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Intro Note 6th Issue

Greetings All,

I have received requests since the last issue to add more e-mails to my list and I have been unable to locate the collection of names. We have returned to Michigan and I can't find them. If you made a request to have someone's e-mail address added to the list, please check to be certain the names you sent have received the current mailing. If you have not received all the issues to date or your request has not been honored this month, please remind me of who is missing.

The group photo attached this month is of a portion of the class of 1950. As you can also see, contributions from the readers have reduced to a trickle and I have four more issues after this one to share with you. I am hoping that you will be moved to provide some notes about yourself that others will enjoy reading. These personal little snippets of your life have caught the attention of many and along with the memories inspired by the "LENS", have caused some wonderful reminders of delightful old experiences. Should any of you wish to contact anyone on the mailing list, give me a name and I will send you their e-mail address.

DUANE

LENS COMMENTS 5 TH ISSUE

Glen says to say hi and thanks for all of this work. He enjoys reading it. Take care, Beverly Stamper

Just wanted to express my appreciation for all the work that you've done to provide us with a view from the past!! In the latest issue I saw Norwood Cromie's name - - he was our mailman years ago. And then I see Miss Pritzel's name! She taught me how to type - - which worked out well for me in court reporting for 24 years!!! I remember Johnny the Milkman and going to his house before school in the mornings to catch a ride with Diane and others. I always looked up to Diane. The years have certainly flown by!

Thanks again, Duane!

Anita Largent Johnson Trinity, Florida

Duane, You have no idea how much pleasure I get from reading THE LENS MAGAZINE. The fun of reading articles that address the years prior to our moving to Rochester is wonderful. You have done a real service to the true ROCHESTERITES. Thank you Ron Kevern

I don't know if you remember me but I lived at 314 2nd street next door to your parent's house. I was a friend of Dennis. I remember when your dad delivered milk, and if my memory is straight there was a horse and wagon before he got a milk truck. Thanks for the article, it was neat to see some familiar names.

Mike Russell

HELLO MIKE,

I DO REMEMBER YOUR MOM AND DAD AND I REMEMBER THERE WERE 2 SMALL CHILDREN AS WELL. YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS THE DISPATCHER AT THE POLICE STATION AND YOUR DAD WAS A ROCHESTER POLICE OFFICER. THE RUSSELL FAMILY HAS SOME FAR REACHING ROOTS IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER AS I RECALL. WHERE ARE YOU NOW ??? YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A SUMMARY OF WHAT TWISTS AND TURNS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE EXPERIENCED SINCE THOSE DAYS SO FAR BACK. I AM CERTAIN YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL SPARK OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU. DUANE

Just got your copy of the Lens - as a member of Rochester's Historical Commission we would be glad to take the copies. We have an office at City Hall and have begun to organize and properly store items about Rochester. When we have it all in order - people will be able to contact us and view the items that we have on file. Let me know if you are interested.

I am leaving Sebring on Sunday and will be back in Rochester on Wed. Really enjoy the articles that you are sending out. My best to you and Deloris. Hope to see you back in town.

Kay Johnson 248-318-9765

Dear Duane,

I cannot tell you how much enjoyment I have gotten from seeing the "Lens" Magazine again. I think I still have most of the copies. It has been so nice of you to take the time to bring us "back in time" to those of us that have such fond memories of growing up in Rochester. I have enjoyed seeing pictures of my parents and so very many of their wonderful friends, which brings a smile to my face. Rochester has changed, as well it should, but when I return from Arizona I still look at store fronts as Suttons, Eggeston's, Purdy's and Crissmans. What a great life!

Thank you again for all that you have done. It is sincerely appreciated.

Stay well, Joanne Smith Hauncher

Hello Duane,

I'm on the Rochester Historical Commission with Eric Bothwell who has shared Lens Magazine issues one and four with me. I haven't seen two and three. I would appreciate if you could send me 2 and 3 and putting me on the list for the remaining issues.

