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THE HELLYER SAY

by Art Hellyer

If you missed last week's column, not only did you miss the finest prose ever written, but you also missed what precedes this week's column. Rather than explain any further, why not call Aunt Matilda and get last week's *Villager*:

Today, dear fiends . . . uh, friends . . . we will talk of our dear buddy and pal - the pawnbroker, and how he got his sign. What has this to do as a continuation of last week's story on Good Saint Nicholas? Well, it seems that St. Nicholas is usually shown carrying three bags or balls of gold, reminiscent of his gifts to the three girls whose father had lost his money in the stockmarket crash of 327 A.D. To show their regard for him, the bankers of Lombardy in northern Italy decided he should be their patron, so they placed three balls over their places of business. Since they loaned money to clients, this sign became associated with pawnbrokers. In fact, history shows that "Friendly Guiseppe, the Smiling Italian" was first to hang out the sign . . . the sign that today is like a light shining in the darkness.

St. Nicholas also became the patron of all seafaring men because of his ability to calm the sea in times of storm. And therein another question is answered . . . "Mommy, why do the Dutch children get presents on December Sixth?" Dutch sailors, who returned to Holland from their travels, carried with them tales of the bishop's generosity. As a result, St. Nicholas was honored on the sixth of December each year, and the little Amsterdarners and Rotterdarners made their haul of guilders, klompen, Gouda, Leiden, Edam, and bicycles.

St. Nicholas arrived in the New World when the Dutch settled Nieuw Amsterdam (in recent years brassy easterners have started calling it New York), but they cast off his traditional ecclesiastical robes and changed him into a fat little guy in riding britches.

Each year on his feast day the Netherlanders would parade down the main street or canal carrying his statue with them. The children never missed this kermis (start looking these words up; you'll be surprised how much you can learn reading this column), for this was the day that Good St. Nick brought them their presents. In Nieuw Amsterdam, through the influence of the English, by the start of the nineteenth century the celebration of St. Nicholas Day had merged with that of Christmas.

In 1822 Dr. Clement Moore, who taught in a theological seminary in New York, had heard a friend, a short, chubby man with a long white beard, tell stories about the saintly man. Dr. Moore was so inspired by these tales that he wrote his famous "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" and, soon after, mothers and fathers all over the United States were reading it to their bright-eyed progeny.

In 1863, the cartoonist Thomas Nast pictured him in Harper's Illustrated Weekly in a bright red fur-trimmed suit. The same man showed him visiting the Civil War soldiers in their camps dressed in a red, white, and blue suit accompanied by his famous sleigh and reindeer. In 1902 Santa still hadn't decided what color to wear because W. W. Denslow that year showed him in a garish green suit.

It really doesn't matter what we call him - Sint Nicolaas, Father Christmas, Kriss Kringle, or Santa Claus - for he is a very real person, who makes us forget, if only for a few days each year, our selfishness and hatred, for he is the spirit of Christmas.

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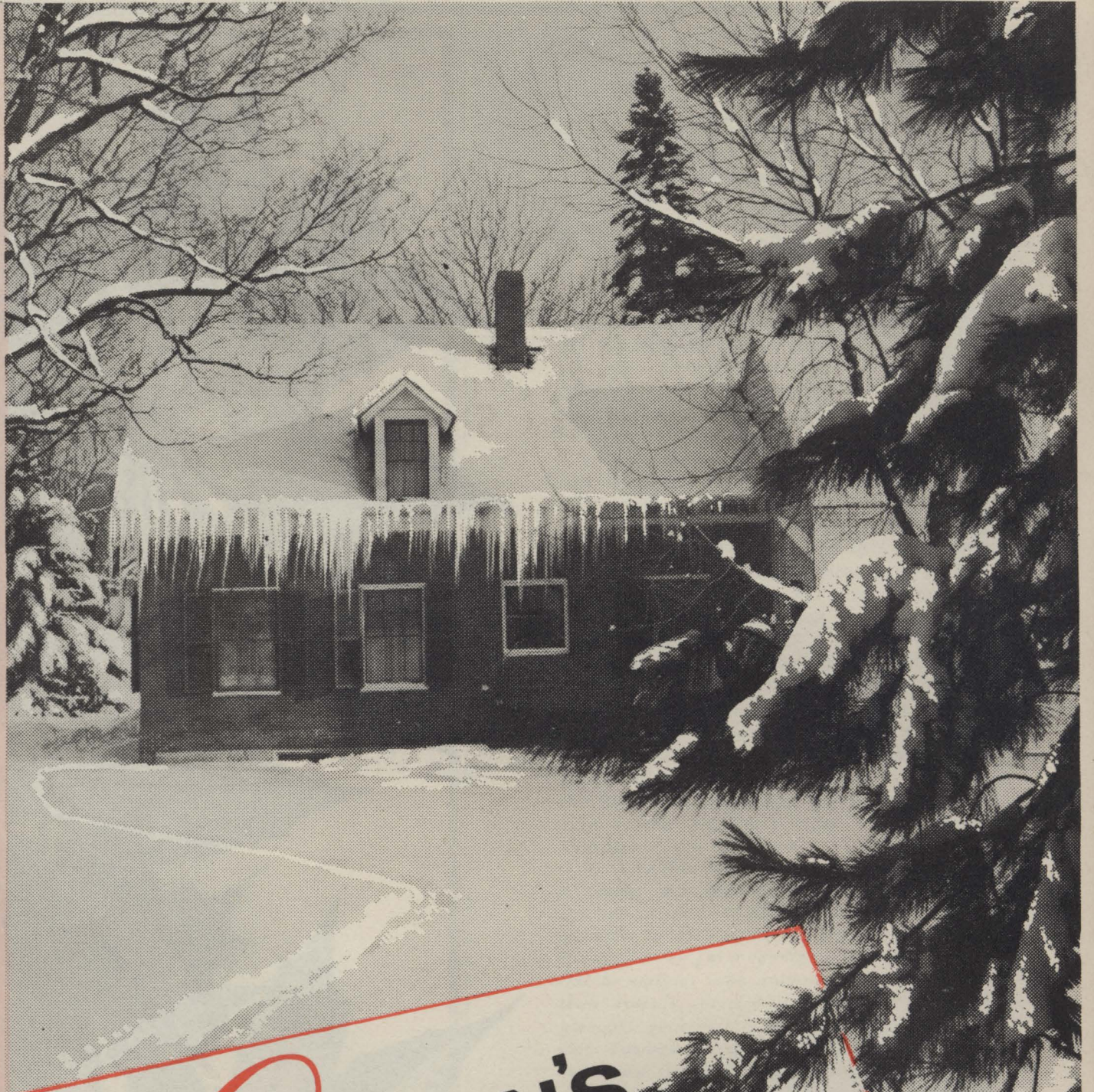
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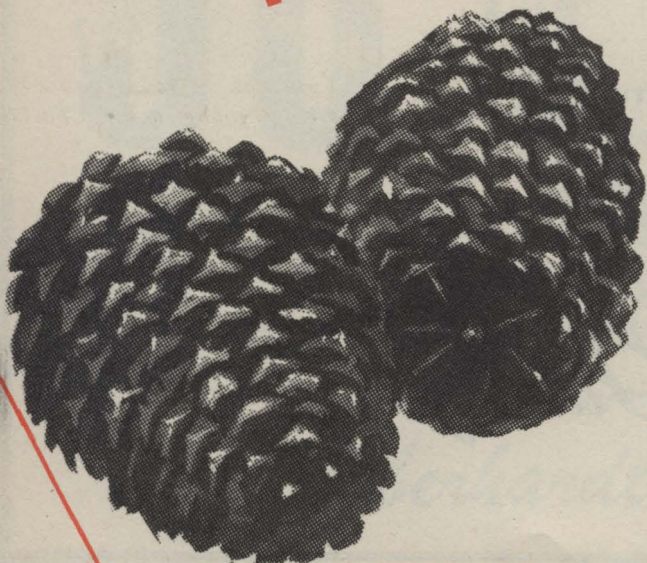


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CITY-OR-VILLAGE VOTE ON JAN. 20

Some Christmas Scenes

As old St. Nick prepared for his yearly swing through Niles Township, residents were caught up in the usual preparatory bustle. Here are

some scenes shot by our photographers during the pre-Christmas activity:



Hilmer Erickson of 3815 Louise St., Skokie, crossing guard at Dempster and Forest View, with some of the Christmas presents he received from College Hill school children. Erickson, overwhelmed, was searching for some way to say "thank you" and "Merry Christmas" to all the youngsters. He doesn't know the names of some of them.



Sarah Smith and Paul Johnson fascinated by an electric train display at Field's Old Orchard store.



Richard Lee, Judy Fishman and Janice Sandrik hand gifts to "Santa" for relay to needy children in ceremony at Devonshire School.



A feature for youngsters was this doll house, with moving occupants, at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Christmas tree dedication at Kenton school.



Debby Konaiko was caught trying on a party dress at the new Young Debs store in Old Orchard. Saleslady is Mrs. Miriam Milkis.

The Skokie board of trustees has set Jan. 20 as the date for a referendum on whether the village should switch to a ward-aldermanic form of government.

The decision was announced Monday.

Village attorney William M. Hennessy recommended to the trustees Saturday that they "carry out the mandate of the state Supreme Court."

The state court last week upheld a Cook County Circuit court order compelling the the village of Skokie to hold the election. Skokie trustees had held that petitions seeking a vote on the matter were invalid and the Skokie "Civic Federation", formed by political "outs", had taken the matter to court.

Thus another interesting election is coming on the heels of the Dec. 13 school bond vote, which drew a record outpouring of voters for such an election. About 13,000 township voters turned down, by majorities up to 3 to 1, a three-pronged \$8,625,000 expansion program of the high school board.

The Jan. 20 election will decide whether residents of Skokie want to continue the present village-village manager form of government — six trustees and a village president elected at large, plus an appointed village manager — or switch to a city plan. Under this plan, a mayor would be elected at large and 16 aldermen chosen by district — two from each of eight wards.

Petitions seeking the election were filed Aug. 4 with Village Clerk John E. Seeley. However, the trustees ruled that the petitions did not contain one-eighth of the signatures of persons who had actually voted in the last village election, which was their interpretation of the wording of the statute covering such petitions and referendums.

The "Civic Federation" argued that the petitions need contain only the signatures of an eighth of the persons eligible to vote.

The late Circuit Judge Harry Fisher agreed with this view, as did the state high court in rendering its decision last week.

Justice Walter V. Schaefer of the Supreme Court subsequently signed an order lifting a supersedeas — a

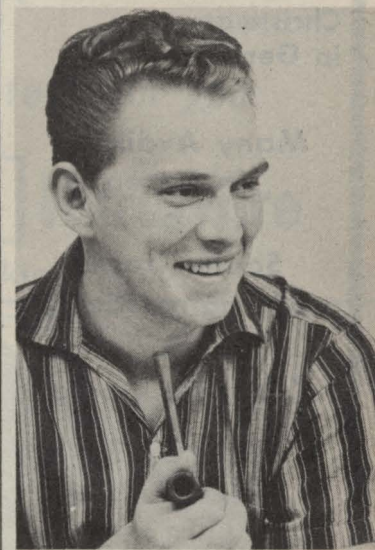
technicality which had delayed the vote.

