

Most people could go much, much further in the development of average or extraordinary talent... but we too often either let our sights too low or allow too many trivial conditions to keep our time too often on "wishes" instead of "willing."

Merry Christmas



Christmas Party for Oldsters

Each year for the past 14 years, the Briarbank Society has staged a Christmas party for the elderly residents at St. Elizabeth Briarbank Home for the Aged. ABOVE at this year's event last Thursday, singing of Christmas carols occupy Emery Nagy, 79, and Miss Maude Delaney, 80, (in front) and F. N. Takis, Fr. Edward Middleky, OFM, Mother Supt. Sister Mary Teresa, and Joan Allan. BELOW Society President Mrs. John B. Hammond hands out rolls as Takis, who provided the food and the musicians, pours the coffee.



SANTA WAS THERE, too, and handed out little gifts to each of the St. Elizabeth residents. The home is the former 30-acre

W. T. Barbour residence on N. Woodward avenue, Bloomfield Hills.

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

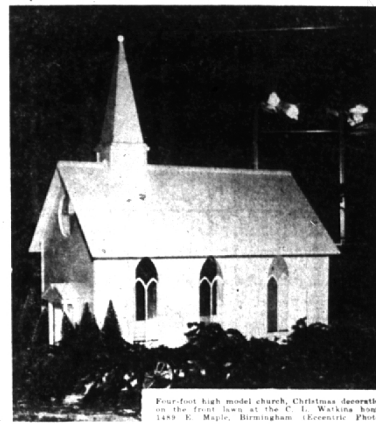
And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."—The Gospel According to St. Luke.



Four-foot high model church, Christmas decoration of the front lawn at the C. E. Watkins home, 1425 S. Maple, Birmingham. (Eccentric Photo)



MRS. WALTER SZYMKE, (standing) and Mrs. Otto Trzos (right) assist Walnut Lake students in selecting books from the Walnut Lake school library.

Walnut Lake Mothers at Work in Library

A group of mothers at the Walnut Lake school have become librarians to keep the school library open mornings on Mondays through Thursday. At this time, two mothers are in attendance and classes are given half-hour periods in the library. Students are allowed one book a week. Interest in reading has been greatly stimulated by the increased library facilities and pupils have on a volunteer basis, turned in notes are Mrs. Floyd Kline, Mrs. J. E. Klasse and Mr. Carl H. Linton. "I am very pleased with the way the mothers have handled the project, and it has been one of the highlights of my new year at Walnut Lake school. I expect Mrs. Robert Myers, who of necessity were restricted to shorter hours, the library staff now led of the children," says Albert Schuman, principal.

Working with her are Mrs. Harold Woodward, Mrs. Maurice Norland, Mrs. Frank Nagelvoort, Mrs. Otto Trzos, Mrs. James L. Copillard, Mrs. Carl H. Clendon and Mrs. E. Sundstrom. After monthly square dances also are book jackets depicting the theme of their favorite books and book reports which reflect their enjoyment of the stories. The demand for books is great.

"A \$200 GIFT from the school PTA from proceeds of the Fair last June means new books are now being delivered and will be on the shelves following the holidays. Funds from the PTA sponsored monthly square dances also are earmarked for the library." Without attendance, the library room is available to students for reading and reference the remainder of the school period.



Sanders Co. Honored

Fred W. Sanders (left) of Bloomfield Hills, on behalf of his company, receives a plaque recognizing its 25 years' support of Detroit Goodfellows' efforts from executive board member W. L. McKenzie (center) and W. O. (Spiker) Briggs, also of Bloomfield Hills, 1955 president of the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund.