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VILLAGE POLICE ARRES" MAN, WIFE

Officers Say Ortell And Wife Wanted In Various Cities For Thievery

When arraigned in Justice of the Peace Buck's court Tuesday afternoon of this week, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ortell, 130 Chippewa Drive, Pontiac, pleaded not guilty to a charge of receiving a silk dress belonging to a firm in Atlanta, Ga., knowing the same to have been stolen. They demanded an examination and the date was set for December 19, before Justice Buck. Bail was placed at $7,500 each, and was not furnished. They were taken to the County jail at Pontiac.

After being notified by B. D. Young a detective in Atlanta, to take into custody a man by the name of Frank G. Willetts, who was receiving his mail at the Birmingham postoffice, Homer Gaskill, captain of police here, last Saturday, afternoon, arrested Ortell at the D. U. H. waiting room, after Ortell had called at the local postoffice to receive a package addressed to "Frank G. Willetts". At the time of arrest Ortell declared his name was Willetts and that he lived in Bloomfield Center. When taken to police headquarters and grilled by the officers, he finally admitted his name was Ortell and that he had been living in Pontiac for the past three years, according to police.

Mrs. Ortell was arrested late Saturday night when she returned from a shopping trip in Detroit. It is said that she had in her possession more than $100 worth of shoes and wearing apparel, but the sales slips did not account for all of the articles. John B. Downey, head of the Detroit Retail Merchant's Protective Association, took possession of the sales slips and is investigating each purchase at the different Detroit stores.

Officers declare that the pair of alleged shoplifters are known from coast to coast, and have served time in various prisons. According to Captain Gaskill, Ortell admitted that he and his wife had been shoplifting for the past 30 years. Ortell gave his age as 59 and his wife as 48. They say they were married for 32 years and have nine children living.

CHURCHES

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The First Presbyterian

The pastor, Rev. Wm. C. McKnight, expects to occupy his pulpit and preach next Sunday. The subject of the sermon at 10:30 will be, "The Scientific Christian." In the evening at 7:30 an illustrated lecture-sermon which should be of interest to all. Sunday School at noon with classes for all. Always a cordial welcome for everybody at this church. Visitors and strangers invited.

St. James' Church

Sunday, Dec. 17. Third Sunday in Advent. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m., litany and sermon; 5 p.m., Evening prayer.

Thursday, Dec. 21, St. Thomas' Day.—9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

The Church School—Sunday, 12 M., general session for all grades; Monday, 4 p.m., Grade 7, girls; Tuesday, 4 p.m., Grade 7, boys; Wednesday, 3 a.m., Prayer-book Class, boys; Thursday, 8 a.m., Prayer-book Class, girls.

Regular meetings of parish societies as usual. Young people's hour—The Sunday afternoon service will be essentially a young people's service to be followed by a round-table conference and sing.

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Sunday, 11 a.m.

Sunday school, same hour.

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ABOUT A MOVIE, A RINK AND A "WATER HAMMER"

Wherein We Print Mr. Griggs' Attack Upon Ourselves And Upon The Local Officials

By George R. Averill, Editor of the Eccentric

To begin with, we want it known that we highly esteem the friendship of Mr. R. Eugene Griggs of Willetts street. We admire him because once he was an ordained preacher, we respect him because he is a man quite up in years, unable to compete with the youthful progressiveness of the present established order of things.

Mr. Griggs, it will be remembered by readers of this paper, has a penchant for anything of a civic nature. Being a taxpayer of Birmingham, he has a right to righteously interest himself in the things done by the official boards elected to represent the people. But Mr. Griggs, perhaps a trifle inconsistent with his former ministerial preachments, is often inclined to judge hastily—sometimes rather hastily and without fully investigating the grounds for his charges. And the Bible declares judge not.

In the following letter from Mr. Griggs, he attacks three phases of municipal life. One of them is the use of the Baldwin high school auditorium for "movies," and the other is the skating rink built on the Epworth church property at Bates and Merrill streets. A third theme is expounded by him also, namely, the so-called "water-hammer" in the Village water pipes.

Relative to the "movies" being an added burden on the taxpayer, we are informed that the rent received by the school board for the use of the auditorium is sufficient to pay for the expense of lights, heat, and other service. So Mr. Griggs has no argument on this score. As R. J. Coryell, a member of the board, said this week: "Ask Mr. Griggs if he would not rather have the auditorium filled with young couples in the light than to have even one couple somewhere out-of-doors in the dark."

