

Santa, Helpers Spark Prize-Winning Display

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After dark, parents are giving their children a special treat by driving them past the home of the Walter G. Steckers, 5975 Wing Lake Road, Birmingham, to see a hilarious, front-yard display of Santa Claus and his helpers.

An original creation of Mrs. Steckers' sister, Mrs. William Wallace of California, this display won

the City of Riverside's Sweepstakes prize for the best out-door Christmas decoration in 1957 and 1959.

From a window of the Steckers home, Santa tries in vain to get his helpers into the house. But, the elves are happily engaged in romping over the gaily-trimmed presents, scattered about the yard.

FRAMED IN the picture window behind them a ballerina shares their joy as she skates around and

around.

According to Mrs. Stecker, the gift of her sister's prize-winning display has its drawbacks in Michigan. In contrast to Riverside's mild climate, the Steckers family has had to deal with snow, strong winds and freezing temperatures in order to set up the four to eight-foot elves each afternoon and then remove them late each night.

Although the Steckers' four children realize that the legend of Santa is a myth, they feel that their Christmas effort is worthwhile as long as they can pass

along to younger children the wondrous, magic world of Santa Claus which was theirs just a few, short years ago.

ON SATURDAY James E. Fuller will claim Suzanne Smith as his bride. The ceremony will take place in Owosso.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Fuller of Worthington, Wing Lake, and Suzanne is the daughter of Mrs. Baxter Smith of Owosso and Hubert Smith of California.

Suzanne is a second grade teacher at James B. Conant School. Last Friday afternoon she was surprised by her students with a kitchen shower at school. Other showers include one given by Mrs. George Atkinson at Edgewood Country Club on Oct. 28.

MRS. JAMES Walter and Mrs. Douglas Wolter entertained for Suzanne at a luncheon shower given at the Boat Club on Nov. 9.

On Dec. 7, Mrs. Lyman Woodward and Mrs. William Coen hosted a tea at the Woodward home in Owosso.

It was brunch at the home of Mrs. David Allen on Dec. 15. Mrs. Allen was assisted by her co-hostess, Mrs. J. O. Gibbs. Mrs. Frank Season gave a luncheon at the D.A.C. on Dec. 14, honoring both Mrs. Smith and Suzanne.

Christmas eve found Suzanne at a personal shower given in her honor by Virginia Woodward, Susan Bushala and Mrs. Roger Lockett. It was at the home of Miss Woodward.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This saying will be said over and over among friends as they gather for a party at the home of the John Willingham on Malibu Drive on the eve of 1964.

The home of Fran and Vince Hayes on Thornbrie Way will be bustling on the evening of Dec. 29. They have invited about 70 to join them for cocktails on that date.

And since all those getting together on the 29th won't see each other again until 1964 I am sure there will be many a "Happy New Year" said that night also.

Mrs. George Hadden of Crabtree Road was hostess last week for the annual get-together of the Ladies Bowling League of Foxcroft. The ladies gathered for luncheon.

MR. AND MRS. Richard R. Dunn have returned to their Bloomfield Hills home following a "flying" trip to Virginia. Accompanying their parents were Diana and Gerri.

The family left on Dec. 20 and returned Dec. 22. In those three short days they packed three weeks of party going.

Upon arriving Friday evening they were honored guests at a dinner party given by their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hamill Jones of Falls Church, Va.

Saturday luncheon found them at their former country club with friends and that evening they were guests of Col. and Mrs. William Blunke at dinner.

On Sunday they attended a brunch before leaving for their flight.

Mental Health Group Re-Elects Sullivan

Joseph M. Sullivan, 16941 Beechwood, Birmingham, has been re-elected to the post of treasurer for the Michigan Society for Mental Health. All officers of the society charged with the citizen mental health movement were re-elected at their annual meeting.

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