The village board, to comply with a directive of Fisher's, originally had set Oct. 29 for the election — then had obtained the supersedeas pending higher court review of Fisher's decision.

The trustees presumably could have carried the case further — by asking for a re-hearing by the state Supreme Court, or even appealing to the federal courts — but they said privately Tuesday they were willing to "let the people decide what kind of government they want."

L. O. Green, Skokie civic leader who heads an organization which will fight any change, said he is "confident" the people of Skokie "do not want to go backward by adopting an expensive, outmoded machinery of government that was put forth out of spite and poor judgment."

Here's Santa



After you've had a chance to read the feature section story on the Santa Claus feature editor Betty Neff interviewed, you might want to refer to the photo above.

This is "Santa Claus" — aspiring young actor Charles Spoon of Lincolnwood.

Also, we hope our readers will note the new paper we are using in the feature section. This is a high grade, finely textured stock developed for specialized use in quality publications. We are continually experimenting with the latest printing developments in an endeavor to bring our readers the finest publication possible. We'd like to hear from some of our subscribers on their reaction to the use of this new paper.

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New Trier Beats Nilehi Trojans 49-43

Poor free throw shooting and a bad second quarter were costly to the Nile Trojans as the Varsity cagers were nudged

by New Trier 49-43 last Friday at the Nilehi gym.

The Trojans were behind 12-9 going into the second quarter and it was here that the Indians piled up their biggest lead and left the court at half-time leading 25-14.

The third quarter was all Nile with the Trojans scoring 16 point to the Indians 8. The Nilehiers narrowed the New Trier lead to one point but never came any closer to victory. The Trojans were outscored 16-13 in the last

quarter.

Top scoring honors went to the Trojans' Ron Henrici with 17 points. Ron Lis added 16. High for New Trier was Vance Etnyre with 13.

Nilehi hit for only 5 out of 17 free throws, while the Indians canned 19 of 26 from the charity line. The Trojans actually outscored their opponents 19-15 from the field, hitting 21% of their shots.

In the sophomore game, a disastrous third quarter cost the Trojans the contest 43-40. At the half, the soph hoopsters led 21-16, but fell behind 35-25 at the end of the third quarter after being outscored New Trier 15-8 in the last quarter but this spurt was simply not enough to overcome the deficit.

The Nile Varsity will host the two-day Holiday Hardwood Tournament.



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YOU'RE WELCOME

Dear Editor:

We want to thank you for the tickets last Saturday for the last train ride.

My husband had traveled for 36 years in Chicago and now in Skokie and in Lincolnwood.

Now he must get used to riding the bus.

We are lucky he takes the bus in front of the house. But he always made better time even if he walked five blocks to and from the train.

Thanks again.

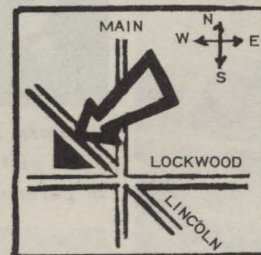
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Skokians Are Key Figures In New Business Merger

Merger of a major sales organization in home exterior products with one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the same field was announced today by officers of two new corporations. Established as a result of the merger are the Perma-Lite Raybern Corporation, the sales division, and the Perma-Lite Raybern Manufacturing Corporation, both of Chicago.

The new set-up combines the personnel and corporate structures of R.B. Raybern & Co., sales organization at 3450 W. Peterson Ave.; its fiberglass awning manufacturing plant, Sea View Awning Corporation of Illinois, Inc.; at 4941 W. Belmont Ave., with Perma-Lite Distributors, at 6007 N. Jersey Ave., the Perma-lite Window Corporation, at 3333 W. Montrose Ave., and the Perma-Lite Products Corporation, at 5145 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The Perma-Lite companies manufacture and distribute combination screen and storm windows and doors, and fiberglass awnings. Other products the merged corporations distribute are aluminum awnings, patios, carports and jalousies.

Bernard Feld, 9020 N. Ewing, Skokie, new Perma-Lite Raybern Corporation president, and former executive vice president of the Raybern Company, announced that the merger is the forerunner of a huge national expansion program.

Other officers of Perma-Lite

Raybern Corporation include Raymond Weller, 9100 Sleeping Bear Rd., Skokie.



Raymond Weller



Bernard Feld

Early Christmas for Italian Exchange Student

Christmas came a little early this year for Joseph Tagalliabue, an exchange student at Niles Township High School.

Joe's holiday season was made a lot brighter on Sunday morning (Dec. 21) when he telephoned his parents in Milan, Italy.

Joe came here about 4 months ago to attend his senior year at Niles. He is the first student to be sponsored by the Foreign Exchange Student Committee of the Freshman & Sophomore classes at Niles. After spending this school year with the David Hoffer Family, 5094 Capri Lane, Morton Grove, Joe plans to return to Italy in July.

One of Joe's classmates, Carl Bonfiglio, 5323 Madison, Skokie and O. T. Hendrickson, 5417 - Kenmore, Chicago, a teacher at the High School, wanted to help make Joe's first Christmas away from home as happy as possible, so they proposed the idea of the call and the senior class voted to pay for it from class funds.

After completing his overseas call to Italy, Joe ex- "This is one of the nicest Christmas gifts I could possibly have received from my new friends in America.

Flash Fire at Peyrot Home

The first flash fire of the holiday season in Skokie broke out December 10 in the home of John Peyrot, 5021 Lunt, resulting in an estimated \$400 in damages. There were no injuries.

The incident occurred when Mrs. Peyrot, lighting a candle on the fireplace, touched off other decorations, damaging the fireplace and a nearby table and scorching a rug.

Skokie Fire Chief Edward

Steek said that this type of fire gets out of hand in a hurry and warned Skokie residents to take all precautions in handling candles and wiring during the holiday season.

NEW CITIZEN

John Rutherford Jr., 18, of 4957 Hull, Skokie, a student from Scotland, was naturalized recently before U. S. District Judge Michael L. Igoe.

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Lincolnwood police officer Frank Dillon, who apprehended a confessed narcotics addict on Lincoln and Pratt November 2, appeared in Criminal Court last Wednesday to testify against the man, Clifford Hines of Chicago. Hines was sentenced to 1 to 2 years in prison by Judge Charles Dougherty.

Officer Dillon had discovered in Hines' possession a set of burglar's tools and a hypo-

dermic needle. Hines admitted he had been looking for a place to burglarize in order to obtain money for narcotics. He had an extensive criminal record.

Escapees from East Germany and other satellite areas are still arriving in West Berlin and Germany at the rate of 4,000 a week. American aid reaches many of these refugees through contributions to the CARE Food Crusade.

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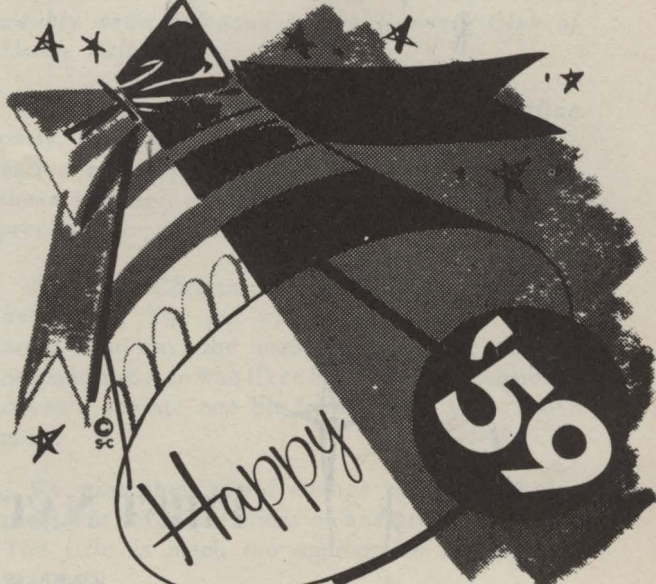
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Winter Weekend Hikes Are Becoming Popular

Even in sub-zero weather, weekend hikes along nature center trails in the forest preserves are becoming popular.

"We're surprised at the reports of the number of people coming out especially on Sundays after church," said Daniel Ryan, district president.

The average weekend turnout this month is about 100 at each of the two nature centers where trails have been labeled for winter hikes for the first time, said Charles G. Sauer, general superintendent. The two centers are the

Little Red Schoolhouse on Willor Springs road about 1/2 mile south of 95th street, and the River Trail nature center entrance off Milwaukee avenue about a mile southeast of the intersection of Milwaukee and River road. In view of the relatively big turnouts despite the "hectic winter so far," Roland Eisenbeis the district's conservation superintendent, says this shows that "people are becoming more and more interested in hikes, even in cold weather." "People are finding out that

walking is a means of ironing out the wrinkles of a tired mind."

The trails--each nature center has three--are labeled to tell the winter story of animals--where they find food, which ones are hibernating, what others do in cold weather, and how to identify animal tracks. There are no guides.

"People have come to realize they don't need a guide," said Eisenbeis.

Hiking seems to be more popular with parents, especially those with tots, he said.

"The parents read the signs for the youngsters, give a little interpretation or expand on them as they go along, and after the hike is over, they feel they've

accomplished something and feel good about it," he added.

Eisenbeis pointed out that a "better glimpse" of the countryside is available in winter because trees are bare and foliage is down.

Snow is removed from the parking lots at the nature centers, but not from the trails. "After all, snow is part of the winter landscape," Eisenbeis said.

The self-guiding trails are one-quarter, one-half and one mile long. At the southwest center, the trails can be combined for a hike up to 3 miles, and at the northwest center for about 2 1/2 miles.

Eisenbeis expects many to turn out during the Christmas holidays "when families have a chance to get out together."

Business High

Ten north and northwest suburban municipalities headed by Des Plaines and Morton Grove reached new retail business highs for 1958 during September, according to the Community News Service tabulation of state revenue department figures on collection of the 1/2 per cent local sales tax.