There need be nothing said to uphold the Commission in their attempt to provide a skating rink in Birmingham. According to Manager Starr, the entire cost of lighting the rink for the winter, as well as grading and building the rink, would not be more than $100. This would cost every man, woman and child in Birmingham about two cents.

Mr. Griggs would remove the "water hammer" from the pipes. This can easily be done, we are told, by completely changing the methods of pumping used at the water works. We wonder if Mr. Griggs voted "Yes" on any of the recent bond issues for water works extensions. We guess that he didn't.

So, Mr. Griggs, in order that the people of Birmingham may be heard on your own opinons on the several matters, we are going to print your attack upon us just as you handed it in, with not a word changed or a jot or tittle cut out. And it will not cost you one penny for the space. Following is the letter:

Editor Eccentric:

I observed in your last issue that you "heard it said" that I did not favor the appropriation of village funds for a skating rink, but that I favored the spending of money for the doing away with the nuisance caused by the hammering of the water pipes in the homes of the people. You also say that I do not favor the use to which the high school auditorium is put nearly every night in the week.

Now it is evident to me that you "heard it said" but you did not hear me say it in the way in which you put it, though the fact is that I am opposed to the appropriation of the taxpayers money merely for amusements of any sort, whether from the village treasury or that of the school board.

Some time ago you gave me credit for being "consistently opposed" you linked my name with that of Mr. John Hanna, whom you dubbed "Old Man Hanna" in a disrespectful way. It seems to me that your latest squib shows a desire, not only to hold me up to the people as a consistent opposer of the waste of the people's money, but as a sort of 'killjoy' where the money is expended for the amusement of those whom Br. Brown calls the "kids."

This attitude of mind is not true to the facts, for I have the highest regard for the joys of childhood, and my wife have done many things to promote their pleasure. I have from time to time written up almost every institution in our village, including our schools, long before you owned the paper, and persons have told me they have been attracted to the beautiful things Birmingham affords by my articles. I favor everything that makes for the public welfare, but amusements is no part of government that the home owner should be taxed for. We surely have enough on that score in Birmingham at present without adding more burdens.

The High school is certainly a great amusement emporium, nearly every night in the week and every year the tax rate is increased to meet the budget set out by the school board. This year it is nearly three dollars per thousand higher than last year. The board has spent hundreds of dollars on amusement equipment both at the High school and on the Barnum Field, and with the additional features at the Baldwin Park rink skating pond right in the Village, I think there is lots of chance for fun for Brown's "kiddies" and all the rest. That the Village Commission should excavate and grade a private lot and light it at the expense of the people for another rink is entirely uncalled for, when they refuse to give nay attention to the suffering nerves of home occupants whose water pipes are over-charged with air, caused by their neglect to fix up the water works as it ought to be. This incessant hammering of our water pipes has been going on for a year or more, and while the tax rate this year was $15.00 per thousand, and Brown says it would have been more had they not been limited by the Charter, yet the Commission will not spend three dollars to afford relief from an abomidable nuisance for which they are responsible, while they vote to spend a hundred dollars or more to grade a lot for skating when we have plenty of facilities for skating already.

The Village Manager, when they pay $1.00 per day who claims credit for a plan of relief from the water pipe hammering, which he did not devise himself, tells me if I want relief to fix it myself. What does the taxpayer get for the exorbitant taxes we pay in Birmingham? Let us excavate all the other vacant church lots for skating for the kids, while older people lay awake nights to the hammering of the water pipes.

R. Eugene Griggs.

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BALDWIN BEACON

A Weekly Journal Edited by the Students of Baldwin High School.

SENIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY

As last week was Educational Week the Juniors presented a chapel in accordance with that idea. Chapel was opened by the school singing, "Michigan, My Michigan."

Mr. Toothacker read the Scripture. Winfred Huntoon and Ernest Mansfield sang several pretty duets. Next three Junior High girls gave two pretty trios. Douglas Atcheson gave a talk on "What Our School Needs". He stated that "pep" was defined as Purpose, Energy and Persistance. Closson Miller talked about the Y. M. C. A. conference at Battle Creek which was held week before last. Mr. Vliet gave a talk on "Hits and Bits of the University of Michigan".

Chapel was concluded by singing "America, the Beautiful".

JUNIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY

The chapel Friday was the second hour. It was opened by the scripture lesson read by Gloria Killinger. The members of the Junior High then sang "Michigan, my Michigan". This was followed by a duet by Winifred Huntoon and Ernest Mansfield. Mr. West then told us of his visit to West Point and the history of Benedict Arnold and Major Andre.

