

Klager Thanksgiving Preparations



Drop into Klager Elementary and you'll find the halls covered with Indians and Pilgrims - paper plate ones that is. All of the third graders have made an Indian and a pilgrim to remind us of the sharing and of that first Thanksgiving Day. Displaying their's are: Anna Fedorka, Robbie Luckhardt and David Brabo.

What Thanksgiving Means

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by Jamie Hall

In 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. They had just made a long journey from England to North America (Plymouth Rock) by boat. It was a very hard journey. Some people died. After they got to Plymouth Rock, they struggled to live. They might not have survived if the Indians hadn't helped them. They taught the Pilgrims how to hunt, fish, plant and other things. The Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving for the survivors of the first year in North America.

I think Thanksgiving is a time when a family gets together to give thanks to God, then they eat, play, and do other things.

When it is near Thanksgiving, our family all calls each other to decide who will have Thanksgiving dinner at their place. Whoever is going to have it gets the Ping-Pong table (unless they already have it). When Thanksgiving comes we all go over to the dinner. First we play a little then the food is set on the table. We find our chairs and sit down. After we pray, we eat. After we eat the children play outdoors, and the grownups play cards, talk, and watch T.V. Then we go home.

by Eric Creech

The first Thanksgiving day celebration was held in the United States in the Autumn of 1621. The first Thanksgiving day was held in Plymouth Colony. Governor Bradford sent a message to Chief Massasoit and his Indian braves, squaws and children inviting them to come to Plymouth Colony to share a Thanksgiving feast. When the day of the feast arrived the Indians came wearing feathers, furs, and animal skins. 91 Indians came including braves, squaws, and children. As their gifts to the feast the Indians brought five freshly killed deer to the Pilgrims. The deer were barbecued over a roaring fire. There was eel, clam, scallops, chowder, fish, fowl, ruts, berries, succotash, cornbread and maple sugar to eat. The pilgrims had Thanksgiving to give thanks to God for carrying them across the seas and for seeing them through the cruel winter. Also for their Indian friends, for the fruits of the earth, and for at last giving them a place where they were free to worship and to pray as they chose.

Thanksgiving means to me that my relatives will come visiting. Thanksgiving means to me being free. Thanksgiving means it's a holiday and there is no school and there is a feast. My dad does not have to go to work.

Our family celebrates Thanksgiving by inviting our relatives to spend the day. We have turkey with all the trimmings.



Mrs. Blossom's class made a teepee in their classroom. They manufactured "deerskin" to cover the teepee by coating paper bags with glue and Indian signs. Enjoying the teepee are: Steve Harvey, Jenny Okey, Jason Woods and Jason Sloat.

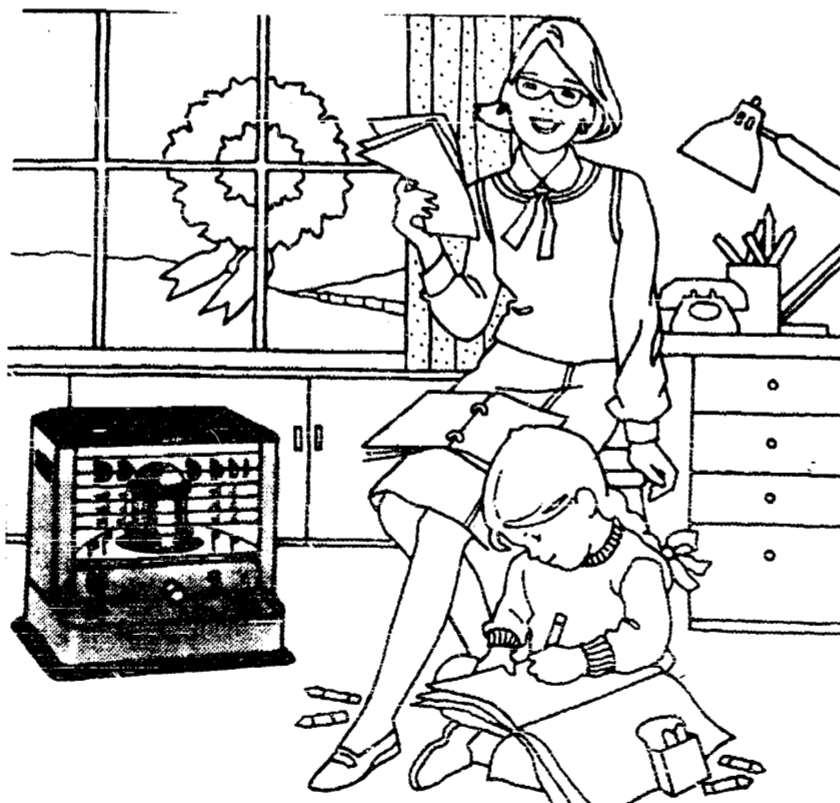
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HIT OR MISS by farley