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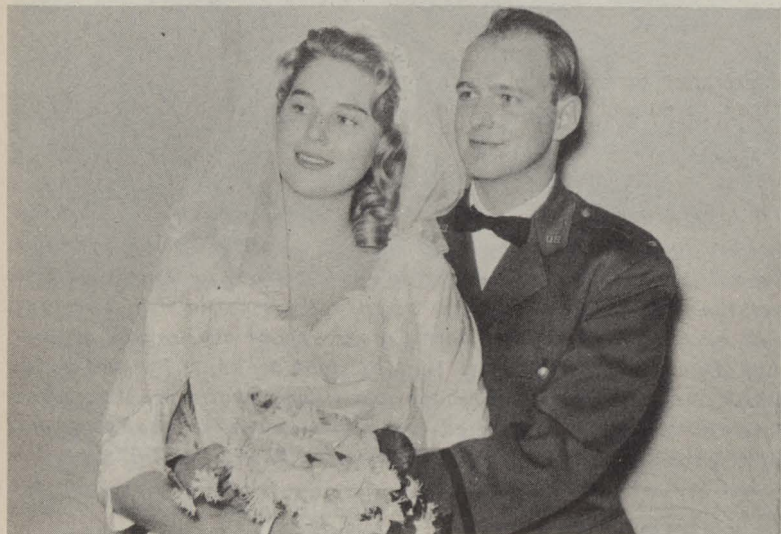
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Marlene Marie Austermuehle Weds



Lt. and Mrs. Herman Edgar Lacy, Jr.

One of Lincolnwood's loveliest, Marlene Marie Austermuehle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Austermuehle, 6640 Lemai, Lincolnwood Towers, and Lt. Herman Edgar Lacy, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. H. E. Lacy of McHenry, were wed recently in St. John's Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Earl Lusk officiated at the impressive candlelight ceremony.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Chicago, the bridegroom's sister, as matron of honor; Miss Jeanette Oehring, 8715 Georgian, Morton Grove; Miss Diana Burgess, 6506 Towers Circle Dr., Lincolnwood, and Mrs. Valerie Spale, as bridesmaids.

Miss Lorraine Kolbe of Chicago, the bride's cousin, was junior bridesmaid.

Elliott Johnson, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, acted as best man, and ushers were Dale Cook, Park Ridge; Donald Rosx, Highland Park; John Stroberg, and Henry Kolbe, Jr., of Chicago, the bride's cousin.

Pretty little Kimberly Fendt, 2½, was flower girl and handsome Steven Johnson, 3½, was ring bearer.

The beautiful blond bride wore a traditional peau do soie gown of candlelight shade. Lace bow knots were embroidered on the skirt in polannaise fashion with clusters of seed pearls. It had a scooped neckline.

A separate train was caught at the back with a silk rose. The tiara was of seed pearls, and veil was of Venetian lace, imported from Venice by the bride's mother.

A necklace of 100 "add-a-pearls" was worn by the bride, and her bouquet was of jeweled

snow drift Christmas poms and stephanotis. In the center of the bouquet was a going away corsage of white amazons.

The bridesmaids were gowned in peacock green velvet sheaths, with bateau necklines in front, dropping to a deep V in the back. A large flat bow was at the waistline with long streamers falling to the hem.

The attendants carried white satin evening bags with cascades of white jeweled fujji mums attached to them. Their headbands were of matching material with a large double bow.

The junior bridesmaid wore peacock green velvet with a full skirt and the flower girl was a miniature of the junior bridesmaid and carried a nose-gay of miniature sweetheart roses and wore a pony tail clasp to match.

A navy blue Eaton suit was worn by the ring bearer and the ushers were attired in midnight blue tuxedos.

The mother of the bride wore a royal blue sheath with gloves and hat to match. A white Amazon corsage was attached to her white satin evening bag.

A royal blue semi-bouffant gown, with hat and gloves to match, was worn by the mother of the bridegroom. She also had a white orchid corsage affixed to her white satin evening bag.

Following the ceremony, a dinner was held in the Ridgeview Hotel, Evanston.

Among the out of town guests was the bride's uncle, Berthold Austermuehle from Germany.

For a going away costume, the bride wore a grey wool tweed suit, with red accessories.

The handsome newlyweds flew a Pan American jet to Paris, France.

The new Mrs. Lacy, Jr., is

a graduate of Niles Township High School, Northwestern University, a member of Gamma Phi Beta, and taught school Chicago.

Lt. Lacy, Jr., is a graduate of Bradley University and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The young couple will make their home in Chateauroux, France for the next two years, where the lieutenant is with the U.S. Air Force.

Cleveland School Principal Gets Service Award

The American Association University Women honored Mrs. Marian Lago, upper grades principal at Cleveland School, by selecting her as "Woman of the Month." This award is made in recognition of distinguished service by a member of the Association, and, more particularly, to Mrs. Lago, for her achievements and outstanding years of service in the capacity of national relations study group chairman. Mrs. Lago received this coveted prize at the Women's Club, in Evanston.

Mrs. Lago has been on the Cleveland School faculty for many years. Born in Tazwell County, Central Ill., Mrs. Lago has an M.A. degree from the University of Missouri, in social studies, and has done post-graduate work at the University of Oregon, University of Ohio and Northwestern University.

Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Williamson, 4833 Wright Terr., Skokie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Kenneth L. Kay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kay, 6534 Ebinger Dr., Niles. A September wedding is planned.



Sugar 'n Spice

by Sheryl Leonard

Some random winter ramblings:

Why does it pick the coldest day of the year for the furnace to break down?

The school traffic guard at Dempster and Trumbull, Hilmer Erickson, shivering from the cold, taking time to adjust the scarf around the head of one of his little charges.

We don't care what you say your name is, get those animals off of our roof!

The most frantic holiday shopping is done between the hours of 12 and 1 p.m. when working girls try to do their buying during their lunch hour.

While we're grateful to the gentleman who made a contribution to a children's home in our honor, we feel he apparently never heard of the Sheryl Leonard home for children.

This is the time of year when being "loaded" doesn't necessarily mean that you are prosperous.

People, with whom you do not have constant contact during the year, suddenly make you feel humble with their thoughtfulness and kindness to you.

A roaring fire in the fireplace can be decorative. However, it becomes slightly less than adequate trying to heat a nine room replica of a medieval castle with it.

These zero days develop a new respect in us for farmers. Our own "powder room" has no heating facilities.

This is the time of year when no matter what vicissitudes are encountered, the cold, snow and sleet are melted by the warmth and goodness in the hearts of people.

One of the few times we are able to shut our eyes and enjoy television is when Leonard Bernstein is conducting.

While we are always fascinated by his gestures and the rapturous look on his face, we don't have to see him to appreciate the beauty of his words, or the magic of the music when he is on the podium.

Even with closed eyes, we feel his enthusiasm, his zeal and the joy and love of music he expresses.

Rube Barsamian, he of the rug concern, sends along some of the most delightful lines in his weekly news releases of the Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley.

When discussing the possibilities of an office party, a certain "head man" of a certain organization remarked, "Yes, but what do you do at these parties? Naivete in this day and age is precious.

Actually, Christmas office parties are pretty over-rated. The gal who's pretty nice, usually stays that way, the hussy is still one, party or not, and the man who likes his liquid refreshments doesn't deviate one bit from his all year 'round norm.

We wish they would change the title of vice president to co-president or assistant president. The title is much too appropriate in some instances.

Whatever your color, your race or your creed Do whatever you can To live with your neighbor in joy and in peace And be a friend of man And whether you light the Hanukkah tapers Or put glittering gems on a tree Remember this earth was created by One To be lived in by you and by me Whatever beliefs your neighbor may have It would be wonderful if we all could Remember as children of God we should try To live like a family should.

MG Garden Club Starts Junior Group

Children of members of the Garden Club of Morton Grove were organized by Mrs. John Dalen, chairman of Juniors, as a Junior Garden Club of Morton Grove last April. In October they received their charter affiliating them with the Junior Garden Club of Illinois.

Mrs. John Dalen is instructor and councellor and assisting her are Mrs. Joseph Kronholz and Mrs. Raymond Benzel.

On Nov. 29, a workshop and meeting was held with the following officers presiding: Linda Schmid, president; Melody Mits, vice president; June

Kronholz, secretary; Nancy Paulson, treasurer, and Sandra Salotti, membership chairman. There are 28 charter members: Gail Benzel, Bobby Dalen, Darlene Dell, Janet Hasenberg, Larry Hasenberg, Debbie Higus, Mark Hugel, Carol Imhof, Marsha Johnson, June Kronholz, Tom Kronholz, Bill Kasch, Gail Lockwood, Melody Mits, Loni Mits, Mindy Mits, Jeff Myers, Nancy Paulson, Diane Phillippe, Linda Repke, Judy Robinson, Sandra Salotti, Linda Schmid, Kathy Shea, Rita Triplette, Laurie Wagner, Debbie Ziol and Darlene Ziol.

Saturday, Dec. 13, the Junior Garden Club of Morton Grove decorated the children's section of the Morton Grove Library. They made a Santa an arrangement featuring a clown on a drum, and a candy cane band, and placed them on top of the book shelves.

A manger was assembled by the youngsters and placed where all little visitors to the library can readily see it.

Plans are now being drawn for planting for the library next spring. The club is to participate in the Children's Arbor Day Program in the Junior Garden Club of Illinois by planting tree seedlings furnished by the Jr. Garden Club

League Presents Yule Gifts

The North Shore League for Exceptional Children filled 1,000 boxes of candy and wrapped Christmas gifts for retarded children on Dec. 11th in the home of Mrs. W. Dayton McKay, purchasing chairman.

Mrs. M.F. Hutcheson, 5032 Grove St., Skokie, delivered some of the candy to the children at Orchard School; Mrs. John D. Martin, Evanston, took a portion to St. Coletta School, Jefferson, Wis. and Mrs. William C. Childs, Winnetka, delivered the ones for St. Mary of Providence School in Chicago.

Mrs. Albert Eiseman, 7318 Suffield, Morton Grove, will drive to Lake Delavan, Wis. to distribute the League candy and gifts to children at The Pines.

The Garden Club of Morton Grove was organized in March 1953 with a membership of 29. The club has grown to its present membership of 75. There are three chapters with a limit of thirty members to a chapter.

Five combined meetings are held a year with other meetings held in members' homes.

Mrs. Loren Higus is membership chairman. Any interested in joining the Garden Club may contact her at OR 5-5025.



Lovely ladies of the ways and means committee of the Highland School PTA prepare to sell tickets to a presentation of a musical version of the "Wizard of Oz," by the Hurand Players. The play will be presented in the Sharp Corner School auditorium on Monday, Dec. 29, at 1:30 p.m. Left to right are Mrs. Howard Goldsmith, Mrs. Edward Jaffe, ways and means chairman; Mrs. Allen Mantell, Mrs. Joseph Leifer, ways and means co-chairman, and Mrs. Ralph Stover. For ticket information phone OR 3-0750.

Skokie Airman Passes With Flying Colors

Skokie can be proud of one of its sons, Jeffrey Schiff, stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Schiff, 5239 Suffield Ct., Skokie, passed his basic exams with a grade of 100, an unheard of feat. Because of this, the young airman was interviewed on TV station KLV-Denver.

During the interview, his parents were called, and in addition to speaking with their son while the program was being televised, snapshots of the Schiff family were shown to viewers.

Jeffrey is a '58 graduate of Niles Township High School.

Equally proud of their brother were Rosanne, a Nilehi sophomore, and three year old Cathy.

