successful season with the help of State Qualifier Dan Jordan and two time conference champion and Regional Qualifier Joe Roberts.

### VISITS FROM SANTA ON DECEMBER 19 and 20

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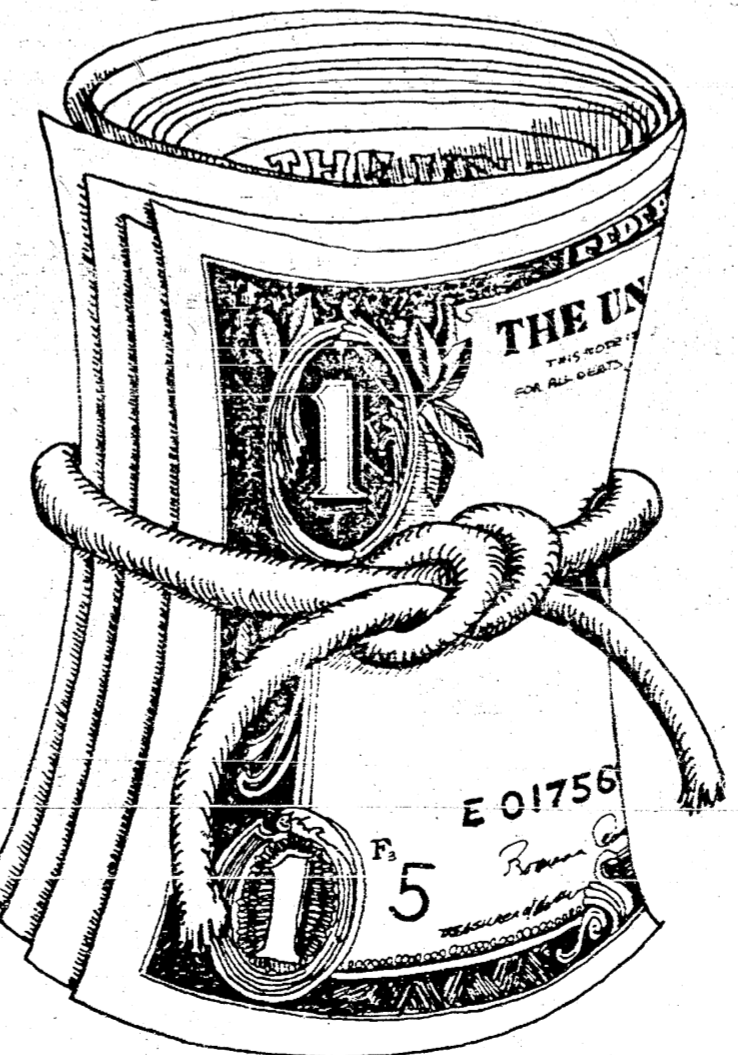
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A nominal fee to cover the cost of the film will be requested.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SINGLES**

The Ann Arbor Saturday Night Singles Club Dance for Single Adults 25 years and over will be held at the Ann Arbor "Y", 350 S. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor on December 3 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Excellent live dance music by Ed Keenen & Co. provided. Also social mixers, and refreshments.

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**Poinsettia Pointers**

There are some medical and plant experts who think old Ebenezer Scrooge must have started the story some time before that memorable Christmas Dickens wrote about. It's the fable that still pops up once-in-a-while this time of year about some mysterious danger that lurks in the most popular of all Christmas flowering plants, the poinsettia.

An office of the U.S. Government, leading research scientists, and the people of the American Association of Nurserymen might very well summarize their findings on the matter

with Scrooge's traditional words: "Bah, humbug!"

Here is what spokesmen for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare have written: "Although there are a number of reports including the ingestion of parts of the leaves and berries of the poinsettia, we have yet to find mention that a child became ill, except for a few cases where vomiting was reported." Translated by the nursery people, that means that a little person might possibly get an upset tummy from eating poinsettias—or all sorts of things a little person ought not eat.

But poisonous? Bah, humbug!