We finished our program by singing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

The first debate of the season was held in the Senior Session room, on Friday afternoon, December 1. It was well attended and some splendid arguments were given on both sides. The question was: Resolved—that the United States and Canada should jointly construct a deep water-way to the Atlantic by way of the St. Lawrence River. Royal Oak, our opponents, were affirmative while Birmingham took the negative. The affirmative won an unanimous decision but it was not a one-sided contest in any sense. The Royal Oak team profited by previous training and experience while two of our team had never participated in a debate. Our boys have worked hard and should be commended for their fine showing. We are sure that this debate will not discourage them but only spur them on to gain a victory in the next one.

BALDWIN BRIEFS

Football season having ended the basketball season opens in earnest.

First boys' basketball game, Friday, here, with Northeastern.

Girls' gym. play practice has started and it is rumored that the play is to be next month.

The Seniors are all patiently(?) waiting for their pictures to arrive.

The Seniors sure know how to play basketball.

The fifteen week exams come this week and it will soon be time to post mid-third honor roll.

The debate with Royal Oak Friday made us a little disappointed—but we hope that the decision will spur us on to better efforts.

Next week the schedule for inter-class games states that the Freshmen will oppose the Sophomores.

THE FOOTBALL BANQUET

Friday, December 8, a banquet was given by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ross in the cafeteria of the Baldwin High School in honor of the football players of 1922. Needless to say, the team enjoyed the chicken, ice cream and the rest. After Stanley Hunt had eaten his numerous helpings of ice cream, Mr. Vliet, as toastmaster, introduced the speakers. The coach addressed the ladies as he is well informed on that subject. Mrs. Vliet replied to the toast given by Mr. Drake. Captain Ross was called upon and he thanked the players for the honor of electing him captain and told how he had appreciated their support throughout the season. Then the captain-elec., Warren Bray, arose and despite trembling knees and gave a fine speech.

The host, Mr. Ross, delivered a talk which was well liked by everyone and he ended by saying that once more he would like to hear the old battle-cry "B-I-D-S, etc." It was given with a spirit and the tables and chairs fairly rattled. The amusing part of the evening came when the players were questioned as to their feelings when Spears found himself lying across his own goal line with the ball barely outside.

Hunt and Wilcox didn't know how they felt. Pederson said he didn't feel. The others also had no excuse. "Rivie" Smith said they all were probably numb. Mr. and Mrs. Ross being cheered, the players and their lady friends went up to the dance.

B. H. S. Team Wins Last Game From Royal Oak By Score of 3—0

Thanksgiving Day the Birmingham High school team won from their greatest rivals, Royal Oak, by a score of 3 to 0.

This was the last and best game that our boys played. It was very exciting, and the 800 people who witnessed the game were given many thrills. Springsteed won the game when he drop-kicked from the 30-yard line. In the last few minutes of play Royal Oak's quarterback tried to drop-kick from the 40-yard field but missed by only three feet. Wilcox made a great run after Springsteed had punted and a Royal Oak player had touched it. The score should have been 9 to 0, but the referee did not see the Royal Oak player touch it, therefore it did not count.

This was the last game for several of the Birmingham squad; Captain Ross, Wilcox, Campbell, Drake, Patenaude, Pederson, DeLong and Burkman.

THE FOOTBALL DANCE

The football men put away their shoulder pads and cleated shoes for attire of a more social aspect.

After a delicious dinner given to the football men and their lady friends by Mrs. Ross, the guests went up to the Auditorium to "step" in time to Finzel's orchestra.

The Auditorium was very prettily decorated in maroon and white. At each end were goal posts wound in the school colors while from the basket facing the stage hung a football with "1922" inscribed upon the pigskin. The orchestra was surrounded by a fence covered with maroon and white. At the grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Vliet all the students received caps of many colors to add to the rainbow already there.

Eleven-thirty came all too soon and also the last glass of the marvelous punch. So with many sighs the merry-makers departed for their homes.

INTER-CLASS GAMES

This year, Mr. Mix, the jeweler, is giving a silver cup for the winners of both the girls and boys' inter-class basketball games. He is also giving a large cup to the team having the greatest number of points at the end of the year for the following sports: Basketball, track and baseball. These inter-class games are being held in the Baldwin auditorium.