NEW SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of the Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation will hold a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Irene Shapiro, 3918 Loyola Ave., Lincolnwood.

Future Nurses Tour Museum

Forty members of the Future Nurses Club of Niles Township High School visited the new Hinsdale Health Museum, Hinsdale, Saturday, Dec. 13. The trip was arranged by the secretary of the club, Pat Hillsberg, 8300 Knox Ave., Skokie.

CAROLS AT JANETTE

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 23, the Neighborhood Boys' Choir, sponsored by the Victor Adding Machine Co., entertained employees of the Janette Electric Mfg. Co., Lehigh Ave., at Main Morton Grove, with traditional Christmas carols.

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NTJC and Center Expands Youth Program

The joint program of the Niles Township Jewish Congregation and the Jewish Center of Niles Township has expanded its youth program, according to Mrs. Norbert Amado, youth commission chairman, and Barry Levine, director of youth activities.

A new program for 8th graders only now meets every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:15 in the synagogue, 4424 Oakton St.

Clubs of 10 to 15 boys and girls meet each week with an adult leader to develop their own program and activities based entirely on their own interests and suggestions from the group leader. Programs range from special interest projects such as making things, discussions, athletics, just having fun, through planning parties and major events for raising money for various charitable causes.

The membership will be self governing by a council of representatives from each club meeting with the director of propose and plan for the various events that will take place.

Both freshmen clubs are part of the overall high school teenage program, and besides having their own club meetings and events they take an active part in the alternate week can- teens and special events of the teen program.

A series of three events will highlight the approaching vacation from school for 7th and 8th graders.

On Friday, Dec. 26, they will go to the Playdium in Glenview. The program will include exclusive use of the roller skating rink and swimming pool, as well as a sock hop social in between.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, they will have an ice skating party followed by a social.

The third event will take place on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 30, and will be a hay ride and square dance night.

Vacation activities are open to non-members of the program at a slightly higher fee. All transportation to and from these events will be by chartered bus.

Six members of the teen program are going to represent the groups at the National

Convention of the United Synagogue Youth in Buffalo, New York.

A camp weekend for all the members is tentatively slated for some time in February.

All programs described above take place in the Niles Township Congregation, 4420 Oakton St., Skokie, and are sponsored jointly by the Congregation and the Jewish Community Center of Niles Township. For further information on anything above, contact Barry Levine, OR 4-8910.



Mrs. Ralph Schwartzberg pours for Mrs. Paul Huruitz, 9030 Pottawattami Dr., Skokie, at tea in her home for Women's Division of Board of Jewish Education, which is planning benefit at opening night of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo on Dec. 24 in Civic Opera House. Proceeds go for the special projects at College of Jewish Studies and other schools which are a part of the board of Jewish Education.



The annual Christmas party by the Morton Grove Jewish War Veterans Post 700 and its Auxiliary at Downey Hospital for mentally disabled War veterans was held on Dec. 7. Members of the Auxiliary who helped serve 350 patients are standing left to right, back row, Mrs. Al Lieder, Mrs. Sol Paull, Mrs. Gerald Eisenberg, Mrs. Marshall Siever and Mrs. Lee Manna Standing left to right, front row, are Mrs. Sam Canelstein, Mrs. Leonard Martlin, Mrs. Tillie waller and Mrs. Morris Siegel.



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Jim Moran Heads Lincolnwood March of Dimes

A fashion show will be presented as a benefit for the Lincolnwood March of Dimes campaign in the American Legion Hall, 6900 Lincolnwood Ave., on Friday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m., according to James M. Moran, general chairman for the Lincolnwood March of Dimes.

The fashions featured in the style show will be from the Heide Shops, 3455 Dempster Ave., and will include the newest look in cruise, casual, cocktail and evening wear.

The moderator for the show will be Mrs. Dorothy Glosberg, owner of the Fountain of Beauty Salon, 3357 Dempster.

Moran said that tickets for the fashion show could be purchased at the Lincolnwood Police Station, and that all money from the show would go toward the Cook County goal of \$1,300,000. In 1958, \$4,136.09 was raised by the Lincolnwood residents for the March of Dimes.

Lincolnwood women who will model for the fashion show are: Mrs. Sam Berger, 6531

Kenton Ave.; Mrs. Dr. J.J. Cascino, 6618 Spokane Ave.; Mrs. Charles Fallon, 7029 Kenton Ave.; Mrs. Arthur Goebelt, 6542 Kolmar Ave.; Mrs. Donald Kaufman, 6510 Kenton Ave.; Mrs. Robert Lewis, 6540 Kolmar Ave.; Mrs. Joseph J. Mancuso, 6542 Kenton Ave.; Mrs. George Murlas, 6634 Minnehaha Ave.; Mrs. Dr. Fred Weitz, 6530 Kenton Ave., and Mrs. Charles Zlotnik, 6536 Kenton Ave.

Door prizes already donated by the businessmen and women in the Lincolnwood area for the evening are: two chicken dinners from Novaks, 6649 Lincoln Ave.; two steak dinners from Kenilworth Inn, 7110 Lincoln Ave.; two certificates for shampoos and manicures from Andy's House of Beauty, 6713 Cicero Ave.; a surprise from Hans Goodrick Restaurant, 6717 Lintoln Ave.; a Dormeyer stainless steel mix-master from Polk Brothers; haircut, styling and set from Ruth of Lincolnwood, 4706 Touhy Ave.; a handbag from the Max Berger Shoe City; a case of Open-Pit-Barbecue Sauce from Max Dinisman; and a gift certificate from Bonwit Tellers.

Vincent DeMarco of the Votr Beaute, 6318 Cicero, will style the coiffures for each of the models for the show. Coffee and cake will be served after the show.

The March of Dimes campaign officially starts on Jan. 2.



Women of the Skokie Valley Hadassah gather to discuss their Taste and Test Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Left to right: Mrs. Hillard Weiss, program chairman; Mrs. Seymour Sherman, Taste and Test Luncheon chairman; Mrs. Irwin Layden, luncheon co-chairman; Mrs. David Goldberg, table decoration chairman; Mrs. Samuel Bernstein, ticket chairman, and Mrs. Marvin Schneider, publicity.

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The artists, Charline Hillwertz, Nikki Cosentino, Karl Gates, and Mary Schroetter, are also showing freehand paintings of subjects such as landscapes and still life.

Old Orchard Bank extends an invitation to the public to visit the bank the next time they are in Old Orchard Shopping Center.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Garden Club of Lincolnwood will hold a general meeting of its three chapters on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 11:30 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Pratt and Keating Aves.

Mrs. Albert Escher, chairman of the Seedlings, and her chapter, will be the hosts and a light luncheon will be

FAIRVIEW CANDY SALE

Students of the Fairview School sold boxes of candy for the purchase of band and orchestra uniforms for the school's musicians.

Tops in sales were Gayle Lemke, Keith Kreft, Gregory Peyrot, Dan Billing, William Novotny, Stephen Spitz, Gary Kirkpatrick, Pamela Powell and Carol Werner.

SRO at Highland

"Standing room only" was the order of the day recently when the new Highland School hosted at an open house. Of 250 families having children in the school, an attendance 375 people was registered.

Speaking at the regular PTA meeting which was held in conjunction with the open house were Mrs. Jack Rapper, PTA president, and Delmar Riessen, principal.

served before the meeting.

Paula Esdale will present her "Wings and Petals," Members are invited to bring guests.

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Feature Section

'BAH! HUMBUG!'

Reporter Meets Dour Santa Claus

Feature editor Betty Neff was asked to find and write a "different" Christmas story. This she has done — and has come away with mixed emotions: very amused, a little rueful. How about you?

by BETTY NEFF

This is a Christmas story for adults only.

The *Villager* thought it might be fun to interview Santa Claus, to see what tender or daft experiences their pre-Yule season had brought Him.

We hied ourselves over to one of the big stores in the Old Orchard shopping complex. Santa sits in a little red barn on the first floor.

When we arrived, we smiled involuntarily at the ageless sight—a gratifyingly rosy-cheeked, red-plush-suited, white-whiskered Santa bending affectionately toward a small girl whose sudden shyness wouldn't permit her to speak above a whisper.

The quiet one was followed by a brother and sister who got just plain tongue-tied in The Presence. Santa patiently drew each child out, overcoming the awe and sending them away confident in what Christmas Eve would bring.

A lull enabled us to speak to the Great Man ourselves.

"You obviously like children," we observed tritely.

"Sure I like children," he replied a bit tartly. "I like 'em boiled, fricasseed, steamed..."

We swallowed hard. He'd *Seemed* so nice.

"Do you go by some name other than Santa Claus?" we stammered.

"Charles Spoon. I'm an actor."

Well, that explained his ability to put the tots at ease, seemingly sympathizing endlessly with requests for dolls, guns, missiles, switchblades, despite his avowal that he tries *Not* to listen.

Spoon the actor is 28, unmarried, and lives with his parents at 6657 Keating, Lincolnwood.

"Actually, I'm ageless," he said ruefully. "After seeing several thousand children, you become ancient."

Gains Experience

It seems that in show biz, the tradition is that one isn't a real actor until one has played Santa Claus or demonstrated toys in a crowded store at Christmas time. Spoon took on the Santa bit partly to help out a fellow actor, David Hull of Chicago, who has portrayed St. Nick for the Skokie store for the last three years and who needed an assistant; and partly to gain reputedly valuable acting experience. Indications were that he was anxious for Christmas to get here so he could hang up his suit.

Despite his declarations of aversion to the small believers who troop past, Spoon demonstrated infinite patience and kindness which



Betty Neff



Santa Claus

could have been only partly assumed. We got the idea his bark was a bit worse than his bite.

"Occasionally you get a child who is rewarding," he admitted grudgingly. "Some are very cute and some are out and out brats. This job is something that's not taught—it's learned through experience."

Just then small Tommy came up. He wanted a clock he said.

"What kind of clock?" Santa asked.

"One that wakes me up in the morning. And a telephone. That's all."

Santa took Tommy's hands in his.

"Let's ask the all-important question," he said. "Have you been a good boy every day?"

"Mmmhmmm," Tommy replied blithely.

"Every day?"

"Mmmhmmm."

"I've heard a couple of reports that you've been bad a few times—is that true?"

"Mmmhmmm."

Well, at least Tommy wound up honest, and Santa left him with the impression that he'd probably get his wishes.

Coffee Break

Santa stretched, looked at the clock, and said it was time for his break. Setting up a sign reading, "Santa is feeding his reindeer," he led us toward an employees' cafeteria for a cup of coffee. En route, he favored startled children with a "Hi there, sonny" and a promise to be back at his barn in 15 minutes.

In the safety of the all-adult cafeteria, Spoon

sans beard turned out to be a fine-featured, curly-haired young man who was very unlike the Christmas saint in appearance.

He got into action accidentally. When he returned from service with the Air Force in 1952, he had not settled on a career. He joined the Lincolnwood Little Theater "as a social gesture," tried out for a play "and was given a part quite different from the one I expected."

"Instead of the lead, I played a 60-year-old, flea-bitten, rum-soaked reverend," he said, "I did six or seven shows with the group and decided to turn professional on the advice of friends, including a professional director."

He has appeared with the Skokie Civic Theatre and the Drury Lane and Edgewater Beach summer stock groups, in addition to the Lincolnwood company. When his stint as Santa is through, he will devote full time to a new puppet venture headed by Nick Simon, a Hungarian who fled to America after the anti-Communist revolt. The group will do club dates, night club acts, commercials and will appear on children's television shows.

"These puppets are unique outside of Europe," Spoon said. "The heads and hands move in a completely natural manner and you can make the puppet do anything that you normally would do."

The puppets represent Spoon's dream of the future, however; right now he's in the Santa business to earn a little money in addition to that experience he talked about.

"I try to avoid at all costs giving the kids a permanent trauma," he declared. "Any kids seem to be frightened. Santa Claus creates more

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inches tall who was in her early teens. It seemed to me that she believed thoroughly in Santa Claus, or is she didn't she wasn't sure and was playing it safe.

"We often have requests for live animals and traumas and mental blocks than any one mythical figure in the history of the-world.

"It's strange that kids should look upon Santa as a figure of terror, but a lot of them do. I've had many burst into tears. I suppose Santa Claus could be a frightening figure, although he is always depicted as jolly, the spirit of giving and loving. We're no longer living in the age of the beard, of course, and this is unique to most children. There is no way to determine just what they're going to do.

"You may get a two-year-old who is as friendly as can be and then some up to seven and eight you have to tell the kids you aren't sure you can get one of those. One rule I observe is: Never promise anything.

"Each child is an individual. I use different voices with each—with some, you might be gruff; with others, tender. You adapt yourself to their attitude when they walk up to you. It gets to be a thing of instinct. You also try to adapt to what the child has been taught—once in a while one of them will tell you 'there's no such thing as Santa Claus.' Then you tell him Santa is the spirit of giving—you don't want to make a liar out of the parents, no matter what the kid has been told."

Stay Off His Knee

Spoon has a few words of advice for parents who take their children to see Santa Claus.

"Don't try to drag them in," he declared. "If they want to go, fine—if they don't, let them go in their own good time. And *Please* don't tell them to sit on Santa's knee—I haven't been thrown up on or wet on yet, and I don't want to be."

He patted his red plush suit and said crossly, "It's 110 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit under here."

Then glancing at the clock, Spoon got ready to don his wired beard and return to the barn.

"Sometimes we get teen-agers who go through the line for kicks," he remarked. "Usually they ask for Cadillacs. I tell them, in the current parlance, that I'll give 'em an Ivy League. That's a belt in the back."

We asked Spoon what *He* was going to be doing Christmas Eve.

"I'm going out and get loaded," he replied.

We imagine that by now you realize this is no Santa to place a finger aside of his nose and go whisking merrily up the chimney. Instead, he left us with a cheery nod and a quote from one of the famous child-haters—Mencken, or Shaw, or possibly W. C. Fields.

"Anybody who hates children and dogs can't be *All* bad," he waved airily.



"Hmph... no toys here."



(left) Overwhelmed by it all... (right) "All I want for Christmas is my one front tooth."



"G'wan. Yer not really Santa Claus."



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RUDOLPH, THE RED NOSED REINDEER

At the request of a number of parents, we are reprinting now - at Christmas time - this story of "Rudolph" and the Skokie man who created him. The article originally appeared in our issue of July 31.

by ALEX TEITELMAN

The first page of the most famous Christmas story of modern times - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer - conceived by Skokie writer Robert L. May.

Ensnconced in a garage in the rear of 9301 N. Hamlin in Skokie, is a six-foot character who without doubt is the most famous personality in all of Niles Township.

He is known to millions all over the world. His name? Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer. And the garage is owned by Rudolph's creator - who, because of this achievement, might qualify as Skokie's most famous citizen - Robert L. May.

May himself was 53 on July 27. Rudolph will be 20 next year.

It's a fascinating story, how Rudolph came into being, but before we go into that, here are some statistics:

You've heard of composers who receive huzzahs when a composition has sold a million copies and earned a coveted gold record? Well, to date there have been 14 million recordings of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" sold. Scores of artists have recorded this Christmas standard. Gene Autry's Columbia recording of "Rudolph" tops the list with over three million records sold to date.

This year, Rudolph will probably get to be better known than ever before. Simon and Schuster, publishers of the famous Golden Books are going to put out a twenty-five cent version of "Rudolph," which these astute publishers feel will reach astronomical millions in sales. It will be a completely new version, in prose, with new art-work.

A technicolor feature, released annually for the Christmas season, has been seen by countless millions in movie theatres all over the world.

"Rudolph" toys? There have been literally hundreds with the Rudolph motif: sweaters, stockings, purses, blouses, lamps, dolls - you name it and there's undoubtedly been a "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" product connected with it.

No Corporation

And who owns Rudolph? A multi-million dollar corporation? Some big financial group headed by a Wall street wizard?

Not at all. A mild, quiet, 53-year-old Skokian named Robert L. May owns Rudolph, lock stock

and barrel. No corporation. Not even a partnership. "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" is his sole property.

And Rudolph has been mighty good to Mr. May, his wife and five children. That beautiful, modernistic six-room house at 9301 N. Hamlin is all of Rudolph's doing. Instead of having to pay it off in 20 or 30 years, with Rudolph's help May become sole owner of his Skokie castle before five winters had passed.

Does all this mean that May sits in baronial splendor in his Skokie castle, counting coupons? Not at all.

From a practical standpoint, supporting a wife and five children in the manner to which they have become accustomed requires a sizeable cash outlay.

The biggest winner over Rudolph's success is not Mr. May - but Uncle Sam. The tax collectors have been the biggest sharers in Rudolph's success. Today, May is back where he started when Rudolph was born in 1939: he's a copywriter at his old alma mater, Montgomery Ward's main offices on Chicago Avenue.

And now here's the Rudolph story - that is, how it all started.

After May, a native New Yorker and later New Rochelle resident, graduated from Dartmouth, he toiled for the two behemoths of the department store world in New York City - both Macy's and Gimbel's. It was his chore to take prosaic retail goods, and embellish them with flowery prose to make New Yorkers rush down Broadway and purchase the items he described: he was a copywriter.

Wrote Parodies

As a hobby, May used to entertain friends at parties with parodies of popular songs. No musician, he did have a way with words and regaled party-friends with witty parodies on hit songs of the day.

The locale shifts to Chicago. The year is 1936. May is employed as a copywriter by Montgomery Ward and Company. In his offices on Chicago Avenue, he turned out prose for Ward's merchandise both in retail ads and for their tremendous catalogs.

An office Christmas party at Ward's proved to be the mid-wife for Rudolph's birth. For at one of these parties, May whipped up some parodies

to popular songs that proved to be the hit of the affair.

So when a Montgomery Ward big-wig conceived the idea of getting up some give-away that the store's big mail order house, via their Santa Clauses, could give to youngsters at Christmas-time, he called in Bob May.



A partial group of some of the more than 200 "Rudolph" items that have been sold over the years. Skokian Robert L. May, Rudolph's "Daddy," receives royalties on all these items.

"Bob, he said," I liked those parodies you made up at the Christmas party. Do you think you could think up some animal character and put it in a story—you know, in poetry form, like—that we could put in a booklet and give out at Christmas. You know this Ferdinand the Bull character? Well, try and think up some other animal that would appeal to kids. Okay?"

That was Bob's assignment. And he took it seriously, spending many a night toiling over the project.

At last he came up with the answer: a reindeer that, because of a physical affliction, would be the laughing stock of his fellows. But in the end, it would be this poor, dejected red-nosed reindeer, who would save the day for Santa Claus on a cloudy, foggy night when visibility was practically zero. The animal hero was christened Rudolph. Montgomery Ward assigned one of its top artists, Denver Gillen, to bring to life Bob May's animal hero.

The result was a 38-page booklet which Ward's gave out to two and a half-million customers the first year it was published—1939. The outlets were the hundreds of Ward retail stores as well as the 600 catalog stores owned by the mail-order firm.

Free to Customers

Plans to put out the booklet went awry the next year, when war broke out in Europe and all promotion plans went in the ash-can. Poor Rudolph lay dormant for seven years. The war ended in 1945 and for Christmas 1946, Ward's again gave away "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer"—and this time 3½ million copies were distributed to the mail order firm's customers.

Then came the turning point of May's career. Actually, the ownership of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" belonged to Montgomery Ward and Company. So if you've heard of hard-hearted corporations—it isn't true in this case. Ward's turned ownership—and copyright—over to May himself, meaning any profits or any royalties resulting from commercializing Rudolph belonged to May himself.

Thus it was that when RCA-Victor came out with a \$3.00 album in Christmas, 1947, it was May who received the royalties. The album was in story form, narrated by Paul Wing. (A second RCA album, "Rudolph's 2nd Christmas," came out in 1951.)

The actual song, "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" wasn't born until September, 1949. It was then that a good friend of May's named Johnny Marks wrote the music for the song. Marks set up his own firm to publish the song and it came out in 1949.

Instant Hit

It was an instant hit. As mentioned, Autry's Columbia record has now sold over 3 million—and some 14 million records of the song have been sold to date. So among other accomplish-



In his scrapbook he keeps in his Skokie home, Bob May has captioned this photo, "LUXURY!" It shows the Mays dining in style, complete with iced champagne, when they sailed for Europe in 1951 aboard the Queen Mary.



In their second Christmas (1950) in their new Skokie home at Hamlin and Lyons, Robert L. May reads the story of his creation, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" to three of his youngsters: Ginger, Joanna and Chris.

ments, Rudolph was instrumental in setting up a publishing firm for May's friend—Johnny Marks.

In 1950 so many firms wanted to put out toys, novelties, clothing and what-not with the Rudolph tag that May found he couldn't continue as a copywriter with Ward's and handle the Rudolph details, too.

So in 1951 he left Ward's and set up an office in downtown Evanston to handle the Rudolph ramifications. That summer he and his wife combined business and pleasure and sailed for Europe. Four reporters were on hand to interview the Rudolph creator when he arrived in London. And this type of thing was repeated everywhere the Mays went in Europe.

Riches didn't go to May's head. He is a firm believer in contributing to the civic welfare of his own community. To that extent he is a director of the Northeast Property Owners Association in Skokie and was active in Fourth of July affairs held by this group. He has served on the Boy Scout Council in Evanston—in fact, his oldest son, Chris, was the Evanston Boy Scout representative to the World Jamboree held in Europe last year.

Bob is also a member of the Evanston Club and helped organize the Skokie optimists.