Several items are missing from our social structure during the past few years and shotgun weddings seem to be among them. Columnist Russel Baker has found, he says, that not long ago, girls had fathers who, while they truly loved their daughters, didn't want to support them for life. This was the duty of a younger man.

Then, as now, there were men who were ready to lead a daughter, says Baker, down the primrose path and daughters who found the primrose irresistible.

"This was, adding for father, for the girl who traveled down the path might become a lifelong burden on him, especially if she came home pregnant. And so fathers kept shotguns and many a cad was hauled before the parson and bound in wedlock after staring into the end of a double barreled squirrel blaster."

I even remember a hardware merchant in a small town who enameled an old shotgun white and put it in his front window with a sign "For formal weddings."

In those days of old the family had to take on most of the duties now handled by the government, such as caring for its senile, housing its orphans, feeding and sheltering unemployed relatives, providing day care for growing children, etc. With so many other family-support duties, fathers got rather belligerent when daughter announced a grandchild for them to support, courtesy of cads.

Hence the shotgun wedding, not perhaps made in heaven and maybe the reluctant husband disappeared soon after the ceremony but he was married and could be hounded, jailed and sued for support for wife and child.

"The shotgun wedding is now out of style because father doesn't have to worry about supporting the cads we caliber-rounded up in droves at gunpoint."

"The government now pays a lot of bills that used to be paid by grandpa including the welfare payments to unmarried mothers, which infuriates the married ones. The government is now grandpa but with none of grandpa's 'moxie'. Grandpa usually went after the cad and brought back, in most instances, a billpayer for he and daughter."

"Why can't the Reagan group use this old fashioned technique? They say they cleave to the old fashioned. They say that reviving the shotgun wedding is a dubious method for the Government. And too they say that many states now bring unwed fathers into court and make them, many of them at least, pay up, but proving paternity is a slow process, and is expensive and complicated by the ease with which friends are found who are willing to perjure themselves."

"Grandpa can usually get a groom with a gun and even get the government to overlook it but the government can't be such a tyrant. They must confine themselves to cutting grandchild and daughter down to a thin gruel while the villain in the case goes free."

"The possibility of grandpa's reviving the shotgun wedding seems more remote each year. But at the rate that illegitimacy is increasing there won't be any more real grandparents left—just the cads."

It's tough to live in fear that the IRS will find out about the dime you got back from the pay phone.

Annual Tri-Church Bazaar



Pictured are Tri-Church Bazaar Chairmen: Gina Lentz, Jan Wizzard, Jean Little, Marie Knorpp and Deneine Schablie. Seated are: Ryan Lentz and Elizabeth Wizzard.

Preparing for the Bazaar are the ladies of the three sponsoring churches: Emanuel United Church of Christ, Manchester United Methodist Church, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. At the bazaar there will be a variety of delicious baked goods with each of the churches preparing some of their traditional specialties.

