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BUSY FINGERS and active imaginations worked in harmony as members of the Foxcroft branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association prepared holiday decorations at their workshop last week.



THE THREE WISE MEN have come to Beverly school for the Christmas season because Mrs. Ralph Detwiler of 18901 Devonshire wanted to take the time to fashion the three papier-mache figures for the school's lobby.



MEMBERS of Wing Lake branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association met in the recreation room of Mrs. Edgar G. Debandt of Indianwood trail for their workshop session last week, transforming Christmas greens into attractive displays.

File Petitions for Election of Third Charter Commission

Sidelights

BEVERLY SCHOOL Principal Malcolm Ferguson is not sure whether "Chip" Foster was showing his youthful naivety or whether he was passing along a subtle wisecrack but he drew a chuckle from his teacher Ann Summers during his first grade class instruction with first aid kits.

DOG LICENSES, now on sale in Southfield have a cute tag this year. Besides the number the tag is in the shape—a dog sitting outside his doghouse.

BATTLING four raccoons, weighing more than 30 pounds apiece and who had made themselves a cozy chimney home, was all in the line of duty Saturday night for several members of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

They answered a call from Mrs. Malous Walker on Carol who was having trouble with a smoking fireplace and discovered two raccoons comfortably settled in the chimney and two perched on the roof.

After three hours of persuasion, the men tried burning papers in the fire place and then used a smoke bomb which finally brought two of them out on the roof where they were shot.

Hardly a day goes with Christmas cheer, says one Bloomfield township sewerman. It is the fact that among all those lovely Christmas cards she found in her mail box wishing her the season's greetings was her tax bill. Then she went to the Birmingham library to take out a book on Christmas decorating—and she was requested to pay 10 dollars.

Completes Training

SOUTHFIELD—Frank J. Perruccio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Perruccio, 31607 Auburn, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps recruit depot, San Diego, Calif.

My Neighbors



"Did you hear that? Shoot if you must this old gray head. But spare your country's flag," she said."

A Christmas Prayer

O, thou our Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank thee for the sweet human significance of the festival which we now celebrate. We thank thee for home, childhood and all our dear human fellowships and friendships.

Rev. John D. Rose, Community Congregational Church

Charges Rekindle Feud in Lathrup

LATHRUP—Feuding between Councilwoman Kathryn Feyereisen and Mayor John G. Campbell on the one side—and City Administrator Leonard A. Watchowski and the other three councilmen on the other side—broke into the open again Monday night when Miss Feyereisen read a three-page list of charges against Watchowski that she wanted placed into the public record.

That is a libelous report," Watchowski said. "The charges accused Watchowski of poor management and judgement in governmental affairs. She charged, too, that he illegally employed Stone as assistant administrator without the provision of such an office by ordinance, without proper budget appropriation, or council approval."

Feyereisen also mentioned that previous to the last council meeting when most of these charges were made by Campbell and answered by Watchowski, she had been called early one morning by an anonymous caller who, she remembered, said, "I'd get an attorney."

Health Officer Is Appointed

BINGHAM FARMS—As the result of a claim made by a county health officer that soil conditions were unsuitable for septic tank construction, Dr. Frank Lamberson, village councilman, was appointed Bingham Farms health officer at the council meeting Monday night.

His appointment came at the end of a chain of complications in the Don Wilson property plot now being developed. The subdivision is bordered on the west by Bingham road and on the north by Timber

OF THE 26 LOTS in the Wilson property, Coleman told Clifford McCleach, Wilson's engineer he would "throw out" at least 12 lots for septic tank construction and suggested the subdivision "put in a park" instead.

Spirit of Christmas Reflected in Giving



SHELIA KRIPPENDORF, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Krippendorf, was the lucky brownie scout in a drawing to determine who would light the Lathrup Christmas tree.

LATHRUP—With the lighting of Lathrup's Christmas tree Sunday evening, the season of Christmas was officially proclaimed. But in every home in the city, preparations have been going on for a much longer time.

IN THE ROBERT KNIGHTON home the delicious scent of homemade nut bread fills the air as Louise Knighton prepares 20 to 25 little loaves to wrap and present to friends and neighbors as a token of friendship.

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A Christmas Message

Glory to God in the highest, And peace on earth, among men of good will. —St. Luke II-14

THE angels on Christmas Day sang the heavenly will among men means that men live and act by the hymn with the real meaning of Christmas.

Approval was given to an amendment to the agreement between Cranbrook Village subdivision Rodney Lockwood and the township, in which the township will agree to take over the subdivision's sewage treatment plant.

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