What about the book, "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer." Strange as it seems, May found it difficult to get a publisher. The major firms contended the market was saturated. They contended six million copies had been given out gratis by Montgomery Ward and Company as a promotion piece so who was going to pay good money to buy "Rudolph" in book form?

Finally, Rudolph came to the attention of a Mrs. Elbaum, who was an editor of Parent's Magazine. Her husband, Harry Elbaum, owned a small publishing firm called Maxton Publishing Company. She persuaded her husband to put it out.

The result? Well, in the book publishing business, you have a best-seller when 50,000 copies are sold. Put out in both 50 cent and dollar and a quarter editions—the first year more than a million copies of "Rudolph" were sold!

It has been a perennial Christmas seller ever since—and this year's Golden Book version by Simon and Schuster should help make Rudolph one of the all-time greats in the publishing field.

Bob is now secretary of his 1926 Dartmouth class.

It is a feather in the cap of Skokie that when Bob May had the wherewithal and decided to

build his own home nine years ago in the Chicago-land area, he chose a site in Skokie—to put up "the house that Rudolph built."

One of the factors that decided him on Skokie was its rural setting and yet its proximity to Chicago. The rural setting has changed a bit since his home went up—as he's now surrounded by neighbors—but the proximity to Chicago still stands.

Likes Skokie Soil

He liked the Skokie soil—and still does. An amateur gardener, Bob's favorite vegetable is tomatoes and at the drop of a rake he will show visitors his 10-foot high tomato vines.

An amateur psychiatrist might draw a relationship between Rudolph's crimson proboscis and the scarlet-hue of May's tomatoes in his Skokie back-yard. Be that as it may—or May, if you prefer—growing the bright-red, Skokie-bred tomatoes is Bob's favorite "green-thumb" hobby. Some of his big tomatoes attain 1-¾ pounds and Bob is mighty proud of 'em.

Apart from tomatoes, Bob boasts about his trees. A maple tree on his front lawn which was only about 10 feet high when planted has attained a 50 foot height—a tribute either to Bob's gardening ability or the richness of the Skokie soil.

A creative character, May has turned out other literary works for youngsters—but none have approached the Rudolph success. His "Benny the Bunny Liked Beans" was published in 1941 by Knopf and wasn't too successful, by May's own admittance. "It tried to be too tricky," he confesses.

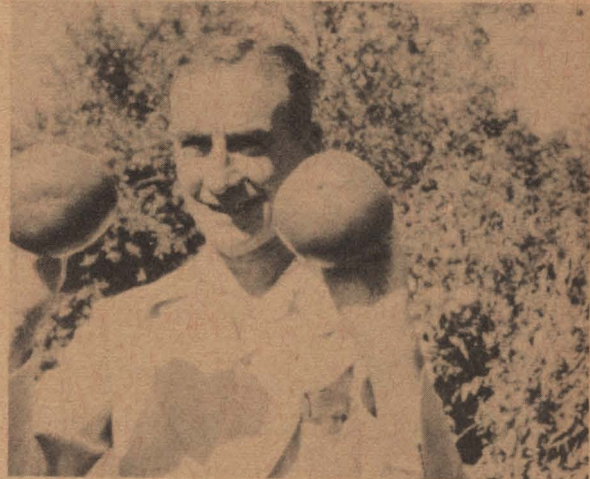
His "Winking Willie" was published by Maxton 10 years ago, with moderate success, and four years ago he came out with "Rudolph Shines Again." The latter sold pretty well, going over the 50,000 mark.

A few months ago—February to be exact—Bob took stock and found that the Rudolph royalties were not keeping pace with the May exchequer. Back to work he went and once more he's a feature copywriter and mail order editor with Montgomery Ward's in their downtown Chicago offices.

Does the famed author of "Rudolph" go to work in a Chauffeur driven Cadillac? "Heck no," he states, "I go down in a car pool with other guys from the office."

Bob is married to the former Virginia Newton of Chicago. She is quite creative in her own right—although her field lies in painting rather than literary efforts. A canvas of hers won an award at the North Shore Exhibit recently.

Apparently doing creative work runs in the family. The Mays' oldest daughter, Barbara, now 23, is writing and editing for a small New York publishing firm. The other May children, still living in the Skokie home that Rudolph built, are: Joanna, 16; Chris, 15; Ginger, 12, and Martha, 5.



Maybe Bob May's fondness for big, red tomatoes gave him the idea for Rudolph's big nose. At any rate here is Rudolph's creator posing happily with two big, ripe, juicy red 1½ pound specimens he grows in the backyard of his Skokie home, 9301 N. Hamlin.

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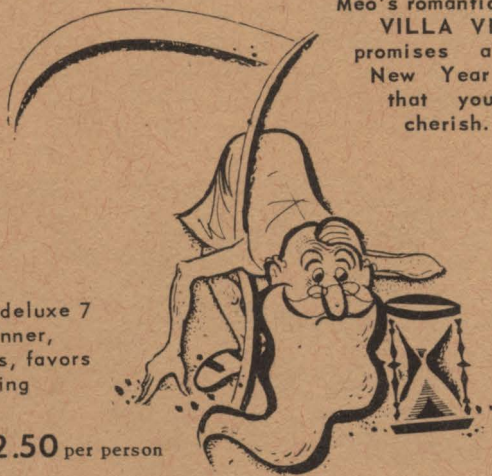
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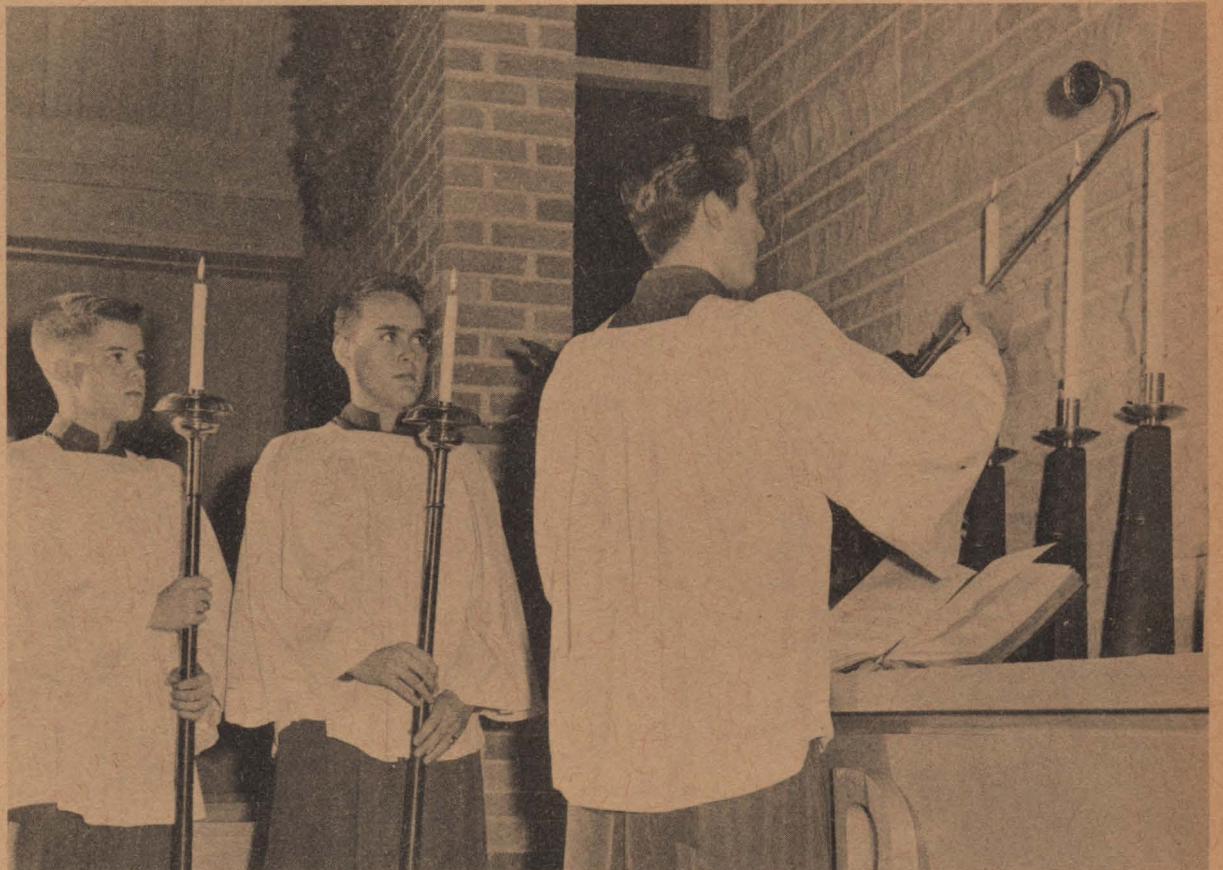
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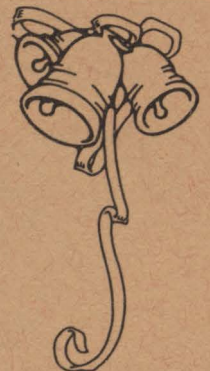
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The message was revealed,
While glory shone around them
O'er hill and dale and field.

And music without equal
Proclaimed the joyous news
Of peace on earth, and good will
From God, whom men abuse.
In mercy and in wisdom
The Prince of Peace was born,
The Christ-child, son of Mary,
Who came on Christmas morn.

The busy inn, so crowded
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A manger was His cradle,
So humble His abode.
To Him, three men of wisdom
With gifts, came from the East,
A star shone bright to guide them
To Christ, the Great High Priest.

Photo Highlights of School Bond Election

Long lines and waiting an hour or more to vote featured the \$8,625,000 Niles Township High School bond referendum on Saturday, Dec. 13. Below are some of the final scenes.



At Cleveland School's registration desk...



... and waiting in corridor.



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William W. Meyer of the board of education makes a last-minute appeal for passage of the three-part referendum.



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Youth achievement awards were presented recently at a Skokie Optimist Club luncheon to Walter Davis of Notre Dame High School and Sheila Erdmann of Niles High School East, second and third from left. Others in photo, from left, are Ike Robinson, chairman of the club's youth achievement committee; Dr. Keith Kavanaugh, principal of Nilebi East, and Harry Cook, Optimist Club president. Seated are Mrs. W.C. Griffin, wife of Skokie's police chief, and George V. Herman of the Notre Dame High School English department.

