

Moral: All's Not Gold That Glitters in Gowns

Red and green may mean Christmas to most people but to one local girl, the Yule season is tinged with lavender.

Especially after last year.

Although she did not realize it at the time, her troubles really began in the summer when her husband returned from a trip to Hong Kong and presented her with a sweater.

IT WAS TRIMMED with a lavender silk fabric, so lovely that our gal promptly decided she had to have a dress to match. It would be perfect for the big event of the year, an annual Christmas party that meant a great deal to her and her husband.

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Problem Romney Names 4 To Team; Selects State Controller

I CALLED the city clerk's office and the call was answered by a very reasonable young lady. She explained that I would have to comply under the peddlers' ordinance and explained in some detail that I would have to have fingerprints taken and a small picture attached to the application. She advised that I could talk to the legal counsel if I wished.

I did call the legal counsel and he advised me the City was currently in the process of revising its many ordinances in connection with peddling and I was somewhat confused as to what category to which I would belong.

However, when he learned that I normally approached houses via the chimney he advised I would most certainly have to have a permit from the fire marshal even though he was not peddling. I would be classified as a charitable solicitor or as a vendor or hawk under the peddlers' ordinance.

I CALLED the Police Department and stated that I would like to make the rounds on the night of Dec. 24 and they advised me this was a dry town and perhaps I had better go elsewhere.

When I explained the purpose of my visit and that I employed a car, they felt I should be classified as a parade and further did not see how any permit could be granted at this time of year as they were too busy with traffic problems as it was, and if I intended handling merchandise I would certainly have to contact the planning section.

They also told me that if by any chance I would be hauling children, I would have to abide by the new school bus ordinance which would require my sleigh to be painted yellow and be equipped with flashing lights.

I CALLED the Planning Department. The city planner was a nice young man who states that normal procedure would be to hold a hearing and call in all the neighbors.

I explained this would involve the whole city and I felt this problem was right down the planning board's line, and I should have an attorney to fill in all the blanks.

He also wanted to know if I had talked with the city assessor and whether I would be assured adequate parking facilities.

Later this week I renewed my efforts to go through channels, again getting the switchboard and was referred to a Midwest number and advised to call only between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. I called this number and some character on the other end of the line was impertinent and, in fact, told me I had already had too much "Christmas."

I CALLED the Recreation Department and only after 15 minutes discussion was I able to get my name off the kids' Saturday swimming list. The girl answering the phone said the kids are too busy this time of the year with swimming, basketball, hockey and skating to work out anything in connection with my program.

However, she stated possibly this could be worked in with the annual spring carp carnival, and he didn't care what my business was; he only wanted to know what inventories I carried.

IN DESPERATION I finally went to the top and got hold of the city manager. I explained I was an old man with a long white beard and in a very carefully worded statement he explained his return had been prepared by a tax expert.

When I explained my operation had nothing to do with income taxes and I was actually giving things away, he said he didn't think my operation would prove a financial success, anyway.

ALL OF the various departments that I contacted were extremely polite, although when I mentioned that this was an occasion of good cheer and fellowship they immediately got the idea I was talking about some convention to which they were invited.

All of them carefully explained that if I wasn't satisfied I could take this up with the city commission at some time or other.

I have outlined my problem very briefly and I realize it is probably too late for you to do anything this year in time to allow me to legally operate in your town on Dec. 24, 1968, but operate I will, and a Merry Christmas to you and S. CLAUS

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Area Man Held In Traffic Death

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — unable to post bond and was held in the Wayne County Jail, Exemption on the two charges is set for Jan. 8.

Police said the accident occurred on Walnut Lake Road, west of Dearborn Township Justice of the Peace Clarence Constant on charges of manslaughter in the death of a 14-year-old boy, driving a White Diesel truck, ran the red light, according to police. Sinclair was charged as a result of the death of August Sawinski, 63, at Van Born and Telegraph.

Sinclair was also arraigned on charges of possessing an unregistered gun for which bond was set at \$1,000. Bond on the manslaughter charge was set at \$7,500.

THE WALNUT LAKE man was westbound Van Born at the time of the collision.

Dr. Clara Raven, assistant Wayne County medical examiner who performed the autopsy, told police the victim suffered crushing injuries to the chest, spleen, heart and liver.

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