This 12th Annual Tri-Church Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the Emanuel Church Hall. A luncheon of chop suey, cole slaw, cherry tarts, rolls, and beverage will be served between 11:30 and 1:00. The luncheon tickets will be available at the door for \$3.50 on the day of the bazaar.

Besides the delicious baked goods, the bazaar will feature an assortment of creative handcrafted items and holiday decorations. So come and browse about, shop for that unique gift or Christmas ornament.

And, of course, there are the raffle items being offered by each of the churches. St.

Bus Service Returned

With the passage of an additional one mill for athletics and transportation services the Manchester Community Schools have returned bus service to the level of the previous year. With these improved services students are required to walk far shorter distances than would be the case under Michigan Department of Education guidelines.

Superintendent Eugene Thompson has pointed out, however, that it is not always possible to place stops as close to a student's home as parents would prefer. State law requires that there be 500 feet of visual clearance in either direction from a school bus stop. Observation of these distances provides the minimum stopping distance for approaching vehicles. "In the past, said Thompson, some of these stops were located with less than this minimum safety zone. We have made changes as necessary in order to provide safety for all students."

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Dutch Basketball Season Opener December 8th

The 1981-82 Varsity Basketball team was hard hit by both graduation and the loss of 4 players who are attending other schools (Addison, Clinton, and Napoleon). However Coach Bartels is pleased with this year's turnout. We will be young and somewhat inexperienced, but we have a fine group of hard-working young men. I wouldn't trade these guys for anybody. Our feeling is accentuate the positive! We are all very grateful that the millage passed and that we even have the opportunity to play. We must make up for what we don't have by utilizing what we do have—namely speed and quickness. We will press full court man to man, emphasizing defense all over the court. On offense we must be patient and look for the good shot.

The only returning starter is senior Captain Pete Johnson. He is an excellent outside shooter, and a solid all-around ball player. The only other two seniors with experience are forward Jim DuRussel and Eric Dumean. Rounding out the senior group are first year players Randy Day, Joe Achtenberg and Lance Clark. The Juniors are led by 6'1" forward Bill Scully and guard Steve Barker. There are two sophomores up, Mark Ball a guard and center John Blumenauer. Freshmen Mike Agin a point guard, is making a strong bid at a starting position.

The Dutchmen open up the season on Tuesday, December 8th against a strong Addison team. Be there and support our Flying Dutchmen! It's great to have athletics back!

"Christmas In The Air"

On Sunday Evening, December 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church, the Manchester United Methodist Church, Emanuel United Church of Christ, Sharon United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Bethel United Church of Christ and their pastors invite you to a "Christmas-for-all-ages multi-media experience featuring sights and sounds of Christmas." We welcome back Mr. Robert Wells, who many remember as presenting the wonderful slide show during Lent. Please bring the whole family and join us for this slide presentation and an evening of fellowship.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Manchester Men's Club is having its annual Christmas Tree Sale, at the mill. Help out your community and buy your tree locally, price \$2.50 a foot. Hours week days 6-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 to 6; Sunday noon to 6.

Letters To Santa

Dear Manchester Boys and Girls
My mail boxes will be out again until December 11th at Klager School, Nursery School, and the post office. Any boys and girls wishing to write me, I'd love to hear from you.

Mrs. Santa and I will try to answer all the letters before I see you at the lunch with Santa.