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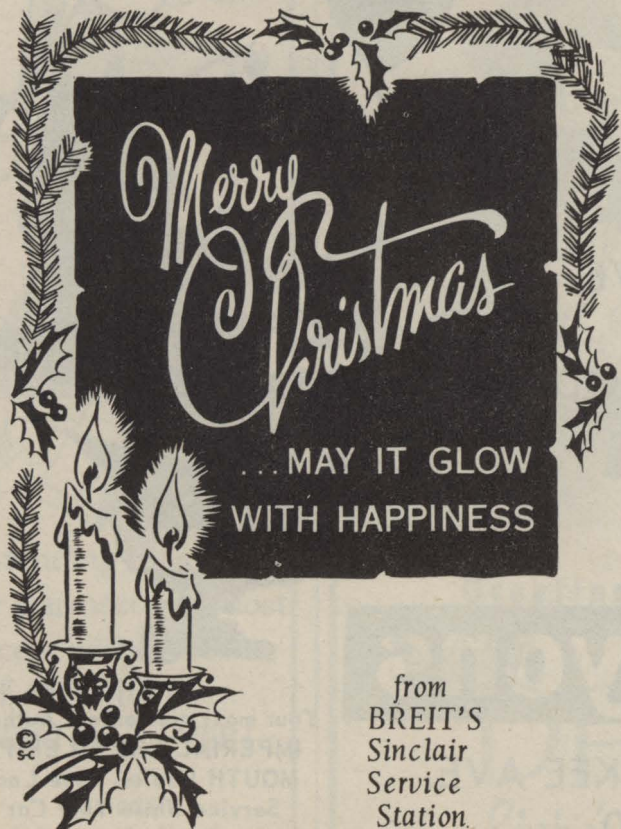
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Lincolnwood Organizes March of Dimes Drive

The community of Lincolnwood is getting a good march on all other communities in Cook County, now being organized for the 1959 March of Dimes campaign which will be kicked off on Jan. 2.

James M. Moran, 6511 N. Longmeadow Drive, who recently accepted the National Foundation's appointment as general chairman for the Lincolnwood area, today announced the formation of a special committee of neighborhood leaders with Jerry Rodman, 6537 N. Kenton Ave., as public

relations chairman for the drive. Others to serve with Moran, who received national recognition recently in his appeal for funds to help the children and families of the recent Our Lady of Angels fire tragedy in Chicago, will be Albert A. Comyn, 7001 Keating Ave.; Albert P. Greenberg, 6535 Christiana Ave.; George G. Rowell, 6551 Tower Circle Drive; Gene Rudnick, 6645 Longmeadow Drive; John De-Cicco, 6721 Trumbell Ave.; and Jos. J. Mancuso, 6542 N. Kenton Ave.

"This is one movement which must have the whole-hearted support of every resident

and every organization in our community," Moran said. "The money is used to fight birth defects, arthritis, and polio—three crippling diseases. And we want everyone to join the March of Dimes with Dollars. Let's have a lot of joy in supporting this campaign, and let's show the other communities in Cook County that we, the residents of Lincolnwood, are civic-minded and neighborly."

Moran said that his committee will have many meetings, and that already some terrific entertainment plans are underway. "Anyone who wants to work with us on this campaign is welcome," Moran said.



Two ladies from Lincolnwood meet one of the 173 winners of scholarships to Roosevelt University at a tea sponsored by the University's Women's Scholarship Association. Mrs. E.M. Imber, left, of 3450 Albion Ave., and Mrs. Lucille Garland of 7001 Keeler, are both officers of B'nai B'rith Women, District 6, which gave funds for a full-tuition scholarship to the Association. The student they are pointing to with pride is Robert Mednick, 18, of Chicago, a freshman in accounting who was awarded a full-tuition grant for the 1958-59 academic year.



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Post-Election Statements By Krier, School Board

Statement by Martin Krier, Niles Township Democratic committeeman: "With the three propositions on Saturday's school bond ballot being rejected by margins of up to 3 to 1, it is obvious that the entire program was completely out of step with the thinking of the people of Niles Township.

"The Democratic organization said from the start that our people simply could not afford an 8½ million dollar program at this time. We opposed it openly and frankly on the basis that taxes already are crushing.

"The Democratic organization and I personally have said that we would support a reasonable program. That this was not a reasonable program was fully proved in Saturday's voting.

"The high school board would have realized this had it bothered to consult the rank and file of taxpayers before it decided to push its spending proposal. We entered the campaign at the request of many, many party members who begged us to protect them from indiscriminate taxation.

"In this regard, we succeeded. This is not to say that we oppose good, solid educational facilities for the children of the township. But these facilities can be obtained at a much more reasonable cost—using the existing land owned by the school board and building without fancy frills.

"And they can be obtained with the added advantage of a comprehensive, attractive program for insuring the best teaching personnel.

"We hope that the school board has learned a lesson is that if it hopes for support in future programs it can't sneer away the sincere objections

of the leaders of the township's people as 'politically inspired.'

A formal statement by the School board said:

"It is now up to the board to come forth with a program more in keeping with the current facts of economic life."

"The turn-out of voters of Niles Township High School District 219 at the special bond issue election on Saturday, December 13, 1958 was most impressive. The Board of Education truly appreciates the interest shown by the peo-

ple of our community in the high-school expansion needs of our District.

"Obviously, a vote of these proportions warrants the most serious consideration by the Board of Education. This consideration is now being given to the issues involved. As soon as the Board can come forward with a recommended program of action to the Township we shall do so."

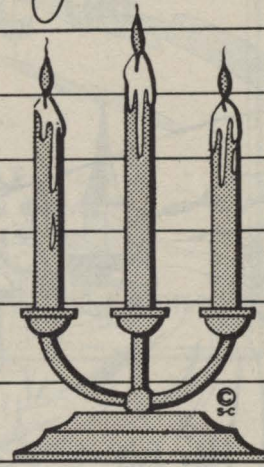
CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parent Teachers League of The St. Paul Lutheran School held a meeting on Friday, Dec. 19. Mrs. Walter Oeschler, chairman, and Mrs. Glenn Johnson and Mrs. Fred Netznik, program committee, planned a Christmas party that followed the meeting.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Warren Gieffers and her committee.

The St. Paul Lutheran School room mothers, Mrs. Douglas Steele, chairman, Mrs. Elmer Simpson, Mrs. Peter Klauss Mrs. Herbert Kiessel, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. Edward Jungwirth, Mrs. Chester Kotecki, Mrs. Harold Anderson, Mrs. Lawrence Henriksen, Mrs. Carl Lawrenz, Mrs. Edward Baumgarten, Mrs. Marie Kay and Mrs. John Wiegand held a Christmas party for the St. Paul Lutheran School children, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, in the school.

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The children of the church school will make their Christmas communions at the late mass on the Sunday after Christmas at 10:30 a.m.

On New Year's Day, there will be a mass at 10:30 a.m.

No church school sessions on Dec. 28, but they will be resumed on the first Sunday in the new year, Jan. 4. All grades meet at 10:30 a.m.



Christmas tree at the site of the Gus Allgauer's burned-out Fireside restaurant is decorated by former employees (1. to r.) doorman Ben King, waitress Doris Anne Locke, chef Max Egloff and clerk Margaret Stann, who express hope restaurant will be rebuilt soon. Tall decorated spruce serves as holiday symbol for thousands of former patrons, who used to eat at restaurant before it was razed by million-dollar fire. This is the seventh year employes have trimmed a tree at the Lincoln-Touby spot.

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DEAD ISSUE

With the removal of John R. O'Connell from the office of Skokie police magistrate, his celebrated lawsuit for free use of a village courtroom now is a dead issue.

By agreement of attorneys for both sides, Judge Donald S. McKinlay of Superior court last week dismissed the action that challenged a new village ordinance that would charge O'Connell \$100 a day for use of a village courtroom. The suit was filed in June, 1957, after O'Connell held court on the village steps rather than pay the rental charge.

Early this month O'Connell was removed from office after pleading guilty in Criminal court to a charge stemming from a grand jury investigation into the justice of the peace system. Charges against O'Connell involves his refusal to sign an immunity waiver before the grand jury and failure to keep or produce proper records.

ORDER

Judge Donald S. McKinlay of Superior court has signed an order permitting the construction of two residences on adjoining lots at 7535-39 Laramie Avenue, Skokie.

The ruling reversed the village zoning board's refusal to grant variations for the lots which have a total width of 71 feet. The suit for judicial review was filed December 1 by Irving Bronstein, attorney for American National Bank, as trustee.

The court allowed variations pertaining to width of lot and area requirements.

COURT OF HONOR

In a "court of honor" held at Lincoln Hall School recently, 20 boys of Lincolnwood Boy Scout Troop 74 were awarded advancements in grade and five boys received twenty-three merit badges for work completed over the last few months.

The colorful ceremonies of the group sponsored by the Lincolnwood Lions' Club included presentation of the colors by the patrol leaders and audience participation in the pledge to the flag.

In a tenderfoot investiture ceremony around a campfire the following boys received their awards: Kenneth Graham, Steve Horwitz, Gary Lewis, Benje Terman, Ira Weiss, Lee Weisz and Dale Wickum.

Second Class: Marshall Fields, Ronald Horlich, Allan Karlin, Fred Keuchenmeister, Dennis Schramm.

Den Chief Cords: Allan Karlin and Marshall Fields.

First Class: Richard Laymon, Bruce Goodman and Marshall Fields.

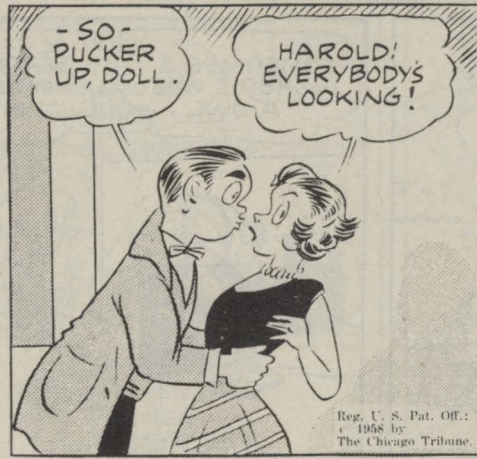
Merit Badges: Dennis Herkert, Lawrence Miller, Marshall Fields, Bob Laymon and Wayne Ruderman.

Scoutmaster Kelly Laymon made the presentation of Star Awards to Bob Laymon and Lawrence Miller and the Life award to Dennis Herkert.

Explorer advisor Francis Kleing awarded the Gold Palm to Eagle Scout Allan Escher.

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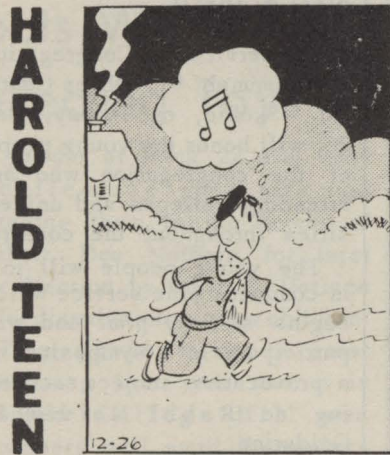
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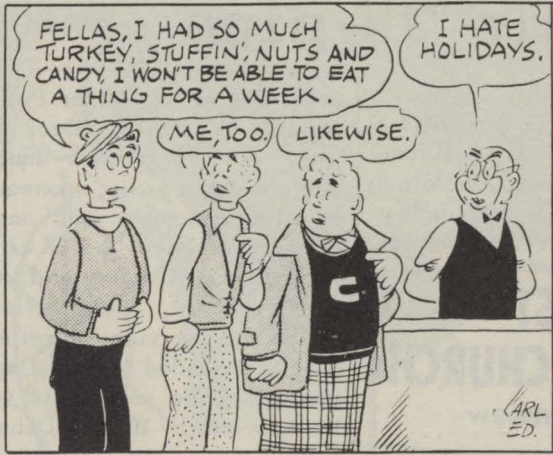
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at 8:30 p.m. in Melzer Public School on Friday, Dec. 26. This is the second annual service of this group, sponsored by the synagogue and under the supervision of Rabbi Lawrence H. Charney and Mrs. Irving Greene, adult advisor.

