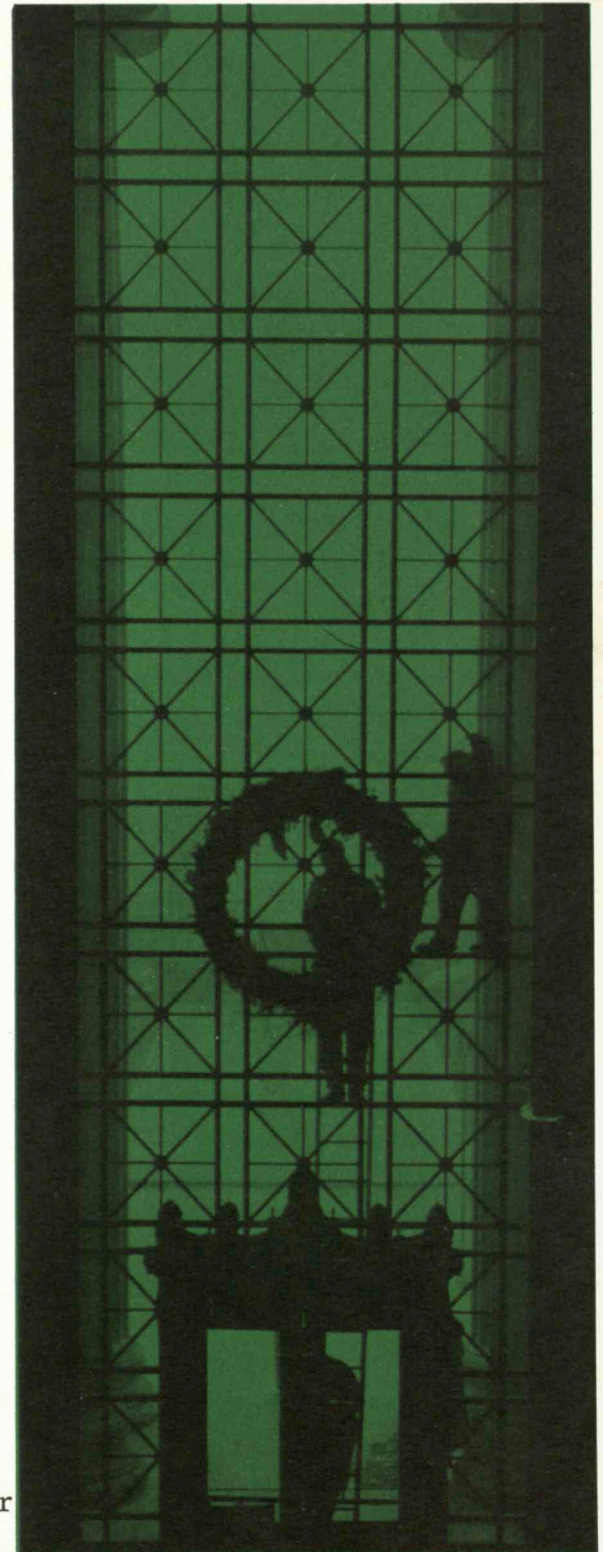


MERRY

He may be getting some stiff competition up there, but S. Claus is definitely holding his own. He first breezed into 77 Mass. Avenue in the soggy downpour of a week ago, leaving three huge wreaths on the front steps and a husky 24-foot fir in Kresge Auditorium.

Wreaths were securely tied to the grillwork over the main entrance by aerial acrobats from Physical Plant. This under the watchful eye of Mrs. Sanborn Brown, chairman of the Technology Matrons Special Service Projects. Mrs. Brown had her own special stake in the proceedings. The wreaths and evergreen "rope" looping over them were constructed by her committee one aromatic morning in Dean and Mrs. Fassett's laundry room. Also under the supervision of M.I.T. wives will be the over-all decor of the all-Institute Christmas Convocation tomorrow. Despite these contributions, Mrs. Brown vows that M.I.T. "would have had no decorations at all without the help of B & P. The ladies," she says emphatically, "are tremendously grateful to the men for getting the trees, and for their cooperation, advice, labor, and genial encouragement."