Love Santa

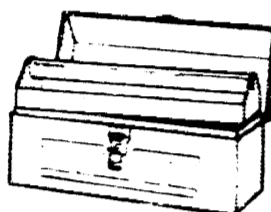
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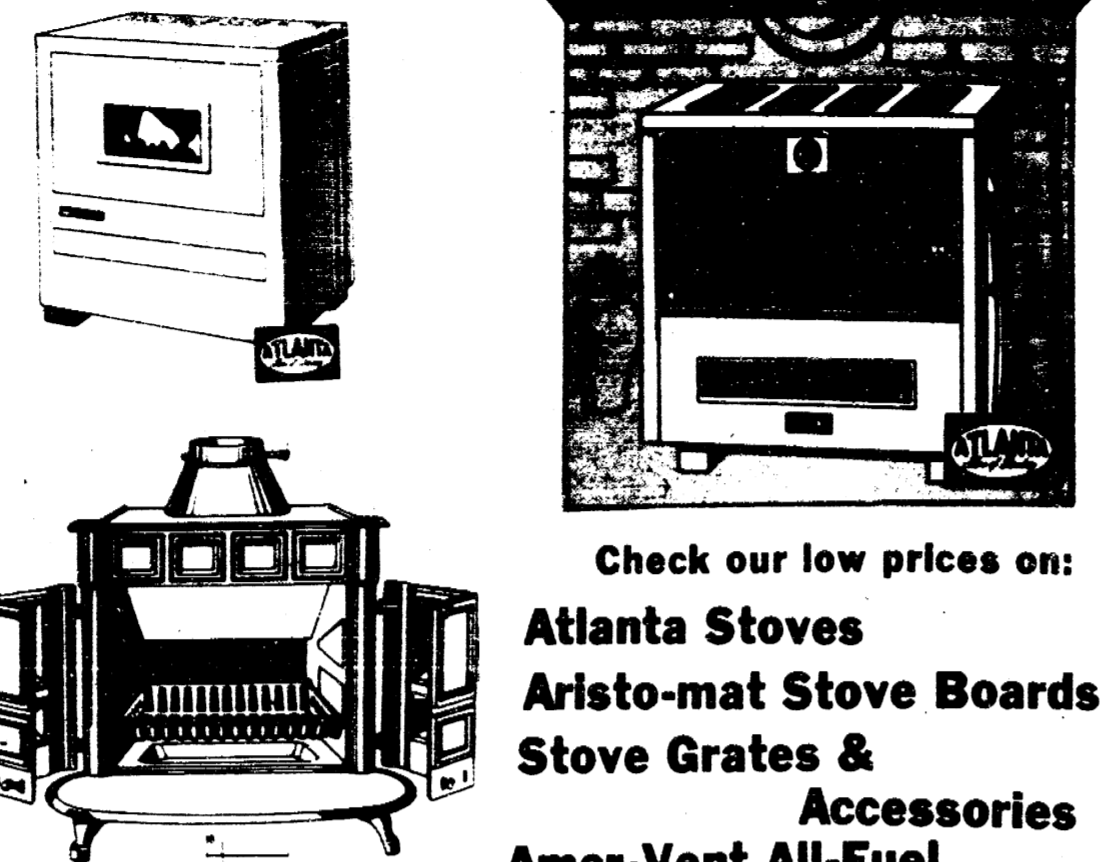
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Council Proceedings

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David Petsch	40.00	Whittaker & Gooding	51.30
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Keith Reed	40.00	C. Wilson & Assoc.	860.00
Dealoris Richardson	375.00	William Zsenyuk	14.35
Jeffrey Schaffer	60.00	Total	\$88,097.44
John Schaible	910.00		

DuRussel reported he would be meeting with Township Supervisors on Wednesday night to discuss hiring an Electrical Inspector.
Hinkley suggested three fire extinguishers be purchased for the Village

Council Proceedings (continued)

Hinkley reviewed Proposed Amendments to Manchester Village Zoning Ordinance. Moved by Hinkley, supported by Minick the Proposed Amendments to Manchester Village Zoning Ordinance be approved. All yeas, motion carried. The Manchester Village Planning Commission will schedule a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments.
Miss Aiuto questioned if the signs for "No Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks" had been ordered. The signs have been ordered and will be put up as soon as they arrive.
Village to inspect water being discharged into river behind Mill on Adrian St.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.
Dealoris Richardson, clerk

Local Artist Exhibits Work
Jack Ulrich is presently exhibiting recent paintings at Eastern Michigan University's Library thru December 23rd. The exhibit is a two-man show with Dean Peterson, a graphic artist from Albany, New York.
Jack has been painting for about 15 years. His paintings have changed in style and technique many times over the years but he has always been very interested in the effects of color.
Jack has found living in the Manchester area to be an inspiration in his artistic endeavors. He and his wife Mary Jane moved to the area in 1978. They were attracted by combination of small town atmosphere and cultural activities of the theatre and art guild. Both of these organizations will be involved in Jack's one-man show in April at the Manchester Art Gallery which will be a benefit for the theatre.

