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SANTA CLAUS came to Hicksville last Saturday and entertained the children who turned out. The visit was sponsored by the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Charbonnet.

## Library Wants \$262,000 Expansion

The Hicksville Library Board has asked the Hicksville Board of Education to approve a referendum to authorize the expenditure of \$262,000 to expand the present library facilities, it was revealed today.

The request in the form of a letter to the Board of Education. It asked for a referendum to be scheduled in February or March of next year to authorize the payment of \$6,000 for additional land and \$256,000 to increase the size of the present library on Jerusalem Avenue.

A previous referendum about a year ago was defeated. It would have allowed increased facilities and the addition of an auditorium to the library. It is not known whether the present request will include a similar project.

## Christmas Party Dec. 21

The Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and Prudential Theatres are sponsoring a Christmas Theatre Party on December 21, at 10 a.m. at the Hicksville Playhouse Theatre. Tickets can be obtained from any Broadway participating merchants at no charge. In addition to the show a drawing for free gifts will be presented.

## Winter Arts Festival Dec. 14

The combined forces of the Hicksville High School Music Department will join with those of the Art Department in a gala Winter Arts Festival Saturday evening, December 14, at the High School Auditorium.

Music on the program will be provided by the choruses of Charles L. Arnold, the Orchestra directed by Thomas Butlice, the Sophomore Band led by Jo David Abt, and the Junior-Senior band by R. G. Pellerin. Highlight of the concert will be the combined groups in a rousing finale.

Contributing to the festive atmosphere will be a lobby exhibit of artworks by the students of Mrs. Jonassen, Mrs. Eriksen and Mr. Holmes. The audience is requested to arrive at 8 p.m. in order to view this display.

Student tickets are 50 cents, adults one dollar. Tickets are available thru the music students or the Hicksville High School

## Junior Women Entertain Husbands

Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Bethpage will entertain their husbands at the club's annual Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 P.M. The affair will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palm of Crestline Drive, Bethpage. Mrs. Palm is the club's president. Mrs. Robert Nitschke, entertainment chairman, and her committee promise an evening of fun and fellowship guaranteed to imbue everyone with the joyousness of the holiday season.

## Jamaica PTA

A Winter Show will be the theme of the Jamaica Ave. PTA's next meeting, scheduled for December 18, 8:30 p.m. at the school. Participating will be the school chorus and band.

Refreshments will be served to all the children and their parents.



'THAT WIZARD OF OURS', a fascinating, colorful musical, for children and adults alike, will be presented by Our Lady of Mercy Drama Group, the Pretenders, on Sunday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m., at the Our Lady of Mercy School Auditorium, South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville. Admission will be .25 per child and .50 per adult, proceeds to go toward the school's Library Fund.

Over 800 women of the Our Lady of Mercy Rosary Altar Society, who attended the Annual Christmas Party, on Monday, December 2, responded overwhelmingly to the exciting, clever presentation and bright gay costumes of the play. Credit for the outstanding production goes to Mrs. Arthur Giovannelli, who was both director and producer, adding to the list of shows that she has produced in recent years.

List of characters are as follows: Dorothy - Mrs. W. Klements; Aunt Em - Mrs. V. Guarneri; Uncle Henry - Mrs. M. Shea; Wicked Witch - Mrs. M. Heinz; Glinda, Good Witch - Mrs. C. Lewandowski; Scarecrow - Mrs. M. Powers; Tin Man - Mrs. W. Nieminski; Lion - Mrs. H. Birosh; Wizard - Mrs. M. Kraemer; Guard of Gates - Mrs. B. Dircks; Munchkins - Mrs. M. Grossmann, Mrs. C. Dolan, Mrs. E. Nalepa, Mrs. L. Muscente, Mrs. A. Brennan, Mrs. D. Funk. Standing here left to right - Mrs. Robert Klements as Dorothy and Mrs. C. Lewandowski as Glinda the good witch.

### Ten Cent Coffee Going

The ten cent cup of coffee may be in its last days. A cornerstone in the American economy for nearly a quarter century, the ten cent cup of coffee is now threatened by rising costs of labor, chinaware, cream, overhead and most recently - the coffee itself.

The effort to hold the line on the ten cent cup in the Long Island area has recently suffered some setbacks, according to Frank Bannon of Huntington, president of the Nassau and Suffolk Dining Car and Restaurant Owners Association. Several popular priced restaurants have already upped the price to 15 cents. Some will re-fill your cup free of charge at that price. Others hold the price at ten cents for breakfast and raise it to 15 cents for the rest of the day. Mr. Bannon said that Association members serve over one million cups of coffee in Nassau and Suffolk every month. "We have stressed the importance of the ten cent cup as a symbol of the economy that our fast service operations mean to family dining. But we can't ask restaurant owners to lose money and that's what they are doing now at ten cents. I am afraid that all it will now take is another rise in the price of the coffee bean to break the price line." The Association was founded in 1939. It has its headquarters at 97A Greenwich St., Hempstead, I.I.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Regular meeting of the Board of Appeals, Town of Oyster Bay, will be held in the Town Board Hearing Room, Town Hall, Oyster Bay, on TUESDAY, December 17, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

CASE #63-604

APPELLANT -- Phillips Petroleum Company, c/o C. R. Paul, Division Manager, 2075 Millburn Ave., Maplewood, New Jersey.  
SUBJECT -- Special permit to erect a sign having greater area and less set

Back than ordinance requires.  
LOCATION -- Northwest corner of Stewart Avenue and Benkert Street, Bethpage.  
CASE #63-607  
APPELLANT -- General

Motors Corp., c/o Hall and Casey, Esqs., Meadow Brook Bank Building, Oyster Bay.  
SUBJECT -- Special permit to allow a reduction in the required amount of off-street parking.