Seniors win

Last Thursday was the first of these games. The Seniors vs. Sophomores. The Senior Girls had it fairly easy and won 20-9, but the Senior Boys had to fight as hard as they could from the beginning to end, and not until the last few minutes of play did they get the jump on the Sophs and score two field goals and a free throw. The score was 11 to 8 in favor of the Seniors when the final whistle blew.

Those who took part in the Sophomore vs. Senior game:

GIRLS		GIRLS	
	L. F.		M. Rainey
M. Berz	R. F.		M. Newman
H. Rosso	J. C.		B. Bany
M. Taylor	R. C.		W. Haack
A. Vliet	R. G.		A. Clark
T. McQuater	L. G.		M. Reid
G. Nixon			
BOYS		BOYS	
	R. F.	Moore	
	L. F.		Campbell
Howe	C.		Olson
Smith	R. G.		E. Shave
Patenaude	S. G.	Grooms	
Pederson		Westerby	

Monday night the Seniors opposed the Juniors. The Seniors had the hardest battle of the year to face. The girls won first and 7 to 4 was a good game, with lots of pep right from the start. The Juniors could not stop their elders and at the end the Seniors came out with the big end of the score—20-9.

When the boys were all on the floor it looked as if either team was likely to win. After the game got under way the Seniors left the poor Juniors far behind and at the end of the half led by 15 to 3.

In the second half the Juniors awakened to the fact that they had to fight harder than ever. They started shooting long shots and occasionally one would drop in. The Seniors by this time were far enough ahead and just tried to hold their opponents and once in a while make a basket. The Seniors came out on top again, 24 to 15.

Seniors	GIRLS	Juniors
	R. F.	D. Groves
M. Berz	L. F.	G. Smith
H. Rosso	J. C.	I. Cook
M. Taylor	R. C.	F. Langerman
A. Vliet	R. G.	D. Pote
G. Nixon	L. G.	C. Wooster
T. McQuater	BOYS	
Seniors	L. F.	Juniors
	R. F.	T. Edwards
L. Smith	C.	R. Smith
Howe	R. G.	Springsted
Pederson	S. G.	Ash
Moore		Hunt
Patenaude		

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LOCAL BOYS ATTEND Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

By Earl Smith

Six local boys were in attendance at the Twentieth Annual State Older Boys' Conference of the Y. M. C. A. at Battle Creek, last week. They are: Rollin Smith, Claude Miller, Murray Ross, Winfred Peck, Loyal Campbell and the writer.

The Brimingham delegation met with the rest of the Oakland county boys at Pontiac, from which place we were carried to Battle Creek on a special train. The Detroit boys were in another car on the same train.

When we arrived in Battle Creek we went to the First Methodist church where we were assigned to the respective homes at which we were to stay. The conference did not begin until 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, so we took in the sights of the city.

The Conference text is found in the Book of Mark 12:28-31—"Love the Lord your God with all yourself and your neighbor as yourself." The theme was "Christian Fellowship." We had devotional meetings at the churches, where we discussed such things as "Hindrances to Christian Fellowship."

The hindrances to Christian Fellowship are: Lack of faith, unhelpfulness, selfishness, bad habits, pride and snobbishness. The results of Christian fellowship are: Unselfishness, Christ confidence, cooperation, clean habits, open-mindedness, good company and cheerfulness.

Splendid speeches were made throughout the entire conference. A very interesting address was made by Daniel Swamidoss, a "Y" worker in far-off India. A revival hymn sung Sunday night, everybody voting "a good time was enjoyed."

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

A meeting of the Women's Literary Club of more than usual interest and attractiveness occurred Tuesday, Dec. 12. Mrs. Priddy, dean of the young women of the State Normal at Ypsilanti, addressed the club on "The Girl of Today." She was neither pessimistic nor overly optimistic in her estimates of the young girl of this generation. She said that she felt that the girl of today was different from the girl of yesterday in the same degree as the adult of today is different from the adult of yesterday.

She feels that the past generation may have lived more in the life of the mind because there were so many finer materialistic things to be striven for and so much less commercialism to be contended with. The girl of today is not to be blamed for reading frivolous and lurid stories of the hour. She doesn't write them, she merely takes what comes quickest to her hand to read. The adult of today supplies her with all these literary delicacies.

Mrs. Priddy also stated that in her academic relationship with the girls at Ypsilanti, she finds them, withal, more natural, practical and efficient than the girls of her generation. However, mothers and teachers and others who shape the lives of the young must begin to light the candle of the virtues earlier than they used to do, that the girl may meet the increasing numbers of temptations with characters well formed. Mrs. Priddy is ever a welcome guest in this community. She is an earnest and convincing speaker, besides being a womanly woman.

