

### Cranbrook's Annual Christmas Pageant Tonight Revives Ceremonies of Old

The annual Christmas Pageant of Cranbrook School will be held in the school's beautiful gymnasium on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, the last evening before the boys entrain for home to enjoy their Christmas vacation. This pageant has been performed for over 12 years, and only minor changes have been made from year to year.

At the south end of the dining hall the opening scene takes place while faculty and students stand in silent reverence throughout the banquet tables. The scene is built around the Christ Child in the manger bed with Joseph and Mary and the adoring shepherds. The school's chaplain conducts this religious portion of the evening's program, during which the Wise Men enter in their rich, colorful garments, bearing their traditional gifts. The music of the organ, the dim light of hundreds of candles, the cheerful hearth fire, and the singing of ancient carols, add spirituality to the service.

**Bring Boar's Head**

The scene then changes. The court jester in his motley, preceded by a colorful herald, dashes to and bids all welcome to the feast. As the turkey dinner is served, a procession of 40 boys dressed in Robin Hood costume marches through the hall singing the Boar's Head song and bearing a huge trencher on which lies a Boar's head decorated in the traditional manner. Next comes the Plum Pudding, also carried by the procession as it sings:

"Cranbrook bids you welcome, Welcome to its festival, For 'tis Yuletide, And we hold high carnival, For 'tis Yule."

As the feast nears its end, the procession again enters, this time bearing a huge yule log which is thrown on the hearth fire as the paraders sing:

**Mummers Perform**

Next there is a performance by the Mummers, among whom there are such characters as the King of England, Prince George, an individual dragon, and a physician. The parts are traditionally played by the boys in the third grade. After this play, the Headmaster gives his Christmas greeting, the entire assembly sings the Cranbrook School Hymn, and the boys are dismissed to leave for their homes and the Christmas holidays.

The pageant is originally planned by Vernon B. Kelleit, who is in charge of the costuming.

### Moose Stages Own Blitzkrieg

New Brunswick's moose must have heard something about the Blitzkrieg methods for one has built just adopted those tactics, says Ernie Poole, zone expert. This moose, Poole says, charged across railroad tracks and crashed into a horse and wagon on a parallel highway. The horse was so badly injured it had to be destroyed and the driver, who had come to, was so shocked he couldn't remember his own name.

**NEED A JOB?** Want the help? Waived—Female! Column of the Eccentric. Many situations available.

## But It's True



The tiger was in the habit of raiding small villages, killing and maiming of women and children. Curiously, it killed only one man. Lewis caked his hair with dirt, planted seed, raised roses within four months by forcing. He still has three of the roses pressed in a book.

### Trailer Camp Law Now in Effect

Enforcement of the new trailer camp law adopted by the 1941 Legislature has been started.

R. Colton, sanitarian for the Oakland County Department of Health, explained that a trailer camp license which expired Sept. 26 will not be renewed until the camps are approved.

The act also requires that each trailer be assigned a site of at least 700 square feet; that the camp be provided with an approved sewage disposal system, a service building provided with adequate toilets, showers and lavatories for each sex; a laundry room, metal covered garbage cans, and adequate fire protection.

In addition to establishing sanitary standards, the act provides for monthly fees of \$1.50 per month for every trailer that has been in the camp for more than two weeks. This fee must be paid to the township treasurer who will remit the local school district with it.

The act also requires the camp owner to submit a monthly report to the local school trustee officers of each child of school age living in the camp.

Copies of the act can be obtained from the Oakland County Health Department.

### From the Women's Angle

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Surprise fairly lift one's scalp? They catch at one's pocket book, some do. Others catch at the throat. Like the unpleasant surprise the postman thrusts in the mail box around the first of the month. The trifles add up to a headache or a fight with unfriendly husband. Take for instance the contents listed on the carefully stemmed bill: The pins, needles, buttons, hairnets, zippers, and snaps. When taken from the paper container they looked like about 30 cents! But the pins are mostly lost; the needles there's nothing to show for 17; the net is gone. "Gone With the Wind." The zipper only keep blazes from rolling out, sideways. Nothing really worth while... except maybe the zipper!

Down black and white appears another item, hair forgotten. IROBEY, \$89.50... \$5.27. Horrors! The lady says. The salesman sprawled carelessly over the sales book. The grand total on the statement stands \$23.30. How some things change! \$4.77, would buy the laundry, without benefit of labor and without that smelly suds odor which invariably seeps up the back stair in mangle with Monday's beef stew! Mangling was fun just at first. For three short weeks darn good too... only sort of looked like old gold, dull and shiny for monthly fees of \$1.50 per month for every trailer that has been in the camp for more than two weeks. This fee must be paid to the township treasurer who will remit the local school district with it.

A turkey much too big for the oven was the sad plight of a disturbed prospective potter dot many days ago. It all happened on Evergreen Road, just prior to the big day, and spied the handsome specimens staking about just when their appetites were whetted by a five-mile hike. They wouldn't have seen these birds. But they did, and ordered them on the hoof, so to speak.

Uncle Sam is a strange old man. He considers washing and ironing luxuries. Then so, he doesn't care a hoot about his woman any more. He likes 'em natural. Cold creams, lipsticks, powders, stockings, shoes. Some of those surprises are in that statement. And indignation sets in... but we dare not take that old fashioned remedy to settle the stomach. Guess there is that tax to contend with even on "spits."

And into one small kitchen came the grite 20-pounder, and swam in turkey and innards and four yards of bread. When the animal was stuffed it seemed human and, Mrs. Mamma! what that proud Bat, and here is the sticker. That gobble would not head-in, back-in, or be cooked into the oven. Gangs of consumers were expected. In desperation he resorted to amputation while the feminine gender pleaded and shed tears of horror. Then and only then did that gelded bird sulk and reluctantly push into the oven. All on account of the hiker's!