LOCATION -- Easterly side of access road of Wantagh-Oyster Bay Expressway, 19.60 ft. north of abandoned right-of-way of Long Island Railroad, Bethpage.  
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THE LIONS DEN in Hicksville was the scene of the wedding reception of Barbara Louise Pankoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pankoff of Hicksville. The following well known friends of the family were present from l. to r. Judge and Mrs. Benjamin Zipper, Mr. and Mrs. Al Abramson, Mr. and Mrs. John Martling, Dept. Town Highway Supt., Mr. and Mrs. Bea Jeansen, County Clerk

Francis Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, the bride Louise Pankoff, the bridegroom Michael Thiry, Town Board member Carl and Mrs. Grunewald, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kappstatter, head of the Town Sanitation Department, Town Clerk, Bud O'Keefe and Mrs. O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Julie Schwartz of Hicksville. Photo by Lion P. Charbonnet.



MARGARET POLATNICK, 14 Pearl Drive, Plainview, a senior at Plainview High School, is congratulated by Nassau County Executive Eugene H. Nickerson on winning a Sixth Annual Paragon Oil Student Incentive Award, as Mrs. Alice Bukberg, guidance counselor at Plainview High School, looks on. The awards, (US Savings Bonds and Certificates of Honor) were made to the top students of 110 Nassau and Suffolk County high schools, by the Paragon Oil Company for outstanding scholarship and citizenship, at ceremonies attended by some 400 recipients, parents, and educators at the State University in Farmingdale.

## Town Prepares For Winter Roads

The Town of Oyster Bay has completed plans to handle snow and ice emergencies this winter and to accomplish maximum results, the thoughtful cooperation of residents will be required, according to Supervisor Thomas R. Pynchon.

"We will start the winter with 180 trucks equipped with plows; 26 graders which may be used for plowing, and we will have in service 8 sand-loaders placed at convenient

locations where the sand will be located."

The Town now has 25 radio - telephone cars which will be on the road for inspection and supervision, and to speed the

plowing job and de-icing job, or to take charge of special emergencies as they may arise.

The emergency functions are set up in a special snow emergency center in the main Highway Garage on Miller Road, Syosset, and the personnel manning these phones will be in direct radio-telephone communication with the 25 radio cars.

The snow and ice emergency program was worked out by Superintendent Norman T. Wolf with the cooperation of the Town Board and members of the Highway Dept. All concerned had these requests to make:

- 1) Please do not park cars on roadways whenever snow is forecast.
- 2) Please do not call about unplowed streets until a reasonable time has elapsed after the snow stops. Plowing is done according to a pre-conceived plan, and normally is not started until at least two inches of snow has fallen.
- 3) If at all possible, please refrain from shovelling out your driveway until the plow has passed.
- 4) If you have an emergency during a heavy snowfall, please use our Emergency Snow Numbers which are: WA 1-6030, WA 1-6031, WA 1-6032.

Supt. Wolf said: "We have more than 800 miles of Town roads and several State roads which are assigned to us to be maintained free of snow and ice. We now have upward of 17,000 cubic yards of sand on order

which will be delivered to convenient stockpile locations. We are engaged in placing more than 18,000 linear feet of snow-fencing, largely to prevent drifting across Town roads. We have available upward of 600 tons of common de-icing chemicals which will be used where needed, including placing in sand to permit it to flow freely.



A PAID UP membership affair sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Bethpage Jewish Community Center will be staged on Monday, December 16, at 9 p.m. at the Temple. A wonderful evening and show with a cast of home talent will head the program. After which delicious refreshment will be served. It will be an evening with much ado and a good time for all to see and hear.

## Christian Mothers Christmas Social

The St. Ignatius Loyola Auxiliary of Christian

Mothers will hold it's annual Christmas Social on Monday evening, Dec. 16, at 8:15 in the school basement.

The Glee Club, under the direction of the Rev. Leo J. Goggin, will provide the musical entertainment and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are expected to visit.

## Art Works At Library

The Hicksville Public Library has acquired two paintings by Mrs. Emmy Lichtwitz - Krasso. They will hang in the Library beginning this week.

Madame Krasso is well known in the art field as both a fine painter and fine teacher. She will be remembered in Hicksville as the teacher for 15 years of the children's Summer Art classes in the Library. She also taught at the Parson's School of Design for many years.

The addition of these paintings by an artist of Madame Krasso's calibre is a fine thing for the library and they will be enjoyed by it's borrowers for many years to come.

Mrs. Marge Rubin has an exhibit of her paintings at the Hicksville Public Library through the remainder of December. They are colorful and provocative and the public is invited to see them in the auditorium of the library.

