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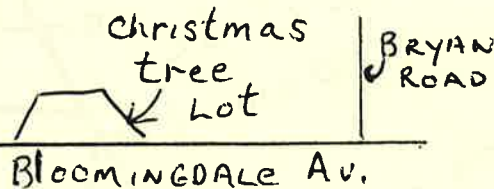
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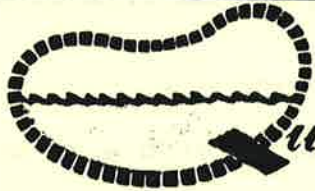
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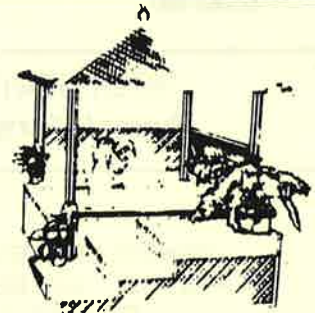
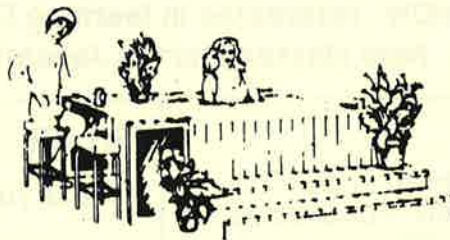
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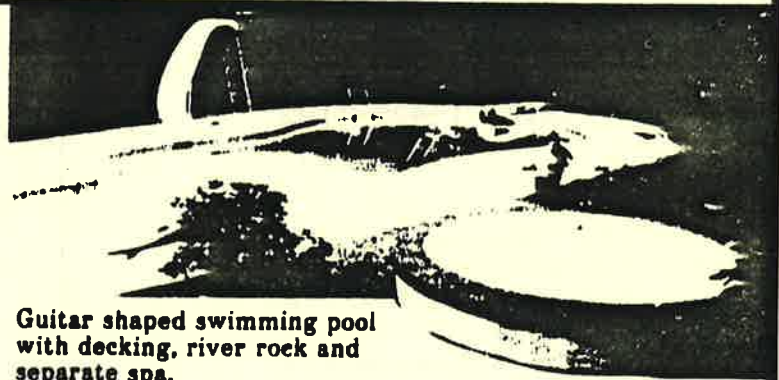
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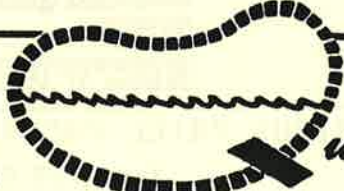
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On November 20, 1984, the BHA Board of Directors extended the terms of the six board members scheduled to leave office in November until January when an election can be held. There were not enough members present to hold the election in November.

After anxious moments, the board in its November meeting at Chris Pheils' was able to telephone enough members to approve the children's and annual BHA Christmas party. We hope that the residents and their teen age children will enjoy our evening at Center Place. Don't forget that kids young and old will get to meet SANTA in Bloomingdale on the 22nd. We also hear a rumor that Santa has goodies for the kiddies.

It's apparent that the BHA is not attracting a lot of interest in the community. We hope that this malaise (Jimmy Carter's favorite word) is due to the holiday season and not the BHA. Frankly, we board members don't know where to turn. We sincerely believe we need the BHA or something similar in Bloomingdale, but unless you support the organization it will soon die. We would like for you to give us one more chance. In January the board will present it's proposed agenda for 1985. Afterwards, we will accept nominations from the floor to fill the expiring board positions. It is your community and your association. If you don't like the way we are running things, get involved and change it.

There are momentous changes taking place in Florida. These are changes which will affect property values and the quality of life. BHA is an organization which can speak for you at school board meetings, county commission meetings, and other community forums. BHA organized the campaign to provide funding to cover the cost of maintaining the common areas. Even though we eventually lost out to politics last spring, something has to be done because the development is rapidly approaching completion.