My father, Al Michalka, had the Main Feed and Seed store where I spend most of my time growing up in Rochester. Working there and at Lake Jewelers next door it seemed that I knew just about everybody in Rochester. I knew many of the people in "Lens".

I remember your father well and what a familiar sight he and his truck was on the streets in town. He delivered milk and orange juice to Tom, an elderly black man who lived in a one room building at the Gebert coal yard near the Grand Trunk depot. Tom would look after the coal yard and start the fire in the coal stove at the depot on Sundays so the depot would be warm on Monday mornings. One afternoon in the summer of 1958, your father made his delivery and closed the door behind him. The latch on the door was a nail and a wire which dropped down and locked Tom out of his home. The Grand Trunk station agent, Rod Chapman, and Mr. Diselrod who ran the coal yard were unable to open the door, however there was a small window that only I would fit through as I was ten years old, they lifted me through the window and dropped me on to the bed. I was startled when the first thing that I saw was a shotgun leaning against the wall. After that Tom made sure the wire was down and that never happened again.

Thank you,
Robert Michalka

Dear Duane,

Just talked to Wenonah. She was so happy I gave her your name. She enjoyed reading all the news as much as I have. We were in the class of '46.

I lived on Main St. North Hill. Moved there May 1940. My dad was the first to come from Detroit to start up the Twist Drill. There were only 15 that came to get it started. Rochester wasn't too happy about having a factory in town and at first the few kids that came at that time were treated as Detroit's factory low life. I had a very hard time my first year there. Wenonah Colson and Barbara Bailey (1945) were two who were the first to be even nice to us. There were only about five kids that came, George Hesketh (1945) and Charles Harvey (1949) and Wes McGurie (1944).

I used to work at the Avon Theater for Charles and Carl Sterns as a cashier 'til they closed. They only showed Friday through Sunday Western movies and then I went to The Hills and worked for him 8 years as usher and cashier.

I lived on Maceday Lake, Clarkston 61 years and loved it. Husband died 6 months ago, so don't know what to do now. For one thing, I should learn to type, so one can read what I write. Went by Peggy Schupp.

Daughter-in-law got me the papers but can't find her email.
Margaret (Peggy Shupp) Mihalcheon

You don't know me as my family moved to Christian Hills in 1959 from Mt. Clemens. I loved reading about the history of Rochester - I have been in Fort Lauderdale since 1967 when my parents moved down here. I have to tell you a story though. My husband (he passed on 2 months ago) and I were into vintage motorcycles - Nortons, Triumphs, etc. One of our neighbors also had a Norton. He had a friend visiting and brought him down to see Scotty's 1969 Norton - we started talking and he said he was from Rochester Michigan - I said no way - lol. It was Ted Swoboda (I'm pretty sure his first name was Ted). I didn't know him as he was 3 years older than me but he had dated my best friend's sister in high school. Small world. Jim Littell sent me the newspapers and I love them. My dad started the Heart of the Hills Swim Club (John Sedan) with a few other men in the subdivision and mom was in Garden Club. Rochester was a wonderful place to grow up and I thank you for the history - I recognize so many of the names -

Karen Sedan Mitchell, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 www.lp.org

Dear Duane:

I especially enjoyed the inclusion of the copy of the May 1945 Councillor because it had names of many people I knew as a boy. The sports editor of the paper was brother Gordon Class Of 1945 who passed away in 1991 of prostate cancer. According to the book by Herb Peters entitled "Home of the Falcons" RHS 1882 to 1982 the first student newspaper The Blue and White was started in 1926 with Amos Rudduck the editor. During the early 1940's the paper was renamed The Councilor and became the Talon in 1950. Peters book gives credit for the renaming of the newspaper to Ila Mae Patton for winning a student naming contest. Others say that Jean Stewart was responsible for the renaming of the newspaper. The Falcon by the way is the name of RHS Student Yearbook.

