



Military Talk

It was May in December this week at the Detroit Arsenal as the Mobility Command held its first committee meeting to plan for Armed Forces Day next May 11. Shown at the planning session are (from left) Brig. Gen. Hallett D. Edson, of 3087 Myddleton, Birmingham, Deputy Commanding General of the Mobility Command; Brig. Gen. Joseph

W. Boardman, Utica, Assistant Division Commander of Michigan's 46th Infantry Division, and Fred Hunt, Grosse Pointe Park, Civilian Executive of the Detroit Arsenal. All Army elements in the metropolitan area have been invited to participate in Armed Forces Day at the Arsenal.

Dear Santa
We've been good boys. We've been good boys to mommy & Daddy. We learn our lessons real good Santa and we know 1 & 1 is 2. We are good to our teachers and play good with our playmates. Santa Claus, please come our house and bring us toys.
We would like a Mighty Mo, a tent with 4 beds and hope its big

enough for all our family, play phone and drum, play piano, a Playmobile, a gun and holster set with a badge, some pajamas and new pants, racing car truck, skates, building blocks, Big fire engine, box of paints in the metal box, record player and records. Please bring Daddy a new car and mommy new lamp shades.
We thank you Santa if you can

bring us some of these things
Love
MARK R. LARSEN
DAVID J. LARSEN
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy and for Christmas I would like: Jimmy Jet, Trumpet (Horn) "One gun" holster, with bullets, tinker toy trucks, ice skates, bow and arrows.
From Mike Ducey

Invitations Sent for Romney Inaugural Dance in Lansing

Fifty thousand invitations have been mailed, including many to Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents, for the Jan. 1 Inaugural Ball honoring Governor-elect George Romney and Mrs. Romney.
Cars, buses and trains from around Michigan will converge on the state capitol to attend the official swearing in of the state's 44th chief executive. Many will arrive a day earlier to beat the rush.
An inauguration day committee, under the direction of former Gov. Wilber M. Brucker, promises many gala festivities for the thousands who are expected to attend, beginning with a parade up Michigan Ave. to the Capitol and concluding with the inaugural ball in the Lansing Civic Center.
Highlight of the day will come at noon when Romney takes oath of office as Governor. It will be administered by Chief Justice Leland W. Carr on the Capitol steps.
MEMBERS OF the Michigan Air National Guard will conduct a jet fly-over during the ceremony. The new governor will receive the traditional 19-gun salute after the oath is taken. Then there will be the playing of "Hail to the Chief."
"This will be an occasion no one will forget," said Brucker, who served as secretary of the Army during the Eisenhower administration. He served as governor of Michigan during 1981-82.
The Michigan National Guard band and several high school bands will lead a parade starting at 11 a.m. from the E. Michigan Ave. train depot. Special trains will arrive from several cities bringing several hundred persons wishing to view the first day of the new Romney administration.
Governor Romney will hold a reception in his new capitol office from 3 p.m. to 5:30. Administrative board offices will also be opened.

Promotes Seat Belts For Christmas Gifts

Promoting the use of seat belts lives in the United States would have been one of the primary safety programs conducted by the Michigan Department of Health, and with the holiday season, the department suggests seat belts as practical, inexpensive, and valuable Christmas gifts.
"Be a Seat Belt Santa," is the theme of the campaign, although other themes were suggested, including "Give Your Wife a Belt for Christmas."
ALTHOUGH NO particular brand of seat belt is being advocated, Warren J. Coon, accident prevention consultant with the health department cautioned buyers to make sure the belt they purchase would meet minimum standards, and suggests checking the container to see if the belt manufacturer guarantees that a such standards are met or exceeded.
"We don't like to scare people into buying belts for their cars by citing morbid statistics on auto injuries and deaths," Coon said. "Christmas is a joyous time of year and shouldn't be a time to recite grim statistics, but the facts remain."
HE SAID THAT more than 5,000

PRECEDING THIS will be an official state luncheon at 1:30 at the Lansing Civic Center for members of Congress, Legislature, State Supreme Court and other state elected officials.
"Past governors of Michigan are expected to attend the historical ceremonies.
Invitations went out to the thousands of workers who helped elect the former president of American Motors Corp. governor. They will dance to the music of two bands to play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Romney and his wife Lenore and members of their family will lead the grand march at 10 p.m. The Romneys live in Bloomfield Hills.
Providing more entertainment injury totals could be cut appreciably if everyone wore seat belts when traveling in a car—especially on short trips, because most fatal and injury-producing accidents occur at speeds under 40 miles an hour and within 25 miles of the victim's home.
"Get seat belts installed in your family car, and then make a habit of strapping them on everytime you get in," he said. "Don't be included in next year's auto accident statistics."

during the day will be the Besser Choir of Alpena and the A Cappella, a Detroit Negro choral group. Both groups sang for Romney at several campaign appearances.
MEMBERS OF the 30 nationally groups which played an instrumental part in the election of Romney will add color to the occasion with dances from their native countries. They will be dressed in native costumes.
Getting ready to sell your car? Advertise it in the Classified Ads.
At Fort Benning
Army 2d Lt. John E. Hildebrandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Hildebrandt, 2800 Colonial Trail, Bloomfield Hills, recently completed the four-week airborne course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

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