The annual round of parties was started by the Instrumentation Lab on December 11 with a lively banquet in the John Hancock building. Lincoln Lab's Division 6 plans a gathering on December 22 which should be even livelier. Anticipated on that day for a full session with clowns, cartoons, stuffed stockings, goodies, and games are some 200 people--the majority of them Division offspring under 12 years of age. The next day belongs to the M.I.T. Union, which will be staging a turkey trot. Twenty-five birds, to be exact, which will be presented to lucky-number-holders from union ranks. "We used to get them fresh," comments turkey chairman Bill Mosher, "but since we're never quite sure just when the party will come off we thought it was a little safer to stick to the frozen. Then they all get after us to



have the party far enough ahead so the birds unthaw in time for the wife to stuff them."

Incidentally, the trees in Kresge and the lobby of Building 10 were cut a week ago on the snow-dusted hills of Laconia, N. H. John Ayer, M.I.T. Grounds Crew foreman, is particularly proud of the giant in the auditorium. "It's got one small cavity in the back," he says, matter-of-factly, "but it's really a beeea-utiful tree." We haven't examined the posterior, but from our position across the street we'd say the front view is wholly satisfactory.



Everything but the packing

MERRY-GO-ROUND

She'll be an authority on everything from turbans to Tibet before she's through. Diane White (D.S.R.) will leave M.I.T. this Friday on an unusual assignment for the U.S. State Department. One of fifty chosen from more than 6000 hopefuls, she will be whisked across the Atlantic on January 3 to begin new duties as chief receptionist (one of two) in the American Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair.

The fair, labelled "the latest and greatest of the traditional international expositions," is the first of its kind since the big New York jamboree of 1939. Diane explains that America, with programs ranging from jazz to geography, "will try to show not so much the things we make, but what we are."

Diane notes that her main job will be "to meet and greet all sorts of diplomats and dignitaries from all over the world." In addition to the 35,000,000 visitors that are expected, she adds that the American Pavilion has "a very interesting location--between Russia and the Vatican." As if this weren't enough, Diane also promises to explore the interesting rumour that "Paris is only an hour's helicopter ride away."

ON A SHOESTRING

According to the records, no patent has yet been obtained for an invention by Dr. C. Stark Draper which calls for: 1 shoestring, 1 scrap of chamois skin, and 2 rubber suction cups which his secretary had used for hanging up her laundry.

Dr. Draper, the brain behind the brain which is supposed to make missiles go where they are supposed to go, spends a good part of his time in flight and he likes to have a radio. But the skin of an airplane tends to screen out the waves. So, with the above equipment, he fastens his transistor radio to the window, plugs in an earphone, and listens to news and music while he works on plans for some of the most intricate, delicate devices in the world.

Recently Doc Draper was given the Holley Medal (awarded "only for some great and unique act of engineering genius") by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his work on Navy gunsights. And at the Christmas party of the Instrumentation Lab he was presented with a portrait of himself painted by Joe Coyle (RLE) -- which will one day hang in the Lab.



HERE AND THERE

Personnel Office jumped the holiday gun with a pre-season party on December 5. Introduced to whatever parts of the campus they had not seen by the M.I.T. Social Beaver (movie) and then to cider and doughnuts was a sizable delegation from the 210 new office workers who have joined the campus since January 1 of this year.

Ralph Sayers (RLE) announces the winner of a dining-room-naming contest held at the M.I.T. Faculty Club. To Prof. John Wulff (Metallurgy) will go five fast meals on the house for what is now known as the "Time Table Room" -- a small corner reserved for professors who arrive after noon classes and must be back on the podium at 1. More than 150 suggestions were received by the judges, among them the BOBO Room (Be Out By One),



Should auld acquaintance...

Flying Saucer, One O'Clock Jump, Wrecked-Angle, Fast Feasters, Musketeers (One For All and All For One), and, surely from Mr. Frankenstein, "Ulcer Gulch."

Chairman Robert Holden reports that the grand total for the M.I.T. United Fund Drive this year now stands at an impressive \$41,196. "This kind of response seems to indicate a real approval of the UF plan," says Dean Holden. "It has been a superb effort."

Presenting: WTBS-FM (within a few months). In business for 11 years, student-operated WTBS has expanded its campus broadcasting from 10 hours a week to 14 hours a day. Long hopeful for FM status that would serve the whole M.I.T. community and Greater Boston as well, WTBS is delighted with the prospect of expanded service which will ease what it calls the demands of "ever-increasing listenership" on campus and in the fraternities. WTBS promises that new listeners can expect "the same fine and wide variety of entertainment and information" that the station has offered in the past.