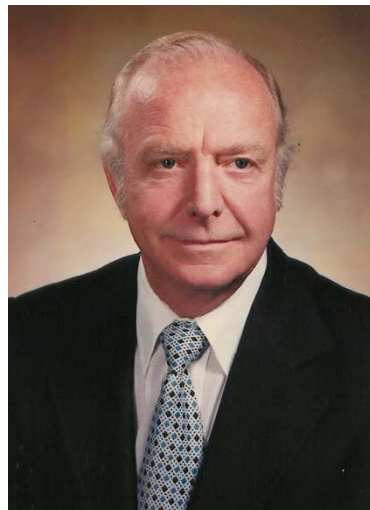
The Lens had an article and pictures of the RHS-Lapeer football game which along with Romeo were our big rivals during my years (1947-1951)at RHS. Lapeer beat us in 1948, but RHS beat Lapeer in 1949 and 1950.

I have every reason to remember the 1950 game because John Spilak and I were co-captains of the team and were expected to provide leadership to our teammates. Well I missed the bus going to Lapeer and had to drive up there in my old 1936 Chevorlet. Needless to say Coach Konley was not too happy with me, but I apologized to the whole team and he let me start. I made amends by recovering a fumble, and we won the game 6-0. After the game I asked Coach Konley if Mike Monicotti could ride home with me, he said yes and we followed the bus back to Rochester.

The football experiences under Coach Konley lead me to pursue a teaching and coaching career that I enjoyed very much. I ultimately became the Principal of Big Rapids High School and my wife Ruth and I retired from there in 1987, and moved to Florida in 1988. I met my wife who is from Midland while I was teaching a social dancing class during my junior year of college. We have been married 56 years and currently live in a retirement community in Leesburg, Florida. We have two daughters that live in Ohio. My e mail address is cranisle@aol.com, and my cell phone number is 352-638-2862.

Keep up the good work.

Bob Williams



Hi Duane – I certainly am enjoying the Lens. Sure glad I finally connected again with RHS friends. You asked about more bio on people so here I go since at age 80, you begin to remember all the things you didn't think were that important in the past. Yep, it is important. So let's see what I can recall and tell you about my life. I told you I was in the AF for 2 years but one thing I don't think I'll ever forget was when I joined the AF, we were some of the first girls in the new WAF (Women's Air Force). I remember being terribly homesick and wrote my mom about that so she called Mr McGowan (who had been recalled into the Army for the Korean War. He was also stationed in San Antonio, Texas and he came to see me. Only one problem. He was a 1st Lt and I was in basic training. When they called the barracks and said I had a visitor, I was very excited and more so when I saw it was Mr. McGowan. He suggested we go to town and have a cup of coffee. Me, being a stupid recruit and he, being an officer newly recalled, neither of us thought anything of that so we went into town for coffee. When we came back I was much better – having seen someone from RHS again. He left and I went back to the barracks. Not for long though. I was shortly called into the Orderly Room by the first sgt. She informed me that I had been AWOL and since this was wartime, I could be court martialed. Well, I'd seen enough WWII movies to know that you were shot if you were AWOL. Talk about scared. So they sent me into see the CO.

Before I went in, the sgt told me to remember NOT to look at the Captain but to always look straight ahead and to stand at full attention. I did all of that and then some....The captain told me that I could have an Article 15 or choose court martial. She carefully explained to me an Article 15 meant 2 weeks of signing in at the Orderly Room every hour on the hour in Class A uniform.....and of course , I knew what a court martial was and she didn't have to tell me. Guess what? I chose the Article 15. So starting at 5AM the next morning, uniform dress was fatigues and I put on Class A and ran to the Orderly Room, signed in, ran back to the barracks, changed into fatigues, ran to the mess hall where everyone was just coming out. We marched about 20 feet and then the Cpl said, "Koski, go sign in at the Orderly Room" so I ran back to the barracks, changed uniforms, signed in, changed back into the other uniform, ran out to catch the rest of the squad and after about 20 minutes, same thing – all day long until 9PM. I think I got to eat once a day during the 2 weeks and did I ever get slim and trim. But I never went AWOL again and when we left Kelly AFB, I was a pfc and put in charge of 3 more girls heading for Griffis AFB in Rome, NY. I really did learn my lesson that time and will always remember Lt. McGowan.