**DRIVE SAFELY:**

## Thinking It Over

by Robert L. Morgan

We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Jewish friends a happy Channukah during this festival of the lights. It is a wonderful thing that in this country it is still possible for many religions to live side by side. Let us hope that the future will show more understanding and harmony for people of all faiths and convictions.

A milestone in Hicksville has been reached with the two large steel spans crossing Broadway marking the approach of the end of an era of traffic tieups as trains crossed through Hicksville. At present business in the center of Hicksville is being penalized, but we believe that in the final analysis that the elimination project will result in a renaissance for business in Hicksville. As casual observers of the scene we would say watch Jerusalem Ave. and its potential for business development.

It is hard to know what the Hicksville Library Board has in mind with its proposed expansion referendum. We hope it does not have a re-hash of the proposal defeated by voters last year. It costs about \$4000 to have a referendum and unless there is some reason to believe that public opinion has changed it seems like a waste to give the voters the same things to vote on again. But this may be premature. We will wait and see what the Board has in mind.

## Hearing Aids Are Great Boon For Willing Deaf

By C. A. Dean, M.D.

**MEDITORIAL:** Patients who are hard of hearing often reject the idea of hearing aids. Various reasons are given and lack of money is the least of them. One trial would convince many of the value of hearing aids.

In the past the problem was to convince people to wear an aid, once it was purchased. Now, getting the patient to buy and try one is the greatest task. Once on, the wearer readily realizes its worth.

That most hearing aids end up in dresser drawers or trash cans was disproved in a recent survey conducted by hearing specialists in Colorado. They found that 90 per cent of those who have aids use them.

Another important question answered by the survey, and one that interests a potential user, is the time required to adjust to a hearing aid. About 1/3 of the wearers adjusted in one month, the rest took up to three. This is not long and should dispel any fears patients have regarding adjustment. Once the wearer is accustomed to the aid he uses it most of the day.

All persons with a hearing problem are not equally benefitted by hearing aids. In fact, in some cases a hearing aid may not be indicated. Where there is a hearing problem, a checkup by the doctor is in order. He will determine the type of hearing deficiency and whether it can be helped by a hearing aid.

## Was There An Assassination Plot?

By Russell Kirk

THE SEVEN WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL LEADERS and administrators whom President Johnson has chosen to investigate the murder of President Kennedy may succeed in getting to the heart of that terrible affair. Meanwhile, the plot thickens — or rather, talk about the plot thickens.

Was Lee Oswald acting in solitary ferocity, or was there some organized conspiracy, big or little? Presidents Garfield and McKinley died at the hands of men without known confederates, and Oswald seems to have been a lonely malcontent who could have struck without assistance. Yet some doubt remains.

There is not much evidence of collaborators. Despite talk about the difficulty of the murderous shots, such a mark — given a little evil luck — was nothing very hard for a man with an average target score in the Marines. And though some journalists have suggested that Marxist colleagues of Oswald might have been trying to smear the "radical right" — and so drag red herrings across the assassination-trail — by disseminating, just before the murder, inflammatory advertisements and pamphlets against Mr. Kennedy, this theory (after some personal investigation) I have found untenable. The anti-Kennedy publications were really the work of the "radical right," not of clever Communist agents.

An odder affair, though, is an outburst of "Leftist" threats and abuse against General Walker, immediately after the assassination. Fortunately for the General, he was not in Dallas at the time — for his life would have been in danger. His Dallas home was tormented, day and night, by poisonous telephone-calls, including several threats to kill him; ominous automobiles circled round and round his house, all night. This seems to have been an organized attack on him, as if the extreme Left had been anticipating a chance to ruin the eccentric General.

Another uncomforable fact is this: Lee Oswald appears to have possessed more money than one would expect a drifter, generally unemployed, to find ready to hand. Someone kept him supplied with funds by telegraph order, it has been established.

Supposing what yet is quite uncertain, that a plot existed — who would have been the authors of it? Would it be a grisly device of our enemies in the world struggle for power, or only the design of some knot of fanatics like the Puerto Rican Nationalists who tried to murder President Truman and fired into the House of Representatives?

In the history of Soviet Russia, and of the international Communist organizations, murder has been employed whenever it particularly suited the interests of the masters of the Soviet system. But the assassination of President Kennedy would not have suited present Soviet policy. Heads of state are slain, or otherwise disposed of, by regular Communist organizations only when a Communist seizure of power is imminent: the strange fatal accident of Jan Masaryk in Czechoslovakia — almost certainly a murder — when the Communists snatched the reins of authority there after World War II, is a case of this sort. When dealing with great nations like the United States, however, where one president is succeeded immediately by another of similar views and talents, the Soviets do not find it prudent to resort to political homicide.

There remains the possibility of a Cuban-inspired plot. Anyone who has heard Castro's radio broadcast against President Kennedy, ever since the Bay of Pigs affair, has recognized a mortal hatred. Fidel Castro has exhibited symptoms of being near to madness. And he has employed hundreds of terrorists and secret agents all round the Caribbean and even in the United States. Lee Oswald acted like such an agent when he tried to infiltrate an anti-Castro group in New Orleans.