This holiday season, as for many Christmases past, more than 25 million poinsettia plants will decorate American homes. Be sure yours has the right amount of light and water. An easy rule of thumb is to place the plant in a room with enough natural light to permit a person with reasonable eyesight to read fine print. Avoid direct sunlight. As for water, poinsettias appreciate quite a bit. When the soil feels dry to the touch, give the plant a drink, but remove excess water afterwards.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Regular meeting of the Freedom Township Board will be held Tuesday, December 13, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Road.

Agenda: No. 1 Final action on Green Manufacturing rezoning amendment. No. 2 Other regular business.

Rena Girbach, Township Clerk

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING**

November 1, 1977

The Special Meeting and Budget Hearing was called to order by President Bunney at 8:15 in the Study Auditorium. Helen Kensler took roll call. Present: Bunney, Feldkamp, Macomber, Mick, Walkowe, Westfall and Kensle. Administrators present: McGuire, Tubagh, Tassie, Schiek and Korican.

Mr. McGuire presented the budget for the 1977-78 school year. Mrs. Westfall asked that the \$45,000 be added to the 1977-78 budget as revenue and expenditures that will come from the equity fund from the 1976-77 budget, to be used for contracted services and materials.

Mr. McGuire said copies of the itemized budget would be available in the Central Office.

Pres. Bunney declared the budget hearing closed at 8:46 PM.

Pres. Bunney asked the Board members to read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Feldkamp said that the word "should" should be inserted between and be on page 2, paragraph one, line 2. Mr. McGuire said that it should be noted that Administrators that are absent from Board meetings are involved in school

business or activities. Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler that the minutes of the October 17th meeting be approved. All yeas. Motion carried.

Pres. Bunney asked the Board to review his breakdown on the Board objectives for the 1977-78 school year. After considerable discussion, it was decided to vote on the objectives.

Group 1-Superintendent and Policy Committee. Moved by Westfall supported by Macomber to accept, establish and adopt policy. All yeas. Motion carried.

Group 2-Superintendent and Building & Grounds Committee. 1. Completion of Maintenance projects (roofs, boilers, etc.) Moved by Mick supported by Macomber to approve No. 1. All yeas. Motion carried.

2. Elimination or Reduction of vandalism. Moved by Westfall supported by Mick to approve No. 2. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Night custodian to eliminate vandalism. No. 3 not approved. 4. Study access route between Klager and High School. Moved by Feldkamp supported by Kensler to approve No. 4. Kensler yes, Feldkamp yes, Westfall yes, Macomber no, Walkowe no, Mick no, Bunney yes. Motion carried.

5. Relocation of Superintendent and staff's office. No. 5, not approved.

Group 3 Superintendent and Principals. 1. Effective Teacher evaluations. Westfall moved supported by Feldkamp to approve No. 1. All yeas. Motion carried.

2. Better High School discipline. Moved by Feldkamp, supported by Mick to approve No. 2. All yeas. Motion carried. 6. Run

electrical line to shop. Moved by Kensler supported by Westfall to approve No. 6. All yeas. Motion carried. 7. Re-establishment of drama activities. Moved by Westfall supported by Feldkamp to approve No. 7. All yeas. Motion carried. 8. Work on staff selection and involvement. Not approved. 3. Long range agriculture program. 4. High School curriculum study-Career Ed. & Human Growth. 5. Review of English curriculum. Moved by Westfall supported by Mick to refer 3, 4 & 5 to curriculum committee. All yeas. Motion carried.

Group 4 Superintendent. 1. Continuation of fiscal soundness. Moved by Mick supported by Macomber to approve No. 1. All yeas. Motion carried. 2. Effective, plain communication with the public. Moved by Macomber supported by Feldkamp to approve No. 2. All yeas. Motion carried. 3. Removal of Administrative decisions from the Board. Moved by Westfall supported by Feldkamp to approve No. 3. Kensler yes, Feldkamp yes, Westfall yes, Macomber no, Walkowe no, Mick abstain, Bunney no. Motion defeated. 4. Establish competency requirements for students. Moved by Mick supported by Macomber to change No. 4 to review, instead of establish, Westfall no. All the rest yes. Moved by Mick supported by Macomber to approve No. 4. Westfall no. All the rest yes. 5. Development of financial reporting. Moved by Mick supported by Kensler to approve No. 5. Walkowe no. All the rest yes. 6. Publish financial report and Board minutes monthly. Mick moved to separate the financial report from the Board minutes.