IRENE KOSKI





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Twenty-five percent of those replying indicated they like shopping in Rochester because of convenience or the friendly attitude of merchants and their clerks.

We asked what readers *dislike* about shopping in Rochester. No single thing stood out predominantly in reply to this question, but a number of opinions were expressed, some with definite dislikes. All these have been called to the attention of local merchants, and we can assure you they are receiving serious thought.

Everyone who replied indicated that he shops out of Rochester regularly, occasionally or for special needs.

The parking situation in Rochester does not appear to be a problem, judged by the replies. Only two persons cited no parking space as a reason for disliking shopping here; their comments were balanced by two others who said they like shopping because of plenty of parking space. Two commented favorably on the fact that Rochester does not have parking meters.

Our next survey is going to see how you feel about Friday or Saturday night shopping hours in Rochester. How do you feel about it? Drop us a line with your opinion—sign your name or not. We expect to show the merchants just how Rochester area people feel about this matter. Just write LENS, 319 Main Street, Rochester.

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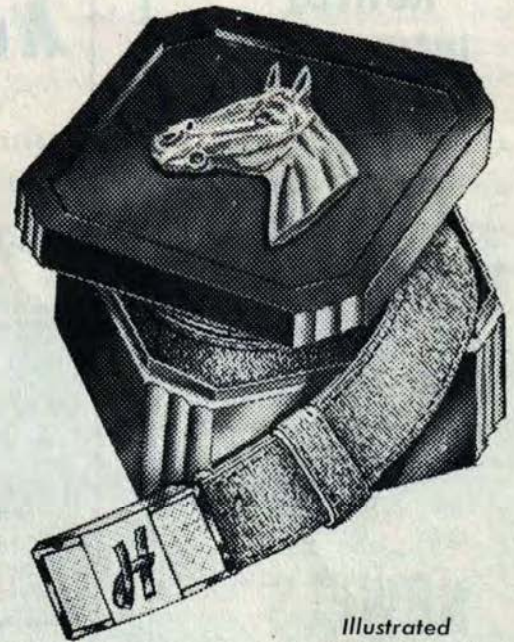
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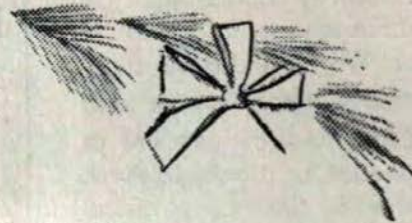
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The Church in Rochester at Christmas Time

The church has always played an important part in Rochester. This Christmas time probably finds Rochester's churches at the peak of their influence. In an uncertain world, the church stands as an unwavering symbol; a worried people throughout the world have turned to the church for reassurance.

Rochester's churches reflect the growth of this area. St. Philip's Episcopal is looking forward to the start of its new building program; at least one other church is on the verge of announcing its new building program. The Baptist Church is erecting an addition to its facilities.

Rochester's churches are vigorous and healthy. The leadership of the clergy is supported by active assistance from members within each church. In Rochester, as elsewhere, the church reaches all classes; its power for good is incalculable.

Rochester's church member population is probably at an all time high with every indication pointing to increasing growth.

All of Rochester's churches will present special programs during the Christmas season. St. Andrew's, of course, will have the annual midnight mass on Christmas eve plus special masses Christmas day. Some of the church's most impressive services are during this season with The Christmas Story—ever old and ever new—playing a predominant theme in all churches. Capacity attendance is anticipated by all churches.

LENS herewith presents the clergy of the Rochester churches together with some of the people active in the affairs of the church.