At the service, greetings will be extended by Carl Coan, president; the sermonette will be delivered by Howard Debs, the kiddush will be chanted by Sheldon Sloan; biblical lesson by Ira Piel, and the liturgy solo by Renee Saverlak.

Following the service, Nor-Con Canteen Youth and the congregation will be guests at the Oneg Shabbat.

There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 28, but classes will be resumed on Sunday, Jan. 4.

SKOKIE VALLEY

The Skokie Valley Traditional Synagogue will hold late services Friday at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 26 in the congregation, 8843 East Prairie Rd., Skokie. Rabbi Milton Kanter, spiritual leader, will preach the final of his series of sermons entitled "Feast or Famine."

Saturday morning services will highlight the Bar Mitzvah of Eugene Dorin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorin, Chicago.

Arnold Abrams, 9504 Lowell, Skokie, vice president of the congregation and chairman of the school board, announced that registration for new mid semester Hebrew and Sunday school classes is now open. Registrations will be taken at the synagogue from 9 to 5 daily, Sunday morning from 9 to 1, or by calling the synagogue office at OR 4-3473.

BNAI EMUNAH

The services at Congregation Bnai Emunah, 9131 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, on Friday, Dec. 26, will honor the young people of the congregation who are attending colleges and universities throughout the country.

The young people will join in conducting the service which begins at 8:30 p.m. and will participate in a symposium on a provocative subject, according to Rabbi Melvin L. Goldstine.

Following the service, the Congregation will hold an Oneg Shabbat reception in honor of the College students.

Howard Steiner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mathew M. Steiner, 9420 Ridgeway, Skokie, will become Bar Mitzvah at services of Congregation Bnai Emunah, on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 9:30 a.m.

RABBI AT CONFERENCE

Rabbi Milton Kanter, spiritual leader of the Skokie Valley Traditional Synagogue, acted as the official recorder for the conference of religion in the public schools, which was held on Thursday, Dec. 18 at the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago. The conference which involved all the rabbis of the metropolitan Chicago area, was designed to study the effects of religious teaching in our public school system.

NEW HEBREW CLASS

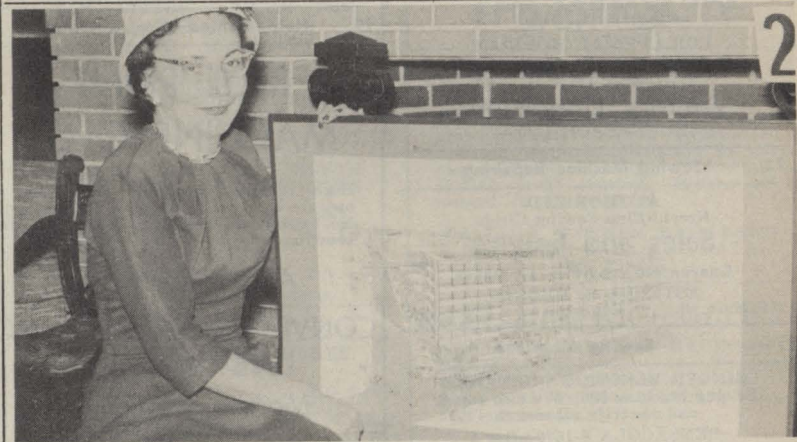
The Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, a traditional synagogue, is forming a beginner's class for Hebrew. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Harvey Herman, 3926 Greenleaf, OR 4-8859.



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Architect's drawing of the proposed dormitory for Mundelein college is viewed by Mrs. Gerald E. Magnuson, 8456 Olcott, Niles, chairman of the Niles phase of a fund raising drive among Mundelein alumnae to lay the groundwork for the dorm. Mrs. Leonard Happ, 8822 Central Ave., Morton Grove, is chairman of the Mundelein graduates living in Morton Grove.



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It is narrated by Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., former president of Fordham University and trustee of Norte Dame University and who is presently the rector of Loyola School in New York. Rev. Robert I. Gannon was honored by LIFE

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magazine in 1953 as one of the twelve outstanding clergymen in this country. The only other Catholic so honored was His Excellency, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

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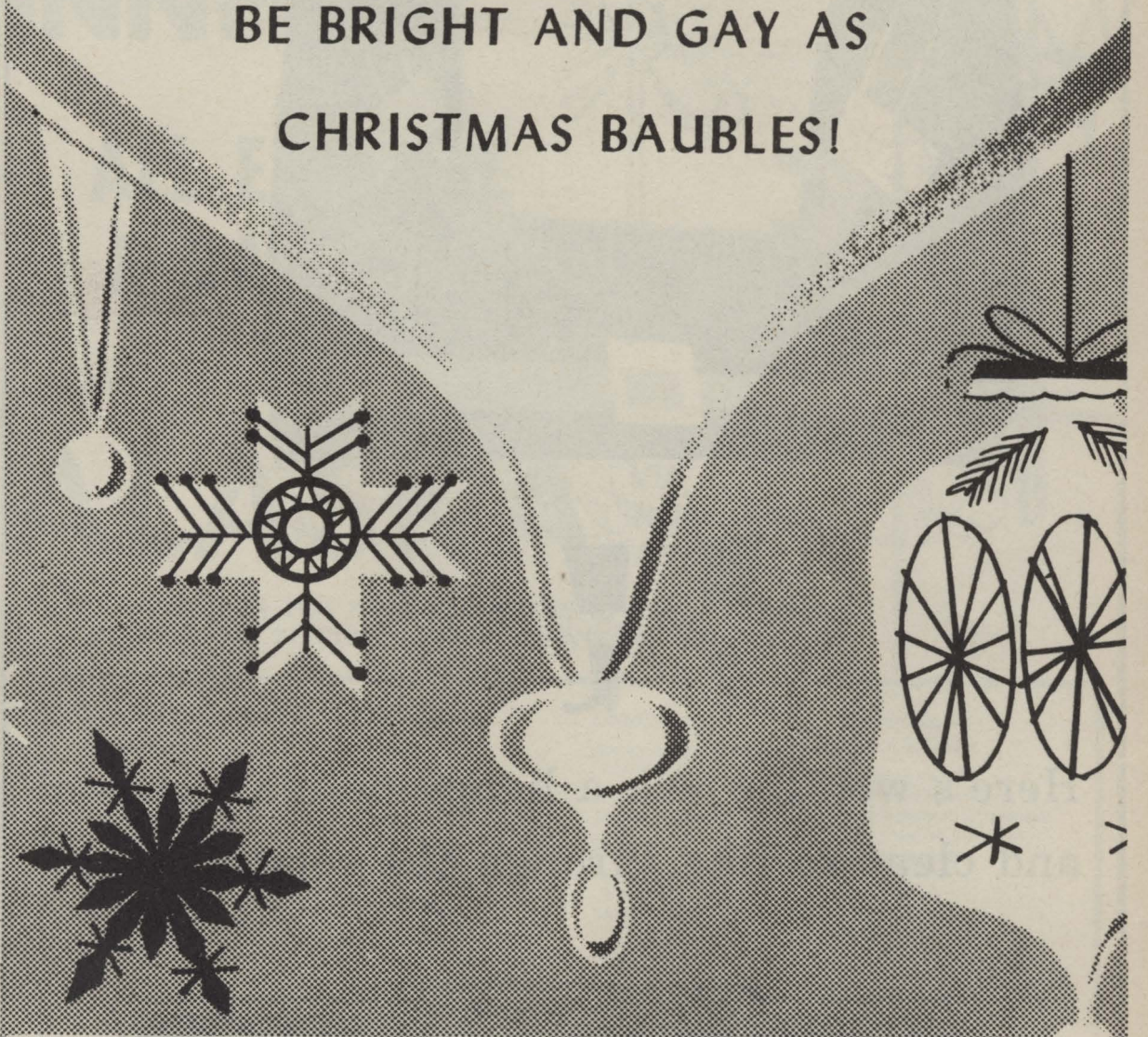


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Ground and About

by TOM BRANAGAN

We receive many compliments for the fine art work appearing on our covers, and we want to report that the gent responsible is one Sam Brown—a real expert with the brush and palette.

Sam has done the illustration for every *Villager* cover since we began publication about nine months ago—and sometimes reworks them two or three times, depending on the reception he gets in these quarters.

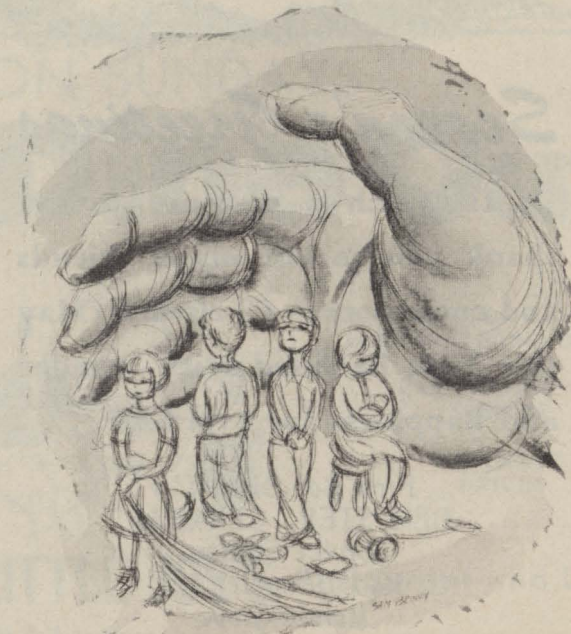
For example, note the two illustrations below. The one at the top is Sam's first rendering for our Nov. 13 issue—to go with feature editor Betty Neff's article on Orchard School: "A Monument to Kindness."

We rejected it on the ground that it didn't quite catch the theme of the story: that a spiritual force, manifested in the willing drudgery of many selfless persons, guides and protects the unfortunate children at Orchard School.

Sam then came up with the drawing at the bottom, reproduced here as it appeared on the Nov. 13 cover.

We were well satisfied with it—but now we're beginning to wonder if we were right. The more we look at Sam's original piece, the more we respect the feeling of love and tenderness he worked into it.

It's water over the dam now, but we thought some of you readers might like to get in a post mortem opinion. Were we right, or wrong?



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