## Thanks

The family of the late William Knettel wish to thank all their friends for their expressions of sympathy, also a special thanks to the Chief and members of the Syosset Fire Dept. for their help in so many ways.

Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. William Knettel

## Married

June Mann, daughter of Abraham Mann of 8 Peachtree Lane, Hicksville, was married to Jerome I. Kotler, Sunday at Huntington Town House. The bride is a graduate of Mt. Sinai School of Nursing. Mr. Kotler is a graduate of New York City Community College and is employed as an insurance underwriter.

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# At Random

## Down With The Kissing Machine!

By Edward J. Van Allen

Though some may think it of surpassing kissological significance, the advent of the kissometer, a machine that measures the "smoochability" of osculators, is hardly kissing-sweet news.

Users of the machine, developed by a trio of University of Miami students, hold an electronically charged probe in their hands. Then, as they osculate, a minute amount of electricity goes through their bodies. The circuit is completed as their lips "fuse" together.

If the kiss is good, the machine registers a "Wowee!" If it is extra, extra good, the "Wowee" registers and a bell clangs. On the other hand, the machine callously calls a brace of poor kissers a "Dead Fish."

This kiss-measuring machine could have some unlooked-for repercussions. I can well imagine an averagely amorous young man receiving a "Dear John" letter from his girl saying: "I am returning the engagement ring. It's

all off. Your kissometer rating is far too low."

Conversely, the young lady might be the victim of a "Dear Jane" letter: "It's all over between us," her beau might write. "The kissometer machine indicates that it will take years, maybe even decades, to defrost your lips."

I may be old-fashioned, but I much prefer the "pre-automated-kiss" days, so to speak.

I well remember my own maternal grandmother who fairly bristled at the thought of kissing a clean-shaven man. She once said with some vehemence: "I would never, ever kiss a man who didn't wear a mustache."

Then six years old, I was tickled just about as silly as grandma assuredly must have been by my grandfather's mustache, a handlebar type which was absolutely an elegance to behold.

Maybe my grandmother was just giving voice to the sentiment of that old Spanish saying: "A kiss without a mustache is like an egg without salt." At any rate, she liked her suitor hirsute and was certainly not given to idle lip service about her preferences.

For all that, more and more today

machines are intriguing, if not actually hypnotizing, people. And the kissometer appears here to stay.

One wonders, though, what would happen to the kissometer if it tried to measure the kiss of that fellow who kissed a gal so hard, they had to dry him loose with a crowbar. Or if it tried to measure the kiss-ability of that man whose "clinging mouth sent rivers of fire" throughout his sweetheart's body.

Would kissors of that caliber short-circuit the machine or burn it out completely? I rather think so.

Maybe in the future some states will require a kissometer test as well as a blood test before would-be mates are mated. I'm unalterably opposed to matrimonially unsound laws like that.

As that famed student of Kissology, William Shakespeare, said: "The kiss you take is better than you give." Whether a kiss is stolen or freely proffered, henceforth let no machine come between man and woman.

Rather, let all lovers, as in days of yore, continue to take each smacking-sweet kiss strictly at face value.

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## Sisterhood Gives Nautical Night

A wonderful evening on board the "S.S. Chanukah" has been planned for all. An evening of dancing to a top band wonderful dinner and surprise entertainment. This gala affair will take place on Saturday night, Dec. 14, at 600 Broadway, Bethpage. Nominal fee \$8.50 per couple. Anyone interested in reservations call Thelma Walens, WE 8-0426.

## Nicholai PTA Meets Dec. 19

The Nicholai St. School meeting on the 19 of Dec. 8:15 at Old Country Road School.

The topic will be "How Can Parents Help Johnny to Read." Four reading consultants representing East Street, Fork Lane, Nicholai Street and Old Country Rd. will be present for a discussion period.

Refreshments will be served.