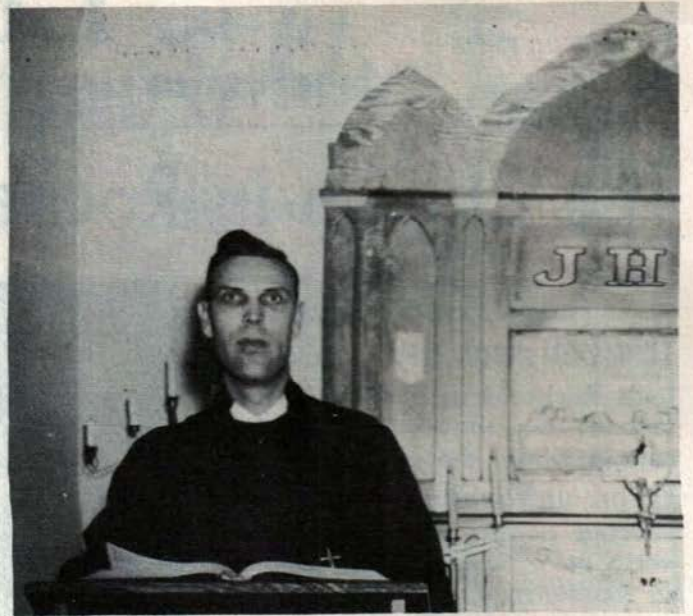


The Official Board of St. Paul's Methodist Church: Seated, left to right, Mrs. Elizabeth Case, Mrs. Milton Hazelwerdt, Leslie Aris, Charles Melick, Johnson R. Newell, John Rutter, Mrs. Bohart Cowan and Mrs. Earl Zimmerman. Standing, left to right, Milton Hazelwerdt, Arthur Sales, Glenn W. Davies, Earl Hulburt, Rev. A. P. Rickard, Henry Purdy, Frank Randall, Bohart Cowan, Stowell Collins and George Keast, chairman. Not pictured are Dr. Lewis W. Curtis, Mrs. Arthur R. Dillman, Earl A. Zimmerman, Dale Martin, Reed Bridgford, Frank O. Goodison and Clarence P. Collins.



The Bishop's Committee of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, left to right: George Sargeant, Herbert Huntley, Frank R. Chapman, Rev. Arthur L. Parcels, Fred Blome, Charles C. Becker, Luther C. Green and Richard F. Eberline.

THE CLERGY



Here are some of the clergymen who guide Rochester's churches.

At top left is Rev. A. P. Rickard of St. Paul's Methodist Church. At top right is Rev. Walter C. Gerken, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church. At left center is Rev. Fr. Harry Paul, newly appointed pastor of St. Andrew's parish; while right center is Rev. R. C. Warland, pastor of Rochester Church of the Nazarene. At left, below, is pictured Rev. Arthur L. Parcels, vicar of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, At the top left of the next page is Rev. Robert J. Burgess of the First Congregational Church, while opposite him is Rev. Donald Olsen, pastor of the First Baptist Church.



These Are Church Workers

The Church Council of St. John's Lutheran Church. In the pew nearest camera, front to rear, are: Chris Chambo, Walter Evanson, Paul Hofmeister, and Fred Albright. In front pew, from front to rear, are: Alester Larson, Richard Schultz, Irwn Bauer and R. W. Schilke. Standing at rear are Clarence Kliner, left, and Adolph Hummel. St. John's is another church which has outgrown its present structure.



The Official Board of the First Baptist Church. Front row, left to right: Gale Shinn, Mrs. Oscar Smith, Mrs. Frank Berry, Miss Florence Edwards, Mrs. Vern Pixley, Floyd Cross and E. H. Wendeborn. Rear row, left to right: Edward Robinson, Julius Conley, Oscar Smith, Howard Hodges, Rev. Donald Olsen, Milton Smith, Eric Schinke and Lew Willis. Absent when this picture was made were Vern Pixley, Clarence Farrand, Eldon Leake and Mrs. Arthur Dewey. Miss Edwards is the church's children's worker.

