



## And Here He Is!

Santa Claus, sometimes also known as William Savage, started his rounds early this year. One of his first stops, coming at the request of Demery's, Inc., which operates a store in Birmingham, was at the Detroit Orthopaedic Clinic. Each year, Demery's sponsors a Christmas party for three groups of youngsters. Stores throughout the area also make it possible for Santa to visit children each Christmas season, in one way or another.

## Ohio Man Killed In Traffic Mishap

A 40-year-old Mansfield, O., man was fatally injured last Thursday in Bloomfield Hills when his panel truck skidded into the path of an oncoming cement truck.

Clifford Shaw died at 12:05 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac, one hour after the accident on Long Lake Road near Eastways.

WITNESSES TOLD police that Shaw apparently lost control in the loose snow that covered the road. The mishap occurred as Shaw was going around a curve, they said.

Eugene Harris, 31, of Livonia, driver of the cement truck, was not injured.

## ONLY 2-CENT HIKE

# Water Rate Increase Revamped in Lathrup

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Township Editor

LATHRUP—Residents received good news from the city council Monday night with the announce-

ment that water bills will go up only two cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Two weeks ago the council received a study from the Budget, Audit and Business Procedures Committee recommending that water rates be increased by 10 cents or from \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 1,000 cubic feet.

AFTER CAREFUL scrutiny, it was found that an eight-cent saving could be passed on to the consumer by elimination of any sewage service charge for those who use more than 10,000 cubic feet of water per quarter.

"This eight-cent reduction in the sewage service charge will almost offset the increase in the water rate," said Mayor Richard N. Cogger.

The sewage rate will be reduced from 90 cents to 82 cents.

The council also decided it would be more feasible to re-draft the water ordinance rather than try to

amend the original ordinance and five subsequent amendments.

CITY ATTORNEY Everett Hayes is expected to have copies ready by the next meeting.

City Administrator Jerald D. Stone reported that the Southeastern Oakland County Water Board had tentatively agreed to his request to have additional purchase of water capacity delayed.

Stone said that Lathrup's payments can be extended over an additional two years (1968-70) and will result in a \$1,500-per-year saving for the city. The agreement was made in lieu of working out any legal requirements.

The council also:

- Passed a resolution to advise State Sen. Farrell E. Roberts that the city does not agree with current legislation dealing with budget public hearings.

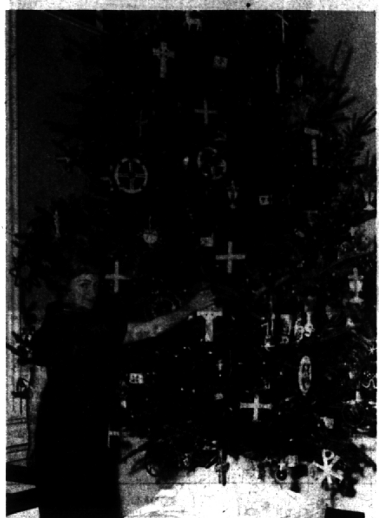
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THE PENDING legislation recommends that 15 days elapse after a public hearing before the budget is passed. Lathrup's charter allows passage on the night of the hearing.

- Instructed Stone to contact the City of Crystal Falls (about 800 miles away, in the Upper Peninsula) to see how they felt about exchanging mayors during Michigan Week.

- Adopted an ordinance regulating connection to the city's storm sewer system and another to protect road surfaces from residents who like to burn their leaves thereupon. Both will take effect Jan. 15.

- Set Jan. 13 as the date for a study meeting on revision of the charter to make it conform with the new state constitution and to review the personnel manual.



## First Chrismon Tree

Mrs. Robert Blair of Franklin puts the final touches on the 15-foot Chrismon Christmas Tree, said to be the first in Michigan, in the sanctuary of the Franklin Community Church. Over 150 handmade gold and white ornaments, each a copy of a symbol or monogram used by the earliest Christians to identify themselves, decorate the tree. (See story on page 1-A).

## Plane Thief Gives Court The Air

A bench warrant has been issued by Oakland County Circuit Judge Arthur E. Moore for LaVerne A. Anderson of Belleville.

Anderson, 22, was scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday by Judge Moore for stealing an airplane but failed to appear in court.

The amateur flier buzzed Birmingham and the area for nearly

three hours last Feb. 14 in search of his wife.

He told police at the time of his arrest he planned to capture his wife, Geraldine, 23, from the office where she works and take her for a ride in hopes they could get back together.

At first, Anderson told police he had planned to kill his wife and then take his own life but later changed his story. The Andersons had been married three months at the time of the mishap.

He had been free on \$25,000 bond since his arrest.

## Nick

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down his decision, Judge Beer said Nick's solicitation of an 18-year-old girl to enter a life of prostitution was the most damaging piece of evidence.

The prosecution called four witnesses during the trial. Two of them were 18-year-old girls, whom the prosecution said, Nick had encouraged to become prostitutes.

One of the girls, Mrs. Sharon Driver of Pontiac, had been hired by the Birmingham Police Dept. to pose as a young woman thinking about becoming a prostitute.

Birmingham Detective Richard Chambers said the case first came to the attention of Birmingham police on July 10 when the other girl, Mrs. Sandra Huff, applied for a job as a waitress at Nick's restaurant at 1393 S. Woodward.

CHAMBERS SAID Mrs. Driver told him Nick drove her to his home in Berkley and tried to persuade her to become a prostitute.

She told police that when she refused he drove her back to the bus stop in Birmingham. She immediately reported the incident to the police and an intensive five-day investigation was begun.

At this point in the investigation the Michigan State Police and the Berkley police were called into the case.

Police then asked the aid of Mrs. Driver and a meeting was set up between Nick and the two girls at his Berkley home.

WHEN THE girls arrived at the home on the evening of July 16, Mrs. Driver was carrying a portable transmitter in her purse. Police, along with Templin, had stationed themselves in a nearby garage and were recording the conversation between the two girls and Nick.

After the girls had been in the home for a short time, police moved in and made the arrest.

Nick was convicted on a statutory rape charge in 1959. At that time he received a \$500 fine and was placed on two years' probation.

Judge Beer continued Nick's \$500 bond until the sentencing.

Nick also owns a drive-in restaurant in Royal Oak.

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