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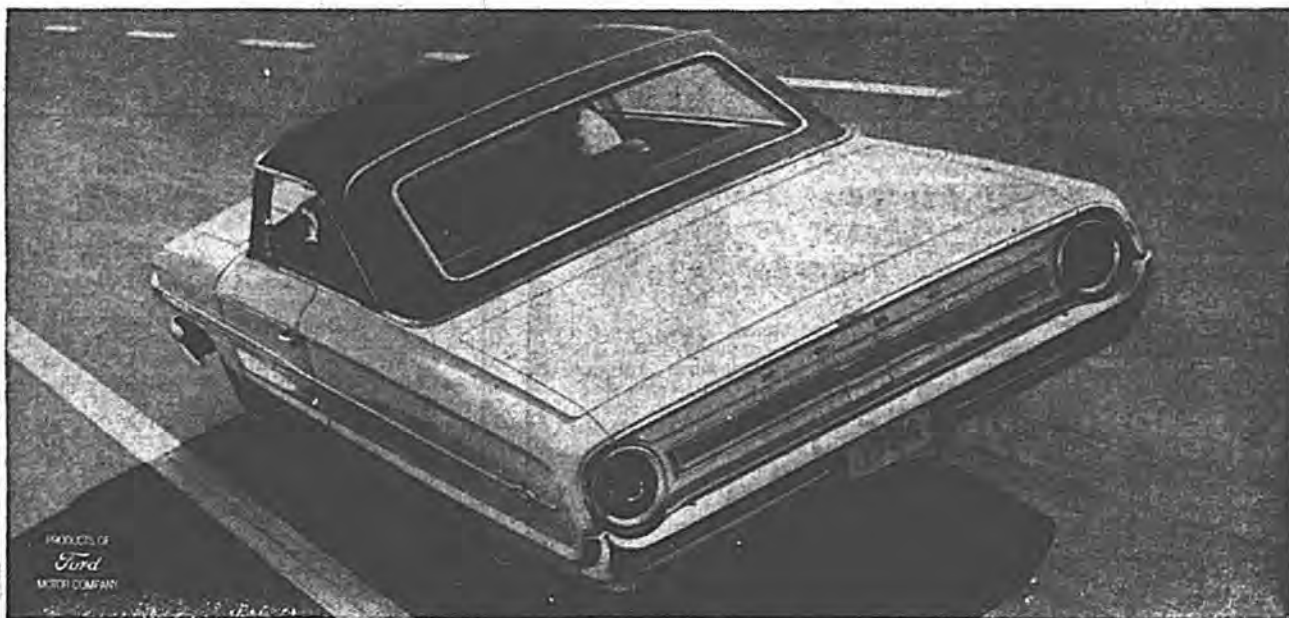
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### Student Assists In Operating Room

Shari Gilbert of Hicksville is one of three Antioch College students currently working at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Miss Gilbert's job as an operating room assistant is part of Antioch's plan of liberal arts education which combines work and study.

Under this plan, all Antioch students regularly alternate between traditional academic study at the college's Ohio campus and practical experience on jobs throughout the country.

Miss Gilbert reports that as second assistant, she stands beside the surgeon to hold the incision open with retractors. Before an operation, she prepares the patient by painting the area of the incision with antiseptic to prevent infection.

Since she entered Antioch in 1961, Miss Gilbert has worked at the Rand-McNall Tour Bureau and

the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, both in New York. During another period, she tested air samples for fallout on a U.S. Government job.

Most Antioch students on jobs must rent their own apartment, pay food bills, rent and other expenses out of their earnings.

Miss Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert of 41 Brittle Lane, is a graduate of Hicksville High School.

She started work at the hospital in October and will return to Antioch early in January for a quarter of on-campus study.

the boys from the Hicksville P.B.S. who helped sell candy during the Clubs Annual Candy Drive.

The party was held at the American Legion Hall in Hicksville. A magician was hired to give the boys entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Michael Cavallo and John Romanelli won certificates for 3 games of bowling at the Woodbury Lanes Bowling Alley in Hicksville. Joseph Meehan, John Moltzer and James Baker won certificates for 2 games of bowling at the Mid Island Bowling Alley in Hicksville. Bruce Williams and William Wilson won \$5.00 Gift Certificates.

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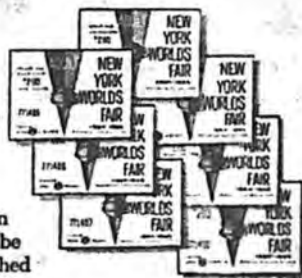
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# Amer. Legion Aux. News

By L. E. Bosch  
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Those attending were - Trudy Rutz, our Rehabilitation Chairman, Joan

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JOSEPH V. BLAZEK, commander of the Archie McCord Post of the American Legion presents Robert L. Morgan, publisher of Litmor Community newspapers, with two awards for meritorious service and cooperation by the local newspapers. Photo by Ed Lates.

tired but with a nice feeling that a good deed was done.

Gerry Seitz has been chosen as Chairlady for our annual Valentine's dance to be held in the Victory Room of our new clubhouse, on Saturday, February 15, 1964. Start inviting your friends and relatives to dance to the music of Tony Bell.

When baking your holiday cookies and cakes, why not use a brand of flour that has a coupon. Mrs. Margaret Douglass is patiently waiting for some Gold Medal or Betty Crocker coupons. You know these are turned in for cash by the Auxiliary. This money is used towards support of the women's infirmary at Tupper Lake. Coupons for Prince Macaroni products, Borden's and General Mills are also accepted.

the following August. He is a medical specialist in Headquarters Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalion.

The 19-year-old soldier attended Levittown High School.

Army PFC Bruce K. Harwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Harwood, 65 Helen Ave., Plainview, is among those on guard at President John F. Kennedy's gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

He is assigned as a gunner in Company B of the 3d Infantry's 1st Battalion (The Old Guard) at Fort Meyer, Va.

Harwood entered the Army in November 1962 and received basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

### In Service

MARION ZAMOT III, whose parents live at 44 Old Hill Lane, Levittown, was promoted to specialist four in Germany where he is a member of the 35th Artillery.

Specialist Zamot entered the Army in March, 1962, completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and arrived overseas

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### Births

A son, Brian Francis was born to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil of 20 Pine-tree Lane, Levittown, on November 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian La Porta of 33 Surrey Lane, Levittown, became the proud parents of a son, Stephen Luke, on November 16.