At right, the Church Committee of St. Andrew's, left to right: Patrick Coyle, Clarence Burr, Walter DeBaene, Rev. Fr. Harry Paul, Albert J. Smith and Charles Stone. Below, the Official Board of the Church of the Nazarene: Front row, left to right, Mrs. Darlene Lucas, Bonnie J. Norman, Mrs. H. F. Evens, Mrs. Minnie Cameron and Goldie DePew. Rear row, left to right, C. Russell Hawley, Charles C. Sawyer, Merton P. Aemisegger, H. F. Evens and Frank Carey. Absent were Kenneth Rowland, Lloyd Cameron, Mrs. DeMain, Mrs. Charles Sawyer and Charles J. Lockwood



Here is a Sunday School group of the Christian Science Society of Rochester. First row, left to right: Dorothy Ann Winters, Ellen Rowlson and Linda Smith. Second row, left to right: Jacquelin Winters, Jane Winters, Bonnie Mitchell, Nancy Noyes, Merry Marcotte, Carmen Rollman, Patty Smith and Sally Marcotte. The teachers, left to right, are Mrs. Harry Dean, Miss McCracken and Mrs. Fred Noyes. The Society meets in the Avon Township hall. For more pictures of Rochester churches see page 21.



Treasure Hunt



One of the merriest parties of the season was the recent treasure hunt event given by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Fenner and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold P. Smith.

The guests combed the town and countryside looking for clues which would send them on to their next destination. They found clues behind billboards, at a point on the Main street bridge, in a rural route mailbox and at assorted other points. The treasure was found at the 18th hole at Indianwood Golf Club by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dillman, pictured at right center, claiming their treasure.

The top picture shows Mr. and Mrs. William McClelland and Mrs. George C. Dillman hot on the trail of a clue, while at the right above are Mrs. Mason Case, Clarence Shepherd, Mason Case and Mrs. Shepherd extracting a clue from a rural mailbox. Below are the hosts, left to right, Arnold Smith, Mrs. William Fenner, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sutton, Bill Fenner and Vern Sutton.





The Thimble Club

Here is Rochester's Thimble Club busy making blankets for charity. At top left, left to right, are: Mrs. Rubie Woodie, Mrs. Mark Axford, Mabel Ayre, Mame Freeborn, Mrs. Bert Bartholomew, Myrtle Reaume, Bessie Carey, Susan Wade and Mrs. George Jessop. At the right, in same order, are: Alice Hild, Lela Cross, Lou Neumann, Lil Carey, Sarah Lindsey and Lottie Smith. In the picture at left, still in left to right order, are: Anna Zollner, Mrs. C. E. Price, Mrs. Nellie Axford, Mrs. Bertha Randall, Lil Carey, Ella McBride, Ada Ball, Carrie Drake and Ethel Crout. Mrs. Mark Axford is president of The Thimble Club and Sarah Lindsey, secretary-treasurer. Mame Freeborn joined 40 years ago, moved away, then returned and has been active more than 20 years since. Susan Wade has been active over 30 years.

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Although the sun was shining the day the LENS photographer visited Elmwood school, we thought our pictures of the Safety Patrol would not be complete unless we could show what the well-dressed patrolman wears on a rainy day. The following students obligingly slipped into capes and caps: Left to right: Twins Ralph and Robert Raphengst, Donald Baker and Robert Watts.



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When we asked Tom Davey of Davey's Locker Service to tip us off to a good deer picture, we didn't bargain for a red fox, too. But then neither did Harold Anscombe, pictured above with his eight-point buck and the big red fox he shot near Cadillac.

Anscombe was one of the lucky. Hundreds of hunters from this area went after game and the stories that filtered back would fill much more space than this, but this is all we've got. Anscombe will be recognized by many as the service manager at Community Motors, Inc., Pontiac and Buick dealers, and we make no charge for this very good small advertisement. Darn it!



Boys in the manual training group pose with their new electric saw. Bob Davis stands in front, while left to right behind him are Glenn Farnham, Ronald Bowen, Jack Gentges, Carl Kenworthy and William Engstrom. Right now the boys are busy making gifts for Christmas.