The music of the afternoon introduced to the Literary Club, Mrs. Riley of East Maple avenue, as soloist, with Mrs. L. Raymond at the piano. Personal charm added to the delight experienced by the hearers.

The regular club work presented reports by Miss Utter on the work of the legislative committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Cobb gave publicity to the Scholarship Fund of the Birmingham high school, and Mrs. Billy of the sunshine committee, made an appeal to the members for gifts of money, magazines, brightly colored pictures and Victor records for the patients of the county poor farm. She hopes that every member will bring something of that nature to the club on Tuesday next. The topic of the meeting is the "Book of Today" with Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Parks to interpret the subject. The club meets again in the Episcopal church parlors.

GRAVEL SCARCE IN DETROIT

According to George Linklater, manager of the Southfield Sand and Gravel Co., there is a shortage of sand and gravel on the docks along the river in the city of Detroit, due, so Linklater says, to the extensive building operations during the past year. The company, he says, is installing new machinery just north of the 12-mile road on the Henning farm, in order to increase production of sand and gravel.

FIRE AT WENDORPH HOME

Sparks from a wood-blaze in the fire-place of the home of John Wendorph, North Woodward Avenue, Sunday morning brought the local fire department in a hurry to extinguish flames that were started on the roof of the house. The use of chemicals put out the blaze before very much damage was done.

Readers of the FCCENTRIC this week will be interested in the special offer as explained in the advertisement of the C. Arnold Furniture Co., on page eight, in which the printed coupon is applicable as $3.00 in cash on any article purshased.

LEARN TO DANCE

Commencing Friday, Dec. 22, a class in up-to-date ballroom dancing will be conducted at the Maccabee Hall, Park Block, every Friday, under the personal supervision of Harry Hicks of Detroit. Course of eight lessons, including assemblies, $6.00. Class at 8 o'clock. Assembly dance from 9:30 to 12:00. Admission 50c and 25c. adv34

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ASK SETTLEMENT OF TEST WELL DAMAGES

A meeting of the Village officials, their legal representatives, and attorneys for the Oakland County Farmers' Protective Association was held in the Village Clerk's office Tuesday night of this week. It was called at the request of A. L. Moore, Pontiac attorney, the object being to obtain a settlement of all claims of the Association for damages against Birmingham.

This series of lawsuits grew out of a test well sunk on the Latham Farm two years ago by Village officials, and it is claimed by the farmers that by this operation their various flowing wells were put out of commission. Claims totaling to the amount of $140,000 were filed against the Village. The first suit of Mrs. Julia Adams, of West Maple Road, which took place several months ago, brought a verdict of $1,000 in her favor, when she had sued for $45,000. It is believed that the Farmers' Association is now willing to settle all damages for a sum in the neighborhood of $5,000.

Tuesday's meeting was held with this end in view, it is said. Members of the Village Commission are rather reluctant about settling the matter out of court, believing that it would establish a bad precedent. President McBride stated Thursday that he would favor settling on the basis of actual expense incurred to each farmer in securing water from the stopped wells, but would like some expression from the people before such action was taken.

Mr. Moore said that he must obtain the Village's answer before December 21, or else the new trial for Mrs. Adams will be started in the Circuit Court at Pontiac.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION IS ASKED BY P..T. ASSOCIATION

Closer co-operation between members and non-members of the Birmingham Parent-Teachers' Association is urged in a letter received at the Eccentric office this week. Following is the letter:

To the Mothers and Fathers
of Birmingham:

Of course you all know that the Parent-Teachers' Association is serving milk to the school children of our town. But that serving of milk means lots of time, thought and work given by someone. It also means expense, as we furnish free milk to those under-weight and under-nourished children whose parents are financially unable to pay. So far, the co-operation has been splendid, teachers and parents cheerfully shouldering part of the burden and working together harmoniously. But now we need the help of the parents more particularly.

Do you know that the money you give your child for milk tickets is spent for that purpose? One of our schools reports that whereas they had been serving 120 bottles of milk each day, upon the opening of a penny candy shop near the school, they only served 101 bottles. Did your child buy candy or milk with the money you furnished him?

It has been suggested as one possible solution of the difficulty that the children be given, at the first of each week, money enough to pay for ten tickets. If the tickets are then taken home and given to the child daily you know he cannot buy candy and it is the children of the higher grades who are the worst offenders.