On October 23, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of 18 Primrose Avenue, Hicksville, became the parents of a baby girl, Marianne. Jeanine Marie, born on October 25, is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Furino of 46 Wheelwright Lane, Levittown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Neder of 75 Elm Street, became proud parents on October 27th. They named their new daughter, Jill Ann.

Michael Denis, is the newcomer in the Thomas McGurk household. Mr. and Mrs. McGurk live at 35 Bayberry Lane, Levittown. The new member arrived November 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grublak, of 86 Cord Lane, Levittown, became the proud parents of a new daughter, Nancy Jane. She arrived on November 8.

On October 14th, Raymond James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Voss of Hicksville. Andrew William is the name of the newcomer to the William J. Boyd household. The Boyds live in Plainview and their new son arrived on October 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reinert of Plainview, became the proud parents of a daughter, Donna Marie. She arrived October 6th.

### Band Takes Trip To Rochester

An important event in the history of the Hicksville High School took place last week when the Junior - Senior band, augmented by nine advanced players from the Sophomore Band, embarked on a two-day trip to Rochester. It was the first time a Hicksville band stayed overnight and travelled this far. Previous record was established last year when the band was invited to Fallsburg.

The purpose of the trip was to perform at the New York State Music Directors' Conference. This honor was awarded to two other school bands among the state's 500. The Hicksville group was chosen on the basis of a taped audition containing portions of an NBC program and a New York Coliseum concert. The band demonstrated what results can be achieved in public school with contemporary music. Com-

posers presented were Morton Gould, Leonard Bernstein, William Schuman, Robert Russell Bennett and William Strickland.

Sooner of the performance was the Eastman Theatre, home of the Rochester Symphony. The audience ranged from elementary to college students and teachers of music. All parts of the state were represented, as well as were officials of the state Department of Education.

### Declares Dividend

At a regular meeting of its Board of Directors held today, the Meadow Brook National Bank declared a 30 cents a share cash dividend and a 2 percent stock dividend. The stock dividend is subject to the approval of stockholders at the Annual Meeting to be held January 28, 1964, reported Augustus B. Weller, Chairman of the Board.

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Featured in the program will be a double quartet, made up largely of Hicksville residents, which will sing as an antiphonal chorus to the main group and also will sing two separate numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert and to bring the entire family. Tickets or invitations are not necessary as there will be no admission charge.

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By VIRGINIA STATION

"Seasonal Feasts and Festivals," by E. O. James is a timely title from the Bethpage Public Library. Many types of celebrations come at the year's end. Mr. James traces their history, and shows how Christian Nativity Celebrations are the last of an ancient line of feasts, each of which reflected the civilization which developed them.

Ancient peoples, like moderns, had happy holidays. Egyptians ended their year with a river excursion, accompanying the god Amon, patron of the pharaohs, from Karnak to Luxor. At Luxor great stores of food and wine were consumed during twenty-four days of revels, held to thank the gods for the bounty of the past year and to request their continued favor in the coming months. Babylonians and Assyrians celebrated the New Year by re-enacting the creation of the world, as recounted in their religious writings. After this solemn part of the festival, athletic games were held in honor of the gods, followed by a carnival over which a mock king reigned. Romans carried on the carnival spirit with the Saturnalia, celebrated from the seventeenth to the twenty-fourth of December, when a Lord of Misrule presided over the government of Rome.

Surviving December festivals include one celebrated by the Jewish people since ancient times. Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple, and features the lighting of candles, a recurrent theme at the time of the Winter Solstice. Celts had a Yuletide feast during which bonfires flared to represent the coming rebirth of the Sun. Ancestral spirits were to join living Celts at this time and families gathered for a reunion feast around the sacred fir trees. Many American seasonal customs are derived from these festivals of light.

"The American Christmas: A Study of National Culture" by James A. Barnett tells us how the United States has drawn upon English and European sources but has welded these into a distinctive set of customs, and added some New World touches. Few of us realize that many early colonists opposed the celebration of Christmas, and that until 1681 Plymouth Colony had a law against it. Puritan leaders saw in Christmas the continuation of pagan Yuletide feasts, but members of the Church of England considered it one of the most important celebrations of the Christian religious year.

American Christmases became social occasions during the nineteenth century, and turned into a legally recognized national festival during the Victorian era. Protestant Denominations which had refrained from Christmas observances joined the Episcopalians successors of the Church of England, and, more recently, Roman Catholic groups in holding Christmas services. Santa Claus emerged from the conglomeration of customs centered around the Kris Kringle of the German immigrants, the St. Nicholas of the New York Dutch, and the Father Christmas of the English. Clement Moore crystallized the character of Santa Claus with his 1822 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and the cartoonist Thomas Nast gave Santa his physical appearance. Today

Santa Claus is an American folk figure standing for friendship, benevolence, good will and the joy of a holiday season. He is more a secular, national, symbol than a religious figure and his role shows how Christmas has become nationalized in the United States.

As we enter the last weeks in December these books and others from the Bethpage Public Library can help us understand the origins of our seasonal customs and the ways in which they reflect our American values, the brotherhood of man, charity towards the unfortunate, and toleration of beliefs which differ from our own. May the spirit of Santa Claus bring you happy holidays.