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The lights in the little white church in Stoney Creek have been doing overtime the past months. There the hard working cast of "January Thaw," the next Rochester Community Players' show, have been rehearsing under the direction of Mrs. Morrel Clute.

The night LENS came to visit, the cast had finished its nightly workout and was discussing props for the play. In the lower picture are some of the cast looking over a coffee-grinder lamp, loaned by the Rochester Antique Shop, to see if it will meet a need. Sitting left to right are Betty Riggle, Mrs. Alex Young, Miss Jean Lilly, Frank Bommarito and Junia Newell. Standing are Mrs. Clute, Dr. Oscar Sorenson, Johnson Newell and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams.

Pictured at the top is Mrs. James Jackson doing posters for the play which will be given in the Rochester high school auditorium, January 7 and 8.



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Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Brooklands recently held a bazaar and dinner. Officiating for the Junior Walther League were the four young ladies pictured at the top. From left to right they are: Hilda Natzel, Eileen Haff, Violet Haff, and Coy Metz. Ladies of the church prepared and served the dinner. LENS asked them to step out of the kitchen to pose for the lower picture. From left to right are: Mrs. Harned, Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. Lepler, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Polikowsky, Mrs. Haff, and Mrs. Heitzman. Rev. E. N. Schulte is pastor of the church.



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Zoning Ordinance Stirs Up Public Interest

Rochester's new zoning ordinance apparently is nearing adoption. Following the first public hearing on the ordinance, the village council in special meeting has revised the bill to comply with certain objections which were raised at the first meeting and scheduled a second public hearing in the high school on December 15.

LENS was on hand for the first meeting. The top picture shows a view of the hearing room with Mrs. Fred Williamson, president of the Rochester Women's Club,

entering a protest about the location of the village dump. In the picture below, Dr. Robert Wilson, president of the council, stands before a map of Rochester which shows the zoned areas.

Dr. Wilson and the council have worked on the zoning ordinance for many months, making an ex-

haustive study of the entire project. They do not claim to have the perfect zoning plan, but they do feel strongly that some zoning program is sorely needed in Rochester. They urge every property owner to make it a point to study and understand the ordinance before it is passed by council.

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Pictured at a recent party of the Brooklands Exchange Club are, left to right: Shirley McCracken, Bill Clark, Barbara Dexter, Lorraine Eisenhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClure.



There's always fun when the Brooklands Exchange Club throws one of its parties. LENS was on hand for a recent one. We took the above picture because so many folks seemed so happy about the whole thing, but for the life of us, we can't tell you what's going on or who's in the picture. It just seemed a good idea at the time.

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The Rochester Detachment of the U. S. Marine Corps celebrated the 172d birthday of the Marines with one of the brightest social events of the season at Rochester high school. Phil Brestoff and his band furnished music for the affair, which attracted a large crowd. Pictured above is the cake cutting ceremony in observance of the birthday. Jack Patterson,

commandant of the local detachment, Ted Gunn, Arnold Pennanen, and Art Winters were in charge of arrangements. Among the most popular girls at the affair were the Blue Star Mothers, who served refreshments. Their pictures will be found on page 17. Marine headquarters sent a contingent of Marines in dress blues in cooperation.

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Another group of the ladies who served the refreshments at the Marines dance are shown in the above picture. From left to right the ladies are: Mrs. C. E. Price, Mrs. Charles Grimbleby, Mrs. C. J. Williams, Mrs. C. R. Huck, Mrs. Ola Lee, Mrs. Hazel Sorrell and Mrs. Hazen Briggs. They set up shop in the high school cafeteria, also handled the checking for the dance.

ABOUT OUR COVER

Frank M. Minninger of 540 Dequindre road took our cover picture for the December issue. An insurance man by vocation, Minninger is an expert photographer. He has exhibited in many salons. This picture is of his son, Tommy, an exceptional model, who has posed for many of his father's prize winning pictures.

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With the recent production of the pageant which highlighted Education Week, Miss Tallant surpassed previous efforts. Here was an ambitious undertaking featuring some 250 students. The precision with which the entire production moved was a real tribute to the work of Miss Tallant and her staff.