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Jolly Farmerettes 4-H Club

The monthly meeting of the Jolly Farmerettes 4-H Club was held Tuesday, November 17, 1981 at Sharon Township Hall. There were 15 members, 2 guests and 7 leaders present. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Under old business we decided on our yearly dues. Under new business we elected new club officers, they are as follows: President, Cheryl Verhines; Vice President, Kris Wagner; Secretary, Kathy Curley; Treasurer, Kristina Hunt; and Club Reporter, Marie Ball.
Sue Lambarth gave a leader's report. We were reminded of our up-coming Sunshine Boxes. Also to get started on our Spring Achievement projects. The next meeting will be December 21, 1981 from 7-8:30 p.m.

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Manchester Art Guild News

Gallery visitors browsed through greens, wreaths, stained glass, baskets, painting, photography, pottery, woodcarving, and much more. Last Sunday was opening day for "The Art of Christmas" in the Manchester Art Gallery and was marked by a good crowd of people; enjoying refreshments while children were dipping candles.

This year's exhibit featured Sunday family activities. Bring the kids to make "Transparencies" Sunday, December 6 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The Manchester Art Gallery adjoins the lobby of the Black Sheep Repertory Theater at 138 E. Main Street. Hours for this holiday exhibition are Thursday-Friday from 7:00-8:15 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:15 p.m., and Sunday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. In addition, the gallery will be open during theater intermission.

Oh! My Aching Back

Saline Community Hospital's Senior Health Education program will begin for the year with a program entitled, "Oh! My Aching Back", which will focus on the topic of low back pain. Guest speaker for the program will be John Henke, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon who is a staff member of Saline Community Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Also featured will be a presentation by John Ivanoff, Chief of Saline Community Hospital's Physical Therapy Department.

The program will be presented at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9 in the Blue Room of the hospital. Following the program, regular cafeteria service will be available in the hospital dining room. All area Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend. Further information may be obtained by contacting the hospital at 429-5435, ext. 331.

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The workshop is for high school seniors and their parents and should help you understand how financial aid works and what steps you have to take RIGHT NOW to apply for assistance from the many different sources. President Reagan has made many changes in the financial aid process. Both the BEOG and the Guaranteed Student Loan have had significant changes this year. Eligibility requirements are different. All these changes will be explained at the workshop, a filmstrip will be shown, and the financial aid forms will be given out and reviewed.

Attention! Cub Scouts Pack 421

Our Christmas pack meeting will be held at Klager School on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy the Christmas carols, skits, refreshments, fun, and surprises. Bring Mom and Dad.
Cubmaster, Ernie Reese

Floor Hockey Coaching Clinic

Coaches, parents, teachers and Special Olympics athletes are invited to a floor hockey coaching clinic December 5 in Livonia. The clinic will be held in the auxiliary gym of Schoolcraft Community College.
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equipment will be included in the program. Clinic instructors are Kelly Dean, floor hockey coach from the Beekman Learning Center in Lansing; Don Stabenow, associate director of campus recreational services at Central Michigan University and State Special Olympics floor hockey coordinator; and Lois Turpin Arnold, sports coordinator for Michigan Special Olympics.

"We are placing the emphasis on training in the local areas, and teaching the sport to as many Olympians as possible," Arnold says.

Participants who complete the floor hockey coaching clinic need ten additional hours of training to become nationally certified coaches.