## PBC Promotes Member To Ens.

On Friday, December 6, the Hicksville P.B.C. Nautical Cadets held their regular weekly meeting at the Jr. High School in Hicksville.

Mr. Heary McVicker, Commander of the Hicksville Nautical Cadets had the extreme pleasure of promoting one of the cadets from Warrant Officer to Ensign. The young man who earned this title is Arthur Musselman.

Artie joined the cadets at the age of 10 where he started as a boot. He was then promoted from a boot and went into the Drum & Bugle Corps as a Base Drummer. He's been in the Corp. for the past 8 years. Last year he was promoted to Warrant Officer.

Artie just recently celebrated his 18th Birthday. Looking back on those years when he first joined the Nautical Cadets, we see a young boy who was willing to learn and work. Little by little this young boy was growing and with him a fine personality. Today, we have before us, no longer a little boy, but a fine young man. He has learned many things in the past 8 years, but there is one thing that stands out very vividly, and that is, the respect he has at all times shown for others.

We have other young men

in our organization who perhaps in the next year or two, will achieve the rank Artie is now presently holding. They too have worked hard, and deserve a great deal of credit.

We'd like to see the young boys who have just joined us, and are working their way up, follow the example that has been set before them. It would make us very happy to see them become officers someday.

The sponsors of the Hicksville Unit would like to extend their congratulations to Arthur Musselman and sincerely wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

## Dinner Party For Women's Club

The Women's Club of Hicksville is having its Christmas Dinner Party at the Milleridge Inn, Thursday, December 12, at 7 P.M. Mrs. Henry Lumm is Chairman of the event.

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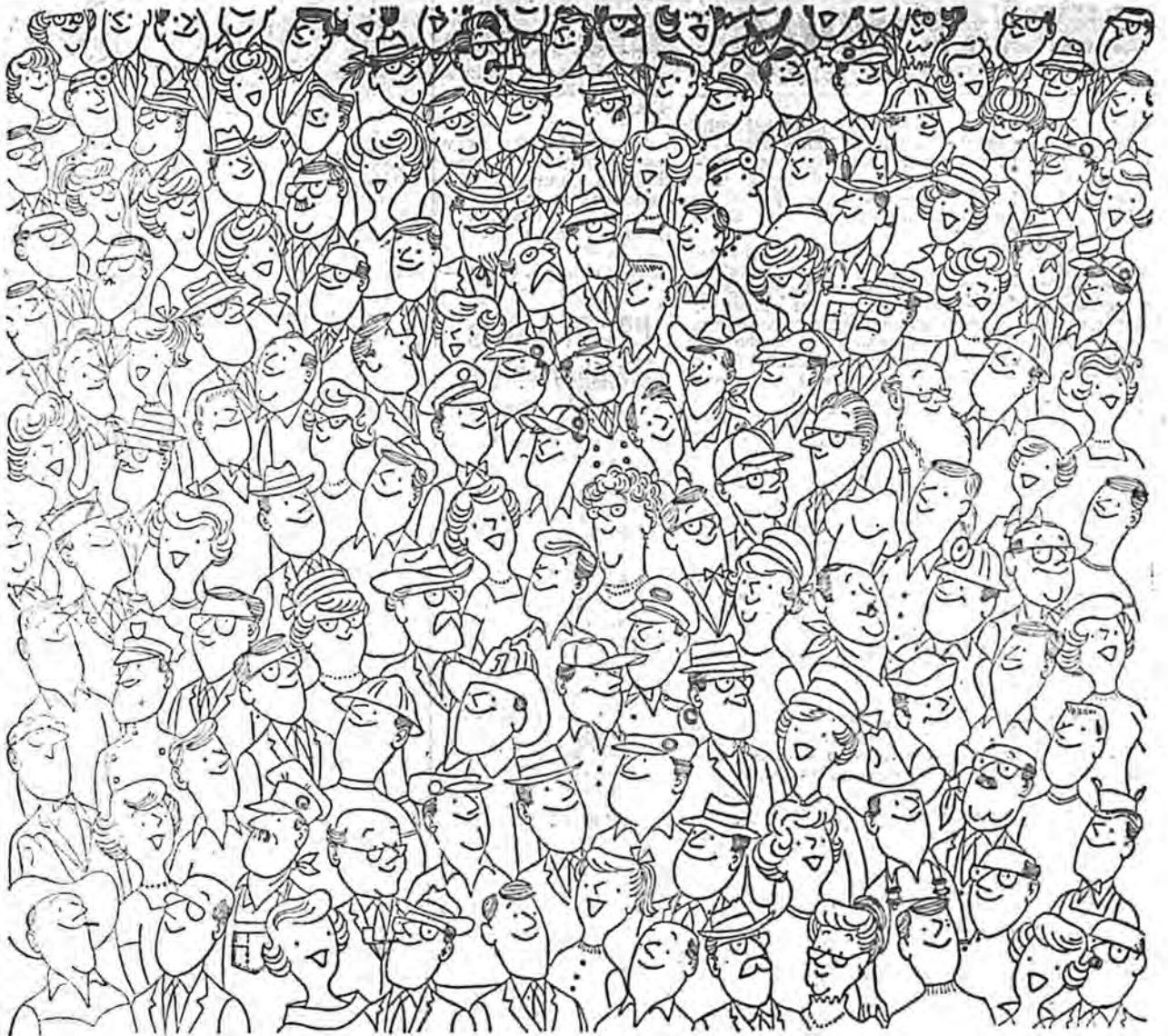
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# If You Please