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And here's the staff which produced the pageant. The director, Miss Eloise Tallant, in front, the others, left to right: Kathryn Quick, Superintendent E. D. Kennedy, Willamena Ribbink, Clinton Dillon, Mrs. Mary Ward, Worth Mallory, Mrs. Marie Remer, Ray Lawson, Beverley Preston, Richard Huizenga, Ellerene Tanguay, Morrell Clute, Ruth Stitt, Margaret Lees, John Buday, and Richard McGowan. The pageant was a tremendous undertaking from an organizational and coaching standpoint and these people devoted countless long "after school" hours to the production.

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It's lots of fun to paint your own playhouse. Chuckie Crissman looks out the door, while Susan Schlichte holds up new wallpaper for the approval of Kathy Batchelor and Larry Schnaidt. In the corner, Mark Haidle, top, and Bruce Willsey wield the paint brush.



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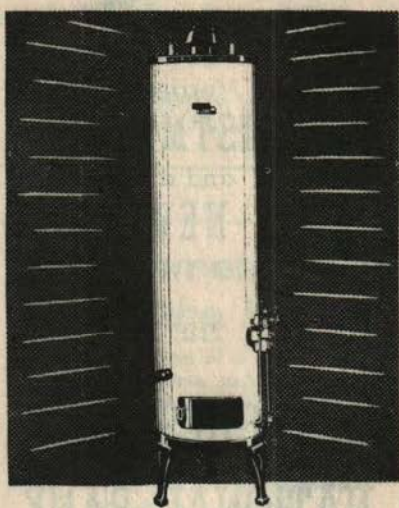
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Youngest and oldest members of The Thimble Club were pictured by LENS. At the left is Alice Hild, who has been a member just one year. Center is Mame Freeborn, who joined 40 years ago and has served steadily for the past 20 years, her service being interrupted for a time by moving out of the village. Right is Susan Wade, who has been active for more than 30 years.



The spirit of Thanksgiving was dramatically portrayed at the First Congregational Church recently. This picture shows the entire company in costume at conclusion of the ceremonies.



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Back of every presentation of the kind given in the First Congregational Church is the hard work of committee members in charge. Here is the committee which planned and executed the Thanksgiving service pictured at the top of the page. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Ralph Hunt, Mrs. Lester G. Morrell and Mrs. Fred Riley. Seated is Mrs. Robert A. Woodruff.

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More of the college crowd pictured at the Charity Ball. In the top picture, left to right, are Peggy Franke, Detroit Business University; Ted Lawes, a sophomore at Alma; Joy Goldsworthy, an Albion sophomore; Bill Dodrill of New York; Barbara Bailey and Charles Brown of Albion. The younger set pictured below include, left to right, Thomas Shara, Sally Swords, Loretta Fleisher, Bill Howall, James Reed and Anita McKown. For some it was the breathless first formal, but, regardless of age, everybody had a wonderful time.



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Al is manager of the Newburn Coal and Supply Company on Detroit's East Side and makes the daily trip into the city.

In 1939 he married Lillian Bondarchuk of Detroit and they have three children, Dorothy, 7, Lillian, 4, and Michael, 2½.

Al attended Cass Technical high school, Wayne University and Detroit Business Institute. His hobby is art, but he keeps so busy with civic activities in Brooklands that he hasn't had a chance to pursue his hobby. He is secretary of the Brooklands Exchange Club, chairman of the Brooklands Fire Association and moderator of the Brooklands School Board. Quite a busy guy, as they'll tell you in Brooklands.



Another Sunday School group of the Christian Science Society pictures Joan Warner, Barney Noyes, Tom Rowlson and Charles Mitchell, kneeling in front, while standing, left to right, are John Dean, Charmion Bollin, Mary Dean, William Dean, Carole Atwood, Ann Rowlson, Janet Emback, Mrs. Ida McRoberts and Mrs. Harry Dean.

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