The session runs from 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, contact Arnold at 517-774-3102.

Basketball Schedule

Friday, December 4	Open
Tuesday, December 8	Addison (H)
Friday, December 11	Dundee (A)
Tuesday, December 15	Blissfield (H)
Friday, December 18	Clinton (H)
Tuesday, January 5	Adrian Madison (A)
Friday, January 8	Hudson (H)
Tuesday, January 12	Onsted (H)
Friday, January 15	Napoleon (H)
Friday, January 22	Addison (A)
Friday, January 29	Dundee (H)
Friday, February 5	Clinton (A)
Tuesday, February 9	Adrian Madison (A)
Friday, February 12	Hudson (H)
Tuesday, February 16	Whitmore Lake (A)
Friday, February 19	Napoleon (A)
Friday, February 26	Blissfield (A)
Tuesday, March 2	Ypsi. Calvary Academy (H)
Friday, March 5	Onsted (A)
Junior Varsity Games at 6:00 p.m.	
Varsity Games - Approximately 7:30 p.m.	

Tuesday Singles

Consistently come with a friend. Be our guest at the Tuesday Nite Singles at the American Legion Hall, Main Street, Ann Arbor, on December 8th. Dance 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. to the music of The Merrimen. Ballroom dance lessons will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. before the regular dance. For more information call 482-5478.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT KLAGER



Jimmy Buono, Katy DuFreane and Krista Sahakian enjoy the feast.



Mrs. Gregerson's class dressed as Pilgrims and Indians for a very successful play they presented to their parents.



The first and second graders shared a feast. Miss Koebbe and her "Indians" give thanks.

Hospice Meeting

The Hospice of Washtenaw is an agency which provides supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers are needed to perform a variety of tasks ranging from patient and family care to public speaking to

administrative and organizational duties. Interested individuals with or without backgrounds in health care are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on December 7, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at 2580 South Main, Ann Arbor. Please call 995-1995 if you would like more information.

PUBLIC HEARING Village of Manchester Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on December 15, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Hall located at 120 S. Clinton Street, Manchester, Michigan. On the agenda will be proposed Amendments to the Village of Manchester Zoning Ordinance.

The language of these proposed Amendments may be seen at the Village offices located at 120 S. Clinton Street, Manchester, Michigan, during regular business hours.

Deborah Richardson
Village Clerk

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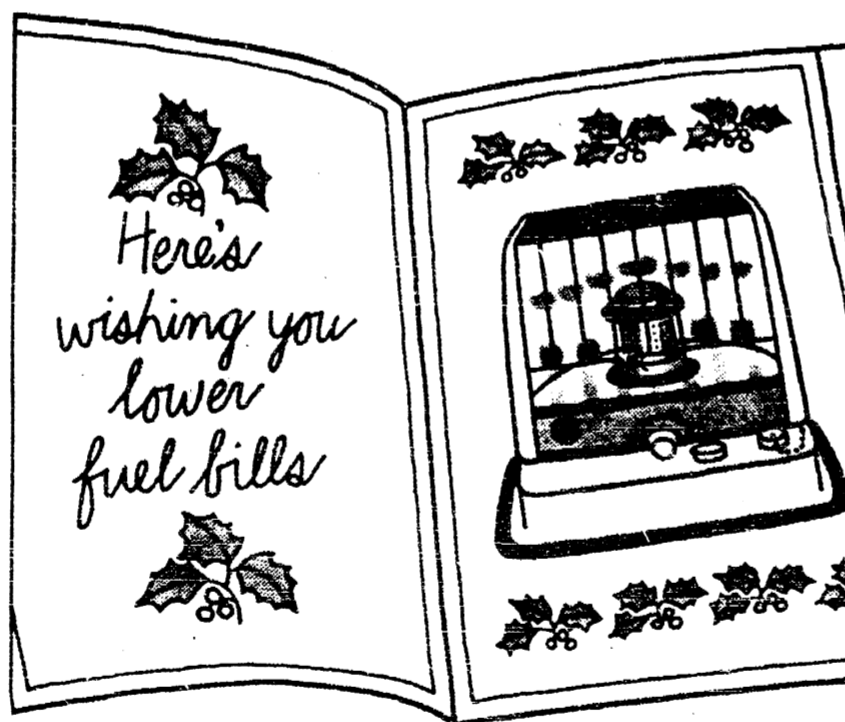
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Santa Comes To Town