Group 5 Negotiation Committee. 1. Settle on Teachers Contract-Not accepted. Foregone conclusion that the Board wants this settled.

Mr. Feldkamp left at 10:00 PM due to his daughter being injured.

Group 6 Superintendent and President of the Board. 1. Return 1st meeting of the month to an informational meeting. Moved by Kensler supported by Westfall to approve No. 1. All yeas. Motion carried. 2. Return Board meetings to one per month with an occasional workshop. Not adopted.

Group 7 Superintendent and Director of Auxiliary Services. 1. Hot Lunch Program. Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler to approve No. 1. All yeas. Motion carried.

Group 8 Finance Committee. 1. A ceiling set on the wages of the Superintendent and Principals. Not adopted.

Group 9 Superintendent and Athletic Director. 1. Adequate reporting of athletic activities. Not adopted.

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**MEETING**

letics to the Board. Moved by Westfall supported by Macomber to accept the Athletic Director's report that was given the previous month, with the direction that a like report should be given each month. All years. Motion carried.

Continuing Business: Mr. McGuire suggested that the Board finance the station wagon with the Union Savings Bank for a period of two years, and the first payment wouldn't be due until the 1978-79 school year. Moved by Walkow supported by Macomber to finance the station wagon with the Union Savings Bank. All years. Motion carried.

Pres. Bunney asked for direction from the Board as to what to do about the \$400.00 in question pertaining to Mr. Green. Mr. Green has responded by letter, but there are still some questions concerning the materials purchased, but to pursue the problem further would cost more than \$400.00. Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler to cease and desist the legal action on the \$400.00. All years. Motion carried.

Mr. McGuire asked for the Board to approve the hiring of the following non-certified personnel: Bruce Powers: Main-

tenance \$4.24 per hour, \$8,820.00 per year, plus benefits. Cindy Turnell: High School Custodian plus benefits. Annabell Eversole: High School Secretary plus benefits. Mike Schneider: Part-time lawn care.

Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler to accept the recommendation of Mr. McGuire and hire the non-certified personnel. All years. Motion carried.

Mr. McGuire said the electrical units are installed in the Nellie Lockerson School, and a big thanks to Mr. Parr and his employee's.

Mr. Bunney said the committee to establish a Superintendents contract had met, and would soon meet with Mr. Masten. The contract was drawn up by Mr. Duerr, the Board's attorney. Mr. Bunney said he hoped the Board could approve the contract at the Regular Board Meeting on November 21st.

Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler to adopt the 1977-78 Budget. All years. Motion carried.

Moved by Westfall supported by Mick to establish Mr. McGuire's salary as acting Superintendent at \$24,500, and to be prorated on a daily basis for the duration of his service. All years. Motion carried.

Mr. Walkow said he would like 2 things looked into. 1) Kids getting out of practice at different times and 2) Kids not getting involved in games. 6, 7, 8 and 9th graders.

Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler that the Board move to closed session to discuss negotiations. All years. Motion carried. Board moved to executive session at 10:50 P.M.

President Bunney called the meeting back to order at 11:48 P.M.

Moved by Westfall supported by Kensler to adjourn the meeting. All years. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen J. Kensler, Secretary  
Board of Education

**Embroiderers' Guild**

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Ann Arbor Chapter will meet Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Weber's Inn. Reservations required.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING CHANGED**

The Manchester Athletic Boosters drawing scheduled for December 6th is postponed until December 13th, because the Basketball Game was cancelled. Ticket sales will continue. All proceeds will go to the High School Track Fund.

**Manchester Art Guild**

The Manchester Art Guild is having a gallery clean-up Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help is needed by all members. Perspective members are welcome.

Due to the Christmas Holidays, our next meeting will be January 10 at 7 p.m.