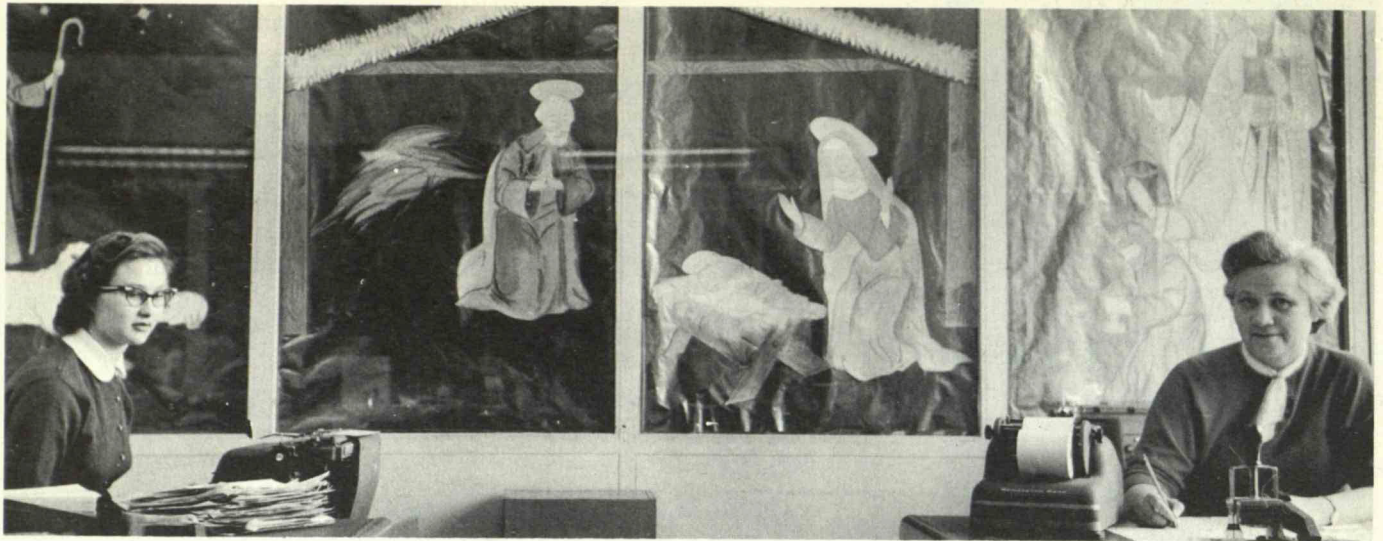
Busy Mott (issue of Nov. 5) is getting busier. With more than 300 inquiries on the two M.I.T. Charter Flights to Europe, plans for the trips are jelling rapidly. Destination for both will be Paris, the "Five Week Plan" at a cost of \$280, and the "Three Month Plan" at \$325. Seats on both are still available. Encouraged by these statistics, Mr. Mott is now scouting M.I.T. opinion on a summer swandive to South America. Sample price: \$260. All interested parties are urged to call Stewart Mott, RE8-5271, "before the holidays."

M.I.T. last week received its annual shipment of N.E. Telephone Directories. The total count: 4000 volumes, weighing 14,000 pounds and containing just 5,320,000 pages.

NOW THAT WINTER'S HERE

John Little (Payroll Office) reminds M.I.T. personnel that the best time to file requests for tax deductions on "sick pay" is before Christmas. "You may find," he says, "an income tax advantage in having some of your salary excluded from tax if you were absent during the year because of injury, hospitalization, or extended (more than a week) sickness." Mr. Little adds that for anyone intending to pursue such deductions, "it will decidedly be to your advantage to fill out a Report of Absence." These are available in all department and project offices, or at the Bursar's or Payroll Offices.

From his considerable experience with things financial, Mr. Little notes an increasing tendency on the part of the Internal Revenue Service to demand mathematical particulars on all requests for sick pay deductions. With this in mind, he makes a supreme offer: for every Report of Absence filed, the Payroll Office will provide the necessary "calculations."



Top nomination for spectacular Christmas decor: Donna Bastian (left) and Eleanor Prenney (rt.) who together contributed eight man-sized, hand-painted panels to the Research Fiscal Office.

FOR SALE ETC.

Westinghouse Roaster Oven. Used twice. Originally \$45, will sell for \$20. UN4-1184.

Surveyor's transit -- Grier. Unused since rebuilt. Tripod & case. \$300. Robert Kaplan, IV4-8014.