### Tips Are Given For Holiday Menus

When you set your table for the holidays, be sure you have in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, simple in both menu and decoration. Here are some recipes that will assist the hostess during this holiday season.

**Fruit Cocktail**

- 2 Boney dew melons
- 1 No. 1 can grapefruit juice
- 1 cup sweet cider
- 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
- Red and green cherries.

Have all ingredients very cold. Cut the melon meat into tiny balls and fill cocktail glasses half full with them. Mix grapefruit juice, cider and sugar and pour over them. Garnish with red and green cherries.

**Corn and Okra Pudding**

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups golden corn
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sliced okra

1. Beat egg yolks well, add the salt and sugar. Add the corn, milk, okra and pepper. Pour into a buttered casserole and bake 1 hour in an oven 275 degrees.

**Cranberry Relish**

- 1 quart cranberries
- 1 cup water
- 1 orange
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup nut meats chopped
- 1 cup crystallized ginger chopped.

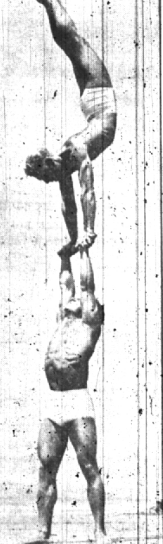
Wash the cranberries, add water and cook gently until the skins burst. Wash the orange, cut in quarters without seeding and cut through the food chopper. Add orange and raisins to the cranberries, stir in the sugar, bring to the boiling point and simmer 20 minutes. Add the nut meats and ginger. Place in sterile jars and seal.

**English Rolled Wafers**

- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon ginger

Heat molasses, add butter. Then, stirring, add flour, sugar and ginger. Drop by small portions from the tip of a spoon on a greased inverted dripping pan, 2 inches apart. Bake 15 minutes in an oven 300 degrees. Cool slightly, remove from pan and roll over a handle of a wooden spoon while warm.

### Blind Balance



Despite loss of his vision six years ago, Ed Motter, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., performs amazing athletic feats. The sightless athlete is a letterman of the UCLA gym team and participates in intercollegiate events. His brother Justin, 24, who taught Ed his athletic achievements, supports him in a difficult hand-balance.

### Don't Waste Coal Official Explains

Home owners can effect substantial savings in fuel costs by following a few simple rules in the operation of coal burning furnaces, says Harold Elliott, Assistant Administrator of the Office of Public Administration and Home Affairs, Consumer Division, said today.

He should also be noted for his ability because they haven't kept up with the latest techniques," says Mr. Elliott. Elliott, Assistant Administrator in extreme cases, is the son of over three thousand.

For instance, many misguided owners cover their burning coals completely when adding new fuel. "This is a waste," Elliott said, "and this way:

1. Set dampers so that coal, burning brightly.
2. Leave a "bright spot" of burning coals exposed on the surface to ignite coals drawn off by the new fuel.
3. Leave the exposed "bright spot" on the left, right, front or back of the firebox on successive days to keep the top of the firebox reasonably level.
4. If the firebox isn't big enough, burn sufficient coal in this manner to ignite coals drawn off by the new fuel.
5. Leave the exposed "bright spot" on the left, right, front or back of the firebox on successive days to keep the top of the firebox reasonably level.

Another great American fuel saving suggestion is that the firebox in the front of the grate be kept full of coal. This will keep a fire burning all day long by bringing the level of coal right up to the fire door. Householders will save a great deal of money by using the damper's properly.

Elliott also says that during the Navy training period for the past year, an average of almost 500,000 tons of coal were saved by exercise and regular fires.

### TICKLERS

By Arnold

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### Advice Is Given On Peach Tree Care

Examine your peach trees for scale insects in the orchard. Do not use for scale on any tree in the fall. Spraying should be done when temperature is above freezing. We do not recommend lime-sulphur in the fall.

The 8-12-100 Bordeaux for curl leaf this fall, use an oil in the spring for scale if the proportion of your trees. Or wait until spring and apply Bordeaux and oil combined for both curl leaf and scale or use lime-sulphur plus oil that is compatible with lime-sulphur.

Young peach trees should be mulched only enough to turn the water away from them. This should be done just before the ground freezes. Peach trees pruned in fall or winter are more susceptible to canker than those pruned in March or April.

KARL D. BAILEY, County Agricultural Agent

### Extra Precautions For Winter Painting

Extra precautions should be taken during the winter months for all home painting. Federal Housing Administration officials advise that for both interior and exterior jobs painters should make sure that the materials to be applied are dry. Where the painting is on the interior, heat should be maintained to assure continued drying.

All masonry to be painted should be primed before installation. In painting new plaster, the temperature should not be too high or else blisters are apt to develop.

Exterior painting should not be undertaken if the surfaces of the materials are damp, and should not be attempted immediately after rain or snow, or if rainy or freezing weather is threatening. Oil paints may be safely applied at temperatures above 40 degrees. Other types of coatings with rapidly evaporating thinners should be applied at higher temperatures.

Exterior painting should follow the sun, and work should cease early in the afternoon if cold nights are expected. Even at the temperature of 40 degrees F., painting work should not be under taken when the temperature may take a sudden drop below freezing.

School Principal—Now, Roger, what are you doing? Learning something? Roger—No, sir. I'm listening to what you are saying.

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## The Birmingham Eccentric

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Darling, please don't say "body. You knocked down nearly half of them again."