**Singles 25 & Up**

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### Summary of Significant Tax Law Changes For '77

Some people like changes; others prefer things the way they are. But whatever side of the fence you're on, one thing is certain: When you fill out your 1977 tax return, you won't be able to avoid the many changes in the tax law that have come about through recent legislation.

You have probably heard the standard deduction has been replaced by a zero bracket amount which is a flat \$2,200 for singles and \$3,200 for marrieds filing jointly. And there has been quite a bit of publicity about the new tax tables with the zero bracket amount, personal exemptions, and general tax credit built right in.

These changes affect most taxpayers, but don't require you to plan ahead. Because some of the new provisions do, however, demand pre-planning, it makes sense to start gathering your records together and examining the tax consequences of some of your actions.

For instance, if you own a capital asset, such as stock, bonds or real property that you intend to sell this year, are you aware that in order to qualify for long term capital gain or loss treatment, you must have owned that asset for more than nine months? The holding period in prior years was more than six months.

Do you also know the amount of a capital loss you can use to offset your taxable income has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000?

Both of these changes can make a significant difference in your tax bill for 1977. Suppose, for example, that you never heard of the new nine month holding period, and you dispose of a capital asset after

seven months, thinking that you will have to pay tax on only one-half of your profit. When you fill out your 1977 tax return you might be surprised at the amount of tax you owe.

If you have moved, or plan a move, in 1977, you will find several changes in the tax law. The distance requirement of 50 miles has been changed to 35 miles.

In addition, the maximum deduction for pre-move househunting and temporary living expenses has gone up from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and the deduction for expenses related to buying, selling, or renting a home increased by \$500. It is now \$3,000.

Older Americans who sell their homes in 1977 will be glad to learn that there has been a sizable change in the tax break available to them. Previously, anyone 65 or over who sold his or her home did not have to pay any tax on the gain if the adjusted sales price of the house was \$20,000 or less.

The exclusion amount has now been increased so that you pay no tax on the gain from the sale if the adjusted sales price is \$35,000 or less. If the adjusted sales price is over \$35,000, the tax break is prorated.

Remember, the adjusted sales price of your home is the amount you receive after paying selling commissions and certain allowable fixing-up expenses, such as painting part of the interior of your home.

Here's something else new for 1977: If you are a worker under the age of 70 1/2 and do not participate in any other pension or annuity plan during the year, you may for the first time, include your non-working spouse in your In-

dividual Retirement Arrangement (IRA). If you establish an IRA for you and your non-working spouse, you may contribute a total of 15 percent of your compensation, to a top limit of \$1,750.

And for 1977, you have an additional 45 days from the end of the tax year (until February 14, 1978) in which to make your contribution and still deduct it on your tax return. The advantage of an IRA, of course, is that contributions are not taxed until they are withdrawn at which time the individual would normally be in a lower tax bracket.

Other changes that could mean a difference in your tax liability are in the areas of alimony, child support, and child care expenses.

Alimony, previously an itemized deduction, is now an adjustment to income, which means that anyone can claim on his or her tax return the amount of alimony paid during the year.

If you make child support payments to a former spouse, you may have to pay more money now in order to claim your children as dependents on your tax return. In prior years, if the tax exemptions were not allocated in the divorce decree, and you were the noncustodial parent, you had to contribute \$1,200 or more for the support of one or more children in order to take the dependency exemptions. That amount has now increased to \$1,200 for each child.

Expenses you pay for work-related child care may now be claimed as a tax credit. The credit is 20 percent of the amount you pay during the year for child care. The maximum amount of the credit allowed is \$400 for one child and \$800 for two or more children.

It's obvious there are changes in store for many Americans when they prepare their 1977 federal tax returns. To get a head start on your taxes, contact the IRS for free publications on areas that will affect your taxes. You may order the publications by filling out the order form that is enclosed in the tax package you receive, or by contacting your local IRS office.

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Please phone in any corrections or changes in address to Mrs. Ludwick, 428-7434. We, of the American Legion Auxiliary, again wish to thank the staff of the Enterprise for their splendid cooperation in printing this list and for all free service they have given us over the years. God bless you.

