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Miss Sarah Ennis, of Detroit, spent the week-end with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hill, of Pontiac were recent Birmingham visitors.

Miss Margaret Pepper, one of Detroit's teachers, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Retta Barr.

Mrs. Diana Pickering is home from Southfield where she has been spending a week with relatives.

Mrs. Susanna Parks has returned home from a two weeks' sojourn with Milford and Commerce friends.

Christmas Cards! Compare our two for 5c cards with those sold by others at 5c. "The Builders' Shop."—Adv.

Mrs. Jennie Clark is now a resident of Pontiac, having taken possession of her home on Raeburn Court, that city.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hannah started Tuesday night for Orlando, Fla., their regular winter home in the "Sunny South."

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Baldwin, of Bloomfield Hills, December 24th, which call her Marjorie.

Mr. Henry Mason, who for several weeks past has been in Ann Arbor for medical treatment, has returned home much improved in health.

William Henry Harrison Codnor, of Detroit, the "imitated" traveling merchant, while making his usual rounds, was a caller at the Eccentric office Monday.

Christmas goods, dolls, games, books, cards, seals and tree ornaments in our new department for your convenience. Quality and prices right. All new goods. "The Builders' Shop."—Adv.

The funeral of Willie Earl Kist little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kist, who succumbed to the influenza on the 7th inst., was held Monday afternoon, with interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Corporal Raymond Peck has returned to Camp Sandy Hook, N. J., and Private Arthur Peck has returned to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Peck, of Bates Street.

The W. S. A. Review will meet at the home of Mrs. G. E. Ferguson, 221 North Woodward Avenue, December 17, at 8 p. m. sharp. Election of officers and payment of dues. All members are requested to be present.

The Ladies' Church Society of the First Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. J. Armstrong, 417 Greenwood Avenue, Wednesday, December 18, at 3 o'clock. All members and friends are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, of Southfield, is in receipt of a letter from her son, George, who is in the 12th machine gun company, and who was wounded in the Argonne forest, by bursting shrapnel, stating that he was able to be out of the hospital and was temporarily running an engine on a road roller, prior to his probable return to his company.

Have you seen J. H. McBride's Xmas tree? If not, why not?

Mrs. Ernest Bailey has returned from a visit with her son, Private Gordon Bailey, at Camp Custer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vandenberg, who have been visiting relatives at Meriden, Conn., have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blakeslee, of Detroit, were calling on Birmingham relatives and friends Sunday.

It was hard to believe, from an atmospheric standpoint last Sunday, that Christmas would soon be here.

Books and Games! Large stock—large assortment. All the new ones—some of the old ones. "The Builders' Shop."—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mills enjoyed the balmy atmosphere Sunday by an auto ride out to their summer home in Drayton Plains.

H. W. Baxter, jeweler, established 23 years, 112 East Maple Avenue. Nice line of Christmas gifts. Good goods—reasonable prices. A call solicited.

It is hard work for the kiddies to pass the Christmas windows in the Field Building. There is a regular blockade both before and after school.

The Women's Literary Club will meet Tuesday, December 17, with Mrs. Clarence Vliet, 405 Southfield Avenue. A musical program will be given. Each member may bring a guest.

Wilhelm Wrobel, on the Six-and-one-half-mile Road, between Livernois and Schneider Roads, will have a clean-up sale next Wednesday, December 18. M. H. Blunt will take your bids.

The proposed new club house of the Oakland Hills Country Club on Maple Avenue West is way ahead of anything in that line in this part of the State. Here's hoping it may come to completion in the near future.

The business portion of our little city is growing more and more festive looking all the time in its holiday garb, and each merchant seems to be trying to eclipse his neighbor in the matter of decoration and display.

When it comes to artistic window trimming, however, Birmingham merchants are no back numbers.

The residents of Ann Street from Frank Street south to George Street are now in receipt of a storm sewer, which has just been completed, together with the necessary man holes and catch basins.

This ought to relieve the somewhat unsatisfactory condition which has occurred in the dwelling places along this street during the past season, when spring thaws left the surface wet or without a sanitary outlet.

The pastors of the Birmingham churches have arranged a union memorial service for the young men with the Colors who gave their lives as the supreme sacrifice, that the world might be better and safer for this and the succeeding generations. This service is to be in the First Presbyterian Church, at Rev. E. E. Rice, 11:30 a. m., to bring the message, Sabbath evening, December 22, at 7:30, is the date and hour. This is a public meeting and you are invited.