By Peter Pettibone

ONE of MY favorite pianist-composers' Vin Roddie, week-ends Aqua Manor, told us of the other afternoon when a dilapidated car wheezed up to the toll gate of Mid-town tunnel. Its last drop of gas was gone, and its wornout tires were almost flapping in the breeze. "Twenty five cents," said the attendant briskly. "Sold!" exclaimed the driver, as he leaped out of the car, and left it there, blocking traffic in that lane for half an hour....After 30 years of teaching mathematics at Columbia U., a professor recently retired to a Montauk cottage. He named it "After Math." That's nothing, Dr. R. Seldon, a dentist, has a farm in Putnam County, called "Tooth Acres."....My very good friend George C. Scott, star of "East Side West Side" TV-er, told us over lunch, "In matters concerning yourself, trust your head; in matters concerning others, trust your heart." Few viewers know that last Monday's "East Side West Side" thriller on Ch-2 was made right here in Nassau, near Great Neck.... My son Chuckie, eight-years-old Monday. Fourteen kids attended his party. He's still unmarried, and so is his widower dad....A very well known North Shore socialite-singer is dickering to take over the late James (Tobacco Road) Barton's restaurant at 2000 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park-New Hyde Park. If she does it'll be called "The 2000 Club Restaurant," not a bad name when club's with smaller numbered names are cleaning-up, she has top management lined-up, too....At the Country Club Restaurant, our favorite heckler, Charles "Chic" Farmer, tried to be brilliant by advising us: "The best measure of a man's mentality is the importance of the things he will argue about."....Incidentally, Chic Farmer has an open (1 minute) offer to run the Stork Club again for Sherman Billingsley. He ran it for "Sherm" nine years before moving to our own Long Island, which Chic loves, as long as he can manage "The Very Best Only," as he is now doing with The Country Club Restaurant, Lake Success....The Jack (Rheinhold Beer) O'Grady's baby arrived Monday afternoon, a girl, daughter of an Irish lady and gentleman, son Jack, Jr., married deb Diane Hellawell, of Plandome, Sunday-a-week-ago. (Read that line again, it's true.).... Memories Dept: Late for an appointment, I dashed into the entrance of a New York hotel cocktail lounge and collided with a lady just emerging. I said "I beg your pardon." Then began one of those ludicrous dances of who's to go first. Finally, flushed and embarrassed I said, "Well, we seem to be at an impasse! I wonder what Emily Post would do in a case like this?" The lady said, "She'd feel as embarrassed as you do. I know, because it just happens that I am Emily Post." And that's how I met Emily. Yep, in a revolving door.... If You Please, ladies first.....

# Women's League Distributes Cookies

Friday evening, December 13, beginning at 7 p.m. The Women's League of Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholas St., Hicksville, will package home-baked cookies. The cookies will then be distributed to patients in hospitals and in-

stitutions in the greater metropolitan area by Lutheran chaplains during their Christmas visit. The members of Trinity Women's League bake an extra batch of cookies each Christmas for their annual "Cookies for Christmas" campaign. The Cub Scouts of Trinity Lutheran Church join in this worthy endeavor by folding, ready for filling, the hundreds of individual

boxes. Cookies will be accepted at the church during the week of December 9th. Mrs. Carl Seher of Woodbury is chairman of the "Cookies for Christmas" campaign and Mrs. William Forsberg of Hicksville is co-chairman. Mrs. Stanley Edry of Westbury is president of Trinity Women's League.



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## Incinerator Plan Speeding Up

The Town will move ahead as promptly as legal and engineering procedures permit to improve its garbage and refuse collection and disposal system, it was announced by Supervisor Thomas R. Pynchon.

The Town Board has authorized the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for enlarging and modernizing the incinerator plant in Old Bethpage; \$300,000 for acquisition of about thirty acres of land in the vicinity for long-range improvement and to prevent home building in the immediate vicinity in the future and \$145,000 for the purchase of new col-

lection trucks.

The foregoing actions implement some parts of the study of sanitation requirements during the next fifteen years. The plant improvement will provide an additional rated capacity of 500 tons a day which the study deems adequate through 1980. The new plant addition will include generation of electric power from the

burning of refuse for use in the plant area.

The new land bank acreage is south of the present incinerator property and is being purchased from Nassau Brick Co., Inc. It was formerly used for clay extraction for brick making.

12' at 8:30 p.m. at the Hicksville Methodist Church on Old Country Road between Newbridge and Jerusalem Avenues in Hicksville. After our regular meeting there will be a doll show. Miss Margaret Conway of the Levittown Senior Citizens will show her collection of little people.

For further information contact Mrs. Irving Geier at 196 Sixth street, Hicksville.

## Benevolent Soc. Holding Meeting

There will be a monthly meeting, Thursday, Dec.

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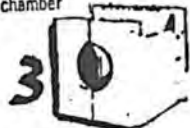
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