T.V. Ludwick  
Rehabilitation Chairman

### CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

A trip to the country to find a special tree to grace the family's living room at Christmas is an age-old custom that is being revived each year at Michigan's 78 choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Even a latter-day Scrooge can't help but get in the holiday spirit after a wagon ride through a snowy field of evergreens with the entire family," stated Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager.

Each year, more farms than ever go out of their way to make treecutting trips special events by offering pony and wagon rides, yule log fires, train rides, plus free treats and weekend visits by Santa, Auto Club said.

At many of the farms listed on Auto Club's guide, hot apple cider and homemade donuts are sold and there are farm animals children can feed and pet.

"One owner even dispenses free peach brandy recipes, while another sells handmade toys from the Virginia mountains," Ratke noted.

Smallest of the trees are "table top" models just right for mobile homes, apart-

ments or children's bedrooms. The largest, including exotic Austrian, French and concolor pines, as well as Michigan's state tree, the white pine, can fill the corner of any room.

For a small charge, at least one farm treats spruce trees—which usually drop needles fastest—with a preservative to retard shedding.

Michigan's farms sell more than a dozen tree types, with prices ranging from \$1 for Scotch pines to \$20 for blue and Norway spruce and up to \$50 for large flocked trees—sealed and sprayed with a special snowy coating.

Forty-nine farms feature trees eight to 25 feet tall for churches and businesses. Eight operations clean trees by machine and 33 farms wrap trees for easy transport. Almost all farms have pre-cut trees.

Auto Club offers these tips for persons cutting their own trees this season:

\* If going on a weekend, bring a hand saw. Although 67 farms lend saws, they all may be in use upon arrival. Axes are not allowed on most farms.

\* Keep in mind that while most pines and Douglas firs hold needles, balsams and spruces shed profusely if not properly watered.

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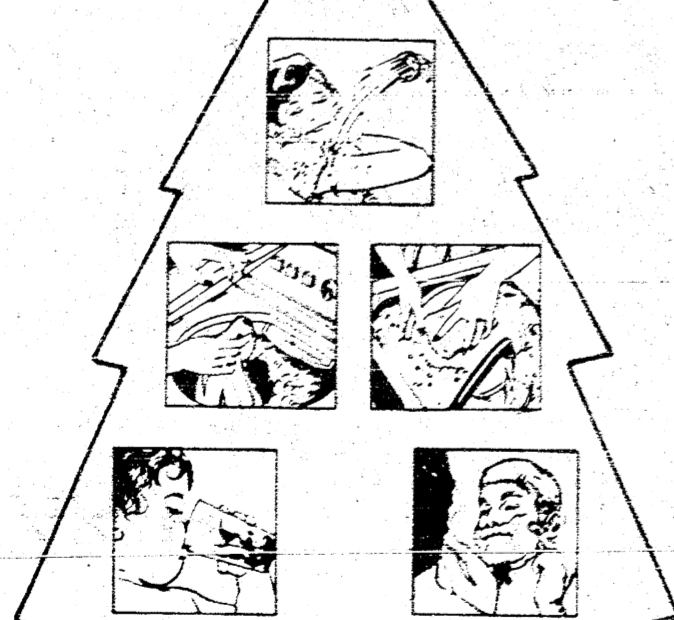
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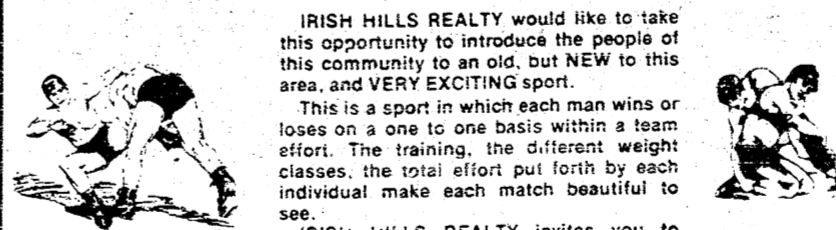
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