The Troy United Presbyterian Church, held their annual Thanksgiving offering in the home of Mrs. Robinson. A fine chicken dinner was greatly enjoyed. The usual program was dispensed with. Rev. D. H. Curry made the address of the day, and the Thanksgiving offering taken, which totaled \$250.00. This money goes for missionary purposes. This same congregation have given \$250.00 to the War Emergency fund of the United Presbyterian church this past month.

The young people of Southfield spent a very pleasant time on Friday evening of last week at the picnic of the United Presbyterian church. They organized, and elected the following officers for the balance of the year: President, Clyde Gass; Vice president, William Haack; Secretary, Isabelle Reid; Treasurer, Charles McClelland. After election was over refreshments were served. All had a very enjoyable time. The sincere prayer of those present is that the Lord will use this young people's society in this corner of his vineyard.

The young people of the Birmingham United Presbyterian church are to give a cantata entitled, "The Home Made Santa," on December 24th. Admission free. All invited. At the close of the rendition of the cantata, the annual White Gift Offering will be received from the members of the church. This year the offering goes to the three very needy causes—The National Service Commission, for use in meeting the needs of our United Presbyterian boys with the Colors. Second, helping to rebuild the Protestant churches destroyed by the horrible heartless Huns in France, and third, the relief work for the Armenian and Syrian starving hosts, these helpless, innocent victims of the feudishness of the Turks and their German officers, are appealing more and more to the sympathy of the world, as their hopeless plight is becoming revealed. Tens of thousands of them will not survive the winter unless aid is speedily sent from America. Our National Committee on Relief, through the White Gift Offerings, have selected the above three causes as the most needy and urgent at the present time.

We've about made up our mind to get our nose back into the space box and let those fellows settle it 'over there."

Christmas tags, seals and booklets. You will be surprised when you compare our quality and price with city prices. "The Builders' Shop."—Adv.

The Birmingham United Presbyterian Church held their annual Thank Offering Sabbath afternoon, December 8. An interesting program was enjoyed. The Thank Offering totaled about \$158.00.

Mrs. Alma Mykkonen, who was assisting in caring for the influenza victims at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry, on North Woodward Ave., contracted the disease which together with pneumonia, resulted in her death. Burial took place at her late home in Highland Park.

The Service flag which was dedicated in the High School Auditorium last week, has fifty blue stars and two gold ones. The gold stars are for Miss Irene Parr, who died some time ago, and Milford Blue, son of the well-known Auctioneer, Blunt, of the United States Army, who died of pneumonia, in France.

The noxious odor emanating from gas ranges and meter boxes is now under control, we hope. The plant of the Michigan Light Company has been recently handicapped for lack of men. Ten and fifteen of the force have been absent at a time, due to the epidemic, other employees have worked 18 and 24 hours continuously. On December 10 the purification tank received an overhauling, and the sulphur gases will not be a future menace to the location which the pipe lines penetrate.

You can never surprise us after this Terrible thunder and lightning and torrents from out the skies, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, in this year of grace 1918, and then came our house cat, whose reputation was like Caesar's wife—above suspicion—and presented us with a neat kittens! That settles it. Come on with your blue moons. If the morning paper said that Willie J. Bryan had been elected President of these United States, you couldn't detect the slightest indication of surprise upon our noble countenance.

The instructor of music at the Baldwin High School, Miss Green, is training all Christmas carolers for the Christmas Eve program. Those who are musically inclined and do not attend school are invited to call at Miss Green's office, library room, Baldwin High School and enroll. The carolers, after giving their opening exercises in one group about the Christmas tree at Woodward and Maple, on the night of the 24th, will then be divided into groups. Every group will be chaperoned and driven by auto through a certain section of the town, where they will sing about the dwellings where the "sign for the carol chorus appears."

This, according to tradition, as you probably know, the candle in the window tells the story. The exercises about the Christmas tree will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

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11 a. m.—Preaching.  
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W. H. WHITEHEAD, President.  
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**South-bound**—4:50 a. m., 5:20 a. m., 5:32 a. m., 5:40 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:11 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:15 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 5:45 p. m., 6:30 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 10:30 p. m.; also 11:30 p. m.

**North-bound**—7:18 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 8:18 p. m.; then 8:58 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 12:58 a. m.

Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only, 6:00 a. m., 6:22 a. m., 6:52 a. m.

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