Milk will nourish your child. Won't you help us see that your money and our labor is not wasted?

Council of Parent-Teachers' Association of Birmingham.

LEON B. MILLER ATTENDS MEETING IN AKRON, OHIO

Leon R. Miller of the Miller & Gibbons Battery and Service Station here, has just returned from a visit to Akron, Ohio, the home of the tire manufacturing industry of the country and of the world. He attended a successful and enthusiastic meeting of several hundred tire merchants of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Conditions in the tire business are much better than they have been for several years, according to Mr. Miller, who had an excellent opportunity to observe conditions at the rubber city, and to exchange opinions and experiences with fellow dealers. All indications point to a better situation in the rubber manufacturing and selling industry than has prevailed for a number of years, it is said.

Weddings

REINEKE—TOLES

Charming in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Frances Reineke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Reineke, to Mr. Edward Shepard Toles, Detroit, Saturday at the home of the bride's parents on North Woodward avenue. The nuptial vows were spoken at half after the afternoon in a bower of smilax and chrysanthemums. About forty guests, relatives and friends, witnessed the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. McCurdy of St. James' Episcopal church of Birmingham. Neither the bride nor groom were attended.

The bride wore a traveling suit of tan, with a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

A buffet luncheon was served to the guests after the ceremony, after which the newlyweds left for Chicago. They will be at home after January 1st, at 1323 South Jefferson avenue, Saginaw.

Among the out-of-town guests were the mother and father of the groom, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Toles of Charlotte.

SPECIAL MEETING

Special meeting of the Pythian Sisters has been called for Monday, Dec. 18, at the K. of P. hall. A pot-luck supper will be served. All members are requested to bring something to eat and bring their families. adv34

Churches and lodges wishing to raise funds can do so quickly and easily by seeing us in regard to Fords weekly, "The Dearborn Independent." Conant-Osborne Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. adv48

POST OFFICE OPEN THRU XMAS WEEK

Postmaster Mitchell Asks Co-Operation Of People To Make Delivery Possible

The following letter was received at the Eccentric office this week from the local postoffice. We print it to assist in the efficient handling of mails to the mutual benefit of the sender and the receiver.

To the Editor:

Are you going away from home for Christmas? If so, please notify the mail carrier or the postmaster what to do with your packages, should any come for you.

It is the intention to deliver every piece of mail, and especially every package which arrives up to and including Christmas Day. It is likely that a part of the delivery will be made after dark and those who are expecting packages should arrange to have a box placed on their porches so that packages may be dropped in without having to wake up the household. This applies to those who have boxes in the office as well as those who use city delivery.

No packages will be accepted for mailing unless properly wrapped, tied, addressed, and marked with return address of sender including name of sender. Last year the rush of Xmas was held open until 8 p.m. during the six days preceding Christmas, but practically do one took advantage of this extended service. It is expected that this servcie will be extended again the season, and patrons are requested to take advantage of it and save standing in line so much during rush hours.

Remember that the office has no cold storage and perishable packages must be cared for immediately on arrival and those for mailing should be in the office before 11 a.m.

With co-operation on the part of patrons we shall have a Merry Christmas.

Geo. H. Mitchell, Postmaster.

McBRIDE APPOINTS COMITTEE OF TEN

On Wednesday evening of this week the committee of ten men appointed by Village President McBride to formulate a plan to annex outside adjacent territory to Birmingham met in the Clerk's office for two hours. A lengthy discussion took place and the following officers were elected: president, E. J. Shipman; secretary, Ralph I. Coryell. Other men on the committee as chosen were John B. Williams, John Watling, W. W. Henry, Seymour Adams, Fred V. Quarton, Charles J. Shain, W. M. Fraser, A. D. B. Van Zandt and L. P. Smith.

The next meeting of this committee will be held the evening of January 5. It is expected that a great many arguments will be made at that date for a "Bigger and Better Birmingham".

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE CHRISTMAS OPERETTA HERE

A Christmas operetta, "Down the Chimney with Santa Claus", will be presented at the Baldwin auditorium Wednesday night, December 20. The cast includes members of the First, Second, Third and Fourth grades of the Adams and Barnum schools, and the First, Second and Third grades of the Hill school and a group from Maplecrest.

The cast of characters is as follows: Mother, Jessie Prentice; Aunt, Dorothy Anderson; Nurse, Joy Stewