

**DECEMBER PLANETARIUM PROGRAM**

**The Star of Bethlehem**  
—an interpretation

TIME: **Wednesdays—4:00 P.M.**  
**Saturdays, Sundays—2:30 P.M. 3:30 P.M.**  
COST: **Wednesdays—Adults 50c Children 25c**  
**Saturdays, Sundays—75c to all (plus museum admission to non-members: Adults 50c Children 25c)**

**Cranbrook Institute of Science**

Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Hills  
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

**Kids! Don't Write—Telephone Santa!**

Modern kids don't have to write letters to Santa Claus. They can call him on the telephone. At least Birmingham kids can, for the Birmingham recreation department has set up a direct line to Santa's workshop. There he and his Mrs. are waiting for a ring from starry-eyed Birmingham youngsters who are getting visions of sugar plums, plus toy rocket ships, automatic washers, and the like. Last year the North Pole answered over 1100 calls from Birmingham small fry. Santa and the Mrs. will be answering between 5:30 and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 9 to 13, and 10 to 20. His number is Midwest 6-7222. If his line is busy, keep trying. That's the modern way.



**Owner of Oldest Tractor Sees the Newest**

The owner of the oldest Fordson tractor in the nation, Thomas M. Kitchen (right), of Criglersville, Va., inspects the new line of Ford tractors with Merritt D. Hill, general manager of the Ford tractor and imple-

ment division. Kitchen is both a farmer in the nation, and a teacher of vocational agriculture. He visited Birmingham recently as a guest of Ford motor.

**Farmer Still Uses Tractor**

A visitor to Birmingham recently as guest of Ford's tractor and implement division was the owner of the oldest Fordson tractor still in use by a farmer.

Found in a nation-wide search, Thomas M. Kitchen, of Criglersville, Va., owns a 39-year-old tractor, built three months after production of Fordsons first started.

With Kitchen was his wife and Harold Young, Ford tractor dealer in Orange, Va., and his wife. They spent three days in Birmingham, Detroit and Dearborn, visiting the Ford farm machinery research

and engineering center on East Maple road, Ford's tractor plant in Highland Park, other Ford installations, and Greensfield Village. Of especial interest to Kitchen, who also uses recent-model Ford tractors on his 179-acre farm, and teaches equipment maintenance and operating techniques to his high school classes, were the research activities carried on by Ford at its Maple road headquarters.

KITCHEN HAD been the guest of honor at a preview of these new tractors in Richmond, Va., and had driven his newly repainted Fordson into a line-up of the functionally styled new tractors to show the progress in farm equipment.

His tractor was built when one and two-bottom plows and other simple trailed equipment enabled farmers to raise enough food for themselves and about 8 other persons. Today, using plows of three, four and even more plowshares, tractor-mounted and hydraulically-controlled implements, and other power-driven equipment, each farmer can provide food for himself and more than 20 other persons.

**Hold Troy Tax Election Jan. 20**

TROY — Troy voters will go to the polls Jan. 20, 1958, to decide whether they want the city's tax limitation dropped from 15 to 8 or to 5 mills.

City Clerk J. Lawson Lockhart said the special election date was positively decided upon by the council Monday night at its regular meeting. The date previously had been tentative in order to allow for proper arrangement of the language of the proposal.

THE SPECIAL election stems from a petition presented by a citizen's group asking that the limitation be cut down from its present 15 mill top.

The petitioners want it cut to 5 mills. The council has indicated it favors 8 mills. Both propositions will be on the ballot.

Lockhart said voters in the special election also would ballot on a proposal to change the election laws.



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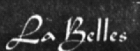
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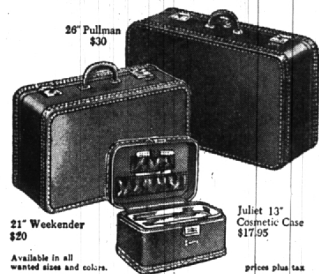
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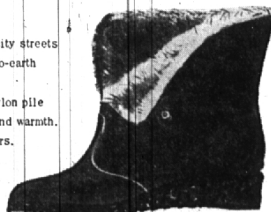
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