

East Haddam

Christmas Spirit Shows In Johnsonville Area

EAST HADDAM (Special) — Adjacent to the mill is a restored saw mill, with water from Johnsonville Pond turning the giant water wheel and an old sleigh wagon pulled up to the mill with a load of logs.

The Johnsonville section of Moodus has a Christmas card setting with lifelike figures, twinkling lights and old-fashioned sleighs.

A restored old church, which was moved onto the property of Raymond Schmidt earlier this year, is the setting for a group of Victorian figures — men, women and children — stepping from a horse-drawn, proceeding into the lighted church.

The falls of the pond and the mill are bathed in lights. Another pond is located on the front lawn of the Schmidt home and here two life-sized deer have paused for a drink.

Nearby is the Neptune Twine and Cord Mill, where elves can be seen climbing from the front of the entrance, busily decorating the building with garlands and wreaths.

The trees surrounding the ponds are twinkling with small lights.

Johnsonville Road is situated between Rte. 151, (Leesville Road and Rte. 149 (River Road) about a half mile south of the Frank Davis resort.