Santa will be back to town December 19. He will arrive at 10:00 a.m. and will visit with the children down at the Mill. He will be at the Mill only until 11:30 a.m. During this time children can see and talk to Santa. The Optimist's Club will provide candy to each of the children visiting Santa.

Krauss Pharmacy has asked Santa to pull the winner for the "World's Largest Stocking" at the Lunch with Santa. Drawing entry blanks are available at Krauss's until December 19. All the children at the luncheon will be asked to fill out an entry blank before Santa pulls out the winner.

Boys and Girls, remember, Lunch with Santa is December 19th at noon at the Emanuel Church Hall. The cost is \$1.50 per 1 ticket. This event is sponsored by the Manchester Jaycettes.

Theatre Presents "Cinderella"



John Zimmerman



Tracy Paul

The Black Sheep Repertory Theatre of Manchester will present the musical Cinderella, by Rodgers and Hammerstein, for nine performances, December 10-13, 17-20, and Wednesday, December 23. Showtime is at 8:15, (Sunday matinee at 4:00).

Starring in the children's classic will be John Zimmerman and Tracy Paul as the Prince and Cinderella, Patricia Rector and Deborah Seymour as the wicked stepisters, David Hunsberger and Diane DuRussel as the King and Queen, and Marie Eckert as the Fairy God Mother.

Most of the cast is from Manchester, including Tim Henning as the Herald, Mark Gisting as the comic Chef, Mathew Thornton as the Footman, and the Lords

and Ladies of the Court: Kevin Krzyzaniak, Barbara Cartier, Martha Moore, Ellie Jewel, Leslie Duncan, Jennifer Okey, Chris Gilbert, George Bufford, Larry Rusinsky, Ron Johnson, and Michelle Gould.

Again providing music for the show will be the Black Sheep Orchestra. Directed by Mary Sue Moore, and featuring Joe Kress, Larry Rusinsky, Mary Stierle, Dawn England, Beth Duncan, and Martha Moore.

There will be an Opening Night Wine and Cheese Party on Thursday, December 10. Ticket prices are \$7 adult, \$3 Senior Citizen and College Student, and \$3 Under 18. Group Rates available. For Reservations call (313) 428-3280. Box Office hours are noon to six daily, closed Monday.

Appointed Lay Reader



Carl E. Townsend of Manchester who has been an acolyte at Saint John's Episcopal Church, Clinton, Michigan, for the past 6 years, has been appointed Lay Reader by the Rev. Ian F. Brown, Vicar of Saint John's Church.

Carl graduated from Manchester High School June 1979 and is now attending Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, majoring in geology.

Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Townsend, West Main St., Manchester, Michigan.

To All Residents Of The Village Of Manchester

To vote in a Village Election a resident must be registered with the Village of Manchester. Being registered with Manchester Township does not necessarily register one with the Village. Please check with the Village Clerk if uncertain of registration.

Village Clerk's regular office hours - 9 to 12 Monday thru Thursday.

Deborah E. Richardson
Village Clerk

4-H Arts Troupe Opens Membership

Washtenaw County young people with an interest in dance, drama and vocal or instrumental music may become members of the Michigan 4-H Performing Arts Troupe and travel throughout the state entertaining Michigan residents.

Membership in the troupe is open to any young person, 14-19 years of age. Applicants don't have to be current 4-H members but must agree to enroll in a 4-H arts project in their county upon acceptance.

