

Local Workshop Finds Way to Christmas Cheer

By ELIZABETH YATES
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Three years ago Judy Grant of Westview Drive and a group of college friends decided they wanted a worthwhile project for the Christmas holiday season. They made a survey through friends and clergy as to where their help could best be used.

After a study, the group decided on hosting a Christmas party each year for the 150 underprivileged children, ranging from first through eighth grades, in the St. Vincent and St. Boniface Homes in Detroit.

To date, the group of 14 business and college girls have had several workshops at the Grant home. They have been outfitting dolls, putting bright new touches on used toys and games and filling a Christmas stocking full of treasures for each child.

The next few workshops will include making popcorn balls and cookies, painting wall murals and trimming a Christmas tree for the party that will be held on the afternoon of Dec. 19 at the St. Boniface Home in Detroit. It will be a gay afternoon of refreshments, games and the appearance of Santa Claus.

THE BUSY WORKERS have a goal of 300 gifts and find wrapping them will take a "heap" of gift paper and ribbon. Those in the North Adams area interested in donating a useful new or used gift, a tree decoration, paper or ribbon to help in the cause may deposit them anytime at the Charles Grant Jr. home at 769 Westview Drive.

Included in the group of workers are Carol Evans, Nancy Fortune, Marie Karamb, Gail Feleyn, Ann Fountain, Pat Daisy of Birmingham, Mary Ann Kreimer of Huntington Woods, Sandra Janelle of Royal Oak. Others are Pat Lakowicz, Mary Gray, Marilyn Crossman, Diane Stratman of Oak Park and Jackie Carivino of Detroit.

MR. AND MRS. Thomas Harris of Hickory Heights Drive will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Gryson, and twin granddaughters, Mary and Lori.

The family will be arriving to spend the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with the Robert Gibbs of Bloomerest Drive. Journeying from Green Bay, Wis. will be their son and family, the James Gibbs. Spending the day will be son David Gibb and his family from Birmingham.

THE ERIC WILTSHIRE family of Masfield Court will be spending relatives at the Birmingham home of the Don LaSages for Thanksgiving Day dinner. The scene will then change to the Wiltshire home for the dessert course. Included in the gathering will be the Keith Evans family and Mrs. Frank Evans of Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Hillary LaSage of Royal Oak and Florence Palmer of Detroit.

The R. S. Komarnitskys of Haddington Road spent a few days recently visiting their children Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hayes, and seven-month-old grandson, Paul, in Negaunee.

Singer Spends Holiday at Local Home

By KAROL DARLING
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An exciting visitor is due to arrive today at the Walnut Lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Selmer of Inkster Road. Concert singer Jane Hobson will spend Thanksgiving weekend with the Selmers. She is also bringing her son Brian, 12, and a friend of his.

Mrs. Hobson, a mezzo soprano, will sing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Nov. 23 and 24. She has sung with almost all of the major orchestras in the country and is associate director of music at Marshall College near her home in Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Selmer has known Mrs. Hobson since they were young girls in Nebraska and has followed her career ever since.

On Sunday, Mrs. Hobson will fulfill a promise made long ago to Mrs. Selmer that she would sing at the Sunday morning service in Mrs. Selmer's church. She will sing at the 11 o'clock service at the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King.

WALNUT LAKE The birth of Scott Martin Byrnes, first child of Mr. and Mrs. William Byrnes of Putnam Road, marked the beginning of the fifth generation for the family. He was born on Oct. 8 and has a most impressive number of living great, great grandparents, great grandparents and grandparents.

His three great, great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sippel of Florida and Mrs. Blanche O'Hara of Union Lake. Great grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. A. F. O'Hara of Union Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Hillis of Trenton and Mrs. H. N. Comins of Flint.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Byrnes of Dakota Circle and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Comins of Country Club drive. So far Scott has met all of his grandparents except the Sippels and plans are already underway for a big reunion and pictures next summer.

MRS. THOMAS HARRISON was the guest-of-honor at a baby shower last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Elliott Oakwood of East Dartmoor. The shower was given by Mrs. Oakwood and Mrs. Kenneth Cumb. Some 35 guests attended.

Well-known radio personality Bud Guest headlined the program for the Walnut PTA meeting. The meeting was held at the school Monday evening.

WALNUT LAKE BROWNIE Troop 512, under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Swantek and Mrs. Donald Freed, held its fourth meeting Nov. 12 at the home of Karen Moore. This was a celebration of the troop's first birthday. Shawn Sweeney was invested as a new member.

The first meeting of the year was held at the home of Vicky Vachvik of Bloomfield Hills.

A Halloween party planned by Mrs. O. K. Search and Mrs. M. E. Wiley was held at Mrs. Wiley's home.

Walnut Lake Intermediate Troop 59 is a merged group of 10 and 11-year-old girls. The first meeting of the troop was held at the home of the leader Mrs. Gale Humes. Mothers of the girls will be assisting at the various meetings.

KIRKWOOD A visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Toner of Kingsmill Drive is Mrs. Toner's sister, Mary Dunkle of Akron, O. She

plans to stay for a week. For Thanksgiving, the Toners will also have their son, Bill, home from Kent State University.

Mrs. Alexander Rodgers of Quarton returned recently from Philadelphia where she spent a few days visiting her father.

BALMORAL Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Sanders of Priory Lane have invited some 70 friends for cocktails next Sunday afternoon.

KIRKWOOD Leaving the John W. Brinks' home on Woodwind drive, following a month-long visit, was Mrs. Brinks' mother Mrs. Albert C. Waters of Boxford, Mass. During the last week of her visit, Mrs. Brinks also entertained her sister

from Boxford, Mrs. Robert Manning, who formerly lived in Michigan. Mrs. Brinks entertained for them at a coffee last Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Apple-dorn Jr., 1466 Birmingham Blvd., who moved from Holland, Michigan, in August? They have three children: Steven, 11, James, 7, and Martha, 4. He holds a bachelor of science degree from MSU and she has a bachelor's degree from Hope College. Both enjoy working on their home. He likes golf and Mrs. Apple-dorn enjoys needlework.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas T. Haesler of 1885 Washington, Birmingham, who moved here in Sept. from Bay City? He is a teacher of the fifth grade at Westchester School. The couple have a son Douglas, 22 months. Haesler is associated with the Birmingham, Michigan and national divisions of the National Education Association and holds his master's degree from Central Michigan University. Mrs. Haesler attended Port Huron Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Elliott of 4611 Hedgewood Drive who moved here from Park Ridge, Ill., in late September? He is advertising and sales promotion manager for Ford tractor and implement division. They have a daughter, Gale, 15.

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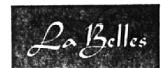
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