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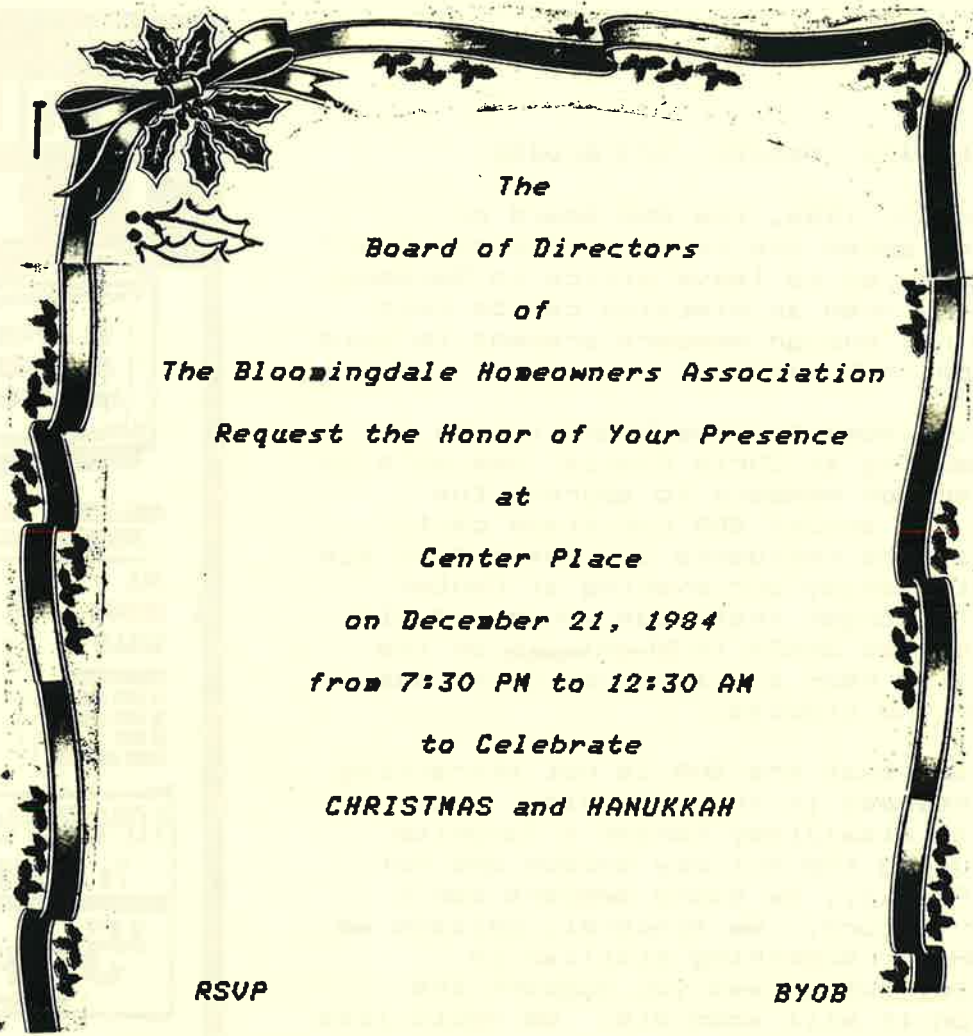
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Numerous suggestions were discussed at the last get-together, however, it is my opinion that due to the reasons listed below, the December Craft Club meeting will be the last one.

Here are the facts:

1. As Chairperson, I have had continuous difficulty in getting volunteers for a home in which to meet. You must realize that even if we limit the number by asking for reservations, many active craft club people do not feel their homes can accomodate a large group, especially for some projects which require more working space.
2. Even if we did have a place to meet, there is still the problem of someone to be in charge. If we split into two or more groups to try and get around the problem listed in #1, you then need two or more Chairpersons to head up these groups. As I said, I have had no response to this request.
3. The third main issue is the projects themselves. Unfortunately, the group as it has grown has not been especially responsive in giving me suggestions and help with what crafts they would like to do. No one is volunteering to come with their project or skill to teach the group. I "shopped" for ideas myself, suggested and did the instruction for the potpourri hoops, fabric ribbon Easter baskets, tin punch and padded picture albums and frames.

The craft group grew from a few neighbors getting together to share ideas and know-how and of course, their friendship. I see no reason why those of you who are truly interested in sharing your time and friendship should not continue to do so. Feel free to get together on your own. Perhaps you'll find you like it better in a more informal group. I have most everyone's phone number so feel free to call me if you need someone's number.

Lastly, the Craft Club has about \$70.00 in our treasury. I would like to donate this money to the Missing Children's Center in Brandon. I will ask for a vote on this at the December meeting. I'm sorry to say that if you have not made a reservation for this project already that it has already been filled. We had to put a limit on the number due to the size of the project.

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