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Birmingham. The Padous have been putting up the exhibit in their home for 40 years—eight of them in Birmingham. The display is open from 4 to 9 p.m. nearly every day during the month preceding Christmas and covers most of the Padous' living room and dining room. Benny and Bradford are grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Padou.

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Behind the Welcome Mat
by CORRIE ABAT

Grandfathers are very special for a lot of reasons. One is that grandfathers have time. They do not have to rush in and out and talk a lot on the telephone when they come for a visit.

A grandfather will come in, find a big chair, put his glasses on his forehead and relax. Grandfathers have nice laps and knees that are comfortable to sit on. They sort of expect you to climb up and swap stories. They like to hear what you have been doing—like the day you visited the fire station, the grasshoppers you caught in the backyard, the big snake you saw at the zoo, the kind of games you and your friends play.

MOST OF these stories will remind a grandfather of something he did when he was a boy. Grandfathers are very good story tellers and some of them even remember when there were no cars or airplanes and these stories are especially interesting.

Grandfathers always seem to have time to do things that no one else has been able to do. They can find a few minutes to fix a wobbly bike wheel, put a nail in a shaky rocking horse or glue a toy together. They never seem to rush for a game of checkers or dominos.

GRANDFATHERS are just fine to go walking with. They have big warm hands to hold and when you are walking with grandfather and holding his hand you know that nothing can go wrong with the world.

There is plenty of time to watch the pigeons in the square, examine the things in a toy store window, look at the bark on a tree or watch a squirrel skitter across a telephone wire.

Dirt doesn't seem to bother a grandfather like it does other grown-ups. If you come in muddy and dirty and your mother starts to complain about how dirty you are, grandfather will tell about the time he fell in the millpond in his Sunday suit and he will say that he grew up in spite of a little dirt. It will remind mother that getting dirty is part of growing up.

JUST LIKE grandmothers, grandfathers are funny sometimes, too. Grandfather will often tell you that it is important to go to bed early and get a good rest so you can grow up to be big and strong, but grandfathers don't go to bed very early themselves.

It must be that they get a lot of rest during the day, for a grandfather can put his head against the back of a chair, close his eyes and catch a little nap. But if you ask him if he had a nice nap, he will say, "Nap? I wasn't napping, son. I was only resting my eyes."

Most of all grandfathers are special because they belong to you.

They are seldom in a hurry when

Students Design Christmas Card For Local School

Christmas greetings from Bloomfield Country Day School will convey a warm and personal message to parents and friends of the school this year, because both the design and poetic thought of the Christmas card represent the creative efforts of students at the school.

Glen Michaels, art instructor for the Young People's Classes sponsored by the Junior League and conducted at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, visited Bloomfield Country Day School to act as judge in selecting the best design for the Christmas card from those submitted by students in Dorothy Suddall's art classes at the school.

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AFTER CAREFUL deliberation, Angela Kountoupes, a Junior, was chosen by Miss Marjorie Sallie, headmistress, as the greeting will Boyd, a senior at the school; but say "Merry Christmas" to parents and friends of the school. The girls feel that their Christmas card this year will give a little of themselves to those who have done so much for them.

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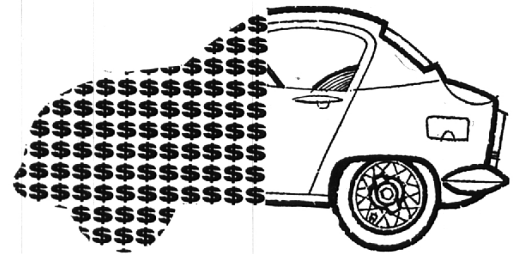
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