Folding bed. Brand new Englander mattress. Originally \$49.95, now \$30. Al Greco, Ext. 2715.

5-piece silver tea service including lg tray, hardly used; 35 x 46" modern mirror; pair of 20 x 24" scenic prints, blond frames. Mrs. Simpson, HO9-9336.

Lg office-style walnut desk, 30 x 54". 6 drawers. Excellent cond. Originally \$120, asking \$40. Carol Chomsky, TR6-9463 after 6 p.m.

Full-size brown metal bed, with spring (and mattress, if desired) \$5. R. Toebes, Ext. 2515.

Kelvinator Electric Refrigerator (1955). \$75. Don Howard, Ext. 3579.

Cute 5-mos-old black & white female kitten needs home. UN4-8493 after 5:30 p.m.

'40 Buick Special. Excellent cond. 65,000 miles. 4 almost-new tires. Drives better than many late models. \$150 or best offer. Jerry Hyde, Ext. 5566 (Lincoln).

Customline '46 Ford convertible. Full race-equipped 59A. Very good cond, never abused. Best offer over \$500. R. Skinner, Ext. 2379 or MI3-3237.

'51 Chevrolet 2-door sedan. Black. 28,000 original miles. Immaculate cond. Whitey Kish, Ext. 821 (Lincoln).

'51 Chrysler Imperial 4-door. R & H. Full power equipment. New shocks and front end. Excellent engine with Mallory ignition system. Very clean. \$450. Tony Turano, Ext. 2942 or LI2-4981 (evgs).

Wanted: furn. house or apt. for Visiting M.I.T. Prof. from England. Feb. 15-June 30. 2 BR's, near public trans. Arlington-Belmont area preferred. Rhoda Abrams, Ext. 2671.

Wanted: good used typewriter. Portable preferred, but will consider standard. R. Toebes, Ext. 2515.

Wanted: good used piano, reasonable. Ext. 660 or EL4-1893 (evgs).

'54 MG-TF. Cream. Wire wheels, ww tires, completely rebuilt engine. R & H, tonneau and boat cover in addition to convertible top. Only 31,000 miles. Excellent cond. Marc Richman, Ext. 2179.

'55 Volkswagen. Sun roof, R & H. G. Farrell, Jr., Ext. 3226 or KE6-5770.

'57 Firelite De Soto 4-door sedan. 7,000 miles, beautiful cond. R & H, solex glass, power brakes & steering. Dove grey. Ext. 3604 or WI6-0365.

Apt. for rent. West Newton. 7 rooms, including den and 3 BR's. 2nd floor of two-family house. Mod. K & B, LR with fp, DR, storage attic. Back porch & garage. Play yard. \$115/mo, unheated. 20 min. to M.I.T. by car. Avail. Jan 1. Mrs. Gumpertz, BI4-4556.

For rent. Back Bay area. Mod furn. basement apt. LR, fp, lg elec K, BR, tile bath. Sub-lease. \$125/mo. B. Hendricks, Ext. 2101.

Apt. for rent. Dorchester. 4 1/2 rooms, porch, refrig. Heated. 3rd floor. Furn. or unfurn. Avail now. TA5-7927.

Apt. for rent. Groton. 4 rooms, completely redecorated, 2nd floor. Sep. entrance, heat & hw supplied, mod. K with new GE stove and Frig. Adults preferred. References required. \$100/mo. Apply Doris Peabody, 5 Court St., Groton or GI(lbert) 8-5270. 34 miles from M.I.T.

Three months rental. Furn house, 3 BR's. Avail. Jan 1. Mr. or Mrs. Robert Gauthier, 49 Patten Rd., Tewksbury or Ulysses 1-2513.

For sale. 4 BR single house. Coolidge Corner, Brookline. Excellent cond. Near schools, trans. shopping. 2-car garage. Low 20's. AS7-4309.

For sale. Lexington. 2-BR ranch. \$14,900. Screened porch, full basement. 15,800 sq. ft. lot on dead end st. 1 mi. from intersection, Routes 2 & 128. H. Trantham, VO2-3451 or Ext. 3584

Need: apt. by January 15. 3 or 4 rooms, unfurn. Prefer Harvard Sq. location. Will sign lease. O.H. Gilbert, Ext. 116.

Found: set of drawing instruments. Owner can have same by seeing Miss Duncan, Room 5-317, and Proving Property.