Becoming a member of the statewide performing arts troupe is a great opportunity for young people to use their creative and artistic skills and meet new friends from across the state. Previous extensive training in the performing arts is not mandatory.

Youth interested in joining the troupe just need to have a strong desire to become members, work hard and combine their talents with others.

Interested youths should also be willing to attend a series of intensive, monthly workshop/rehearsals which will be conducted on Saturdays in January through March of next year. Attendance at two weekend camps in April and May is also required. Final rehearsals will be held at Michigan State University in June, prior to the group's performance during 4-H Exploration Days.

There are no membership or application fees required to participate. However, members are responsible for their own

transportation to and from workshops, rehearsals and the MSU residency program in June. Members will also be required to pay approximately \$65 for weekend workshop and MSU rehearsal meals and lodging expenses. Girls are required to purchase a troupe leotard and ballet slippers; boys need to purchase their own jazz dance shoes. The rest of the members' costumes are supplied.

For many, becoming a member of the performing arts troupe has been an experience of a lifetime. The kids have fun, learn new skills, meet new people and visit new places. Being part of such an exciting group is an experience few young people ever forget.

Other benefits of troupe membership include forming long-lasting relationships with other troupe members and having an opportunity to work with professionals and other practicing artists.

Last year, troupe members traveled more than 7,500 miles entertaining thousands of people at fairs and festivals throughout the state. They also have appeared at the Pontiac Silverdome, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and the Detroit Renaissance Center.

To apply for membership, interested Washtenaw County young people should contact Bernadette Stetz-Garbe at the County Cooperative Extension Service office, or call 973-9510. Applications must be received by January 11, 1982.

HIT OR MISS by farley

On TV I watch the "News Break", "News Up-Date", "News Close Up", "News Wrap-Up", "News Highlights", "News Analysis" and "News Preview" and I find that on most of them the negative side of the news is emphasized.

We, as a people evidently like to grumble about things—the nice things that happen aren't news—just the miserable happenings of the day are the ones that are newsworthy. I guess we all just enjoy the other fellow's misfortunate happenings.

It is unusual for anyone to get excited about anything when we are pleased with it. We just get excited when we are irritated. We will grumble about most anything but take the good things of this world for granted.

Mass movements are always protests against something; not for 'em. Commentator Bill Nye said some time ago that he never saw a mob rushing across town to do a good deed. So, we respond only to the negative side. Evil seems to be allied with action while goodness is a part of inertia.

Columnist Sid Harris says that many a wife can prepare a dozen delicious meals for her husband with hardly a grunt of approval, but just one below par and you will evoke a critical comment. Your children can bring home good grades for a whole semester without a pat on the back but one poor score on an exam brings down sharp comments on the part of the parents.

Behavioral scientists have proven that "positive reinforcement" is far better than negative. Approval and support for what you do right brings forth much better effort than criticism of what has been done wrong.

A couple of top flight bridge players recently remarked that this attitude was so very true. Praising your partner improves his game, they say, while criticism only makes him play worse. Partners who bicker always suffer on the score card.

We must obtain more satisfaction from complaining than from complimenting. Isn't it odd that what we want most from others is what we seem the most reluctant to provide for them?

Why don't we all try flattering people for a week or so whenever we get the opportunity. Our friends might wonder what was the matter with us but I'll bet they could get used to it. After all, it might even change several people's entire outlook on life and it really don't cost any more, does it.

This little poem has appeared in several places of late but if you have missed it, here 'tis:

Once upon a time a handsome honey bee
Fell in love with a butterfly
He met in a tulip tree
He said "I love you madly
And I want to share your life.
Let's fly away together
Will you be my wife?"
She shook her head in sorrow.
"No, no, no, cried she.
For I am the daughter of a Monarch
And you are just the son of a bee."

The modern kid comes home from kindergarten, shows off his finger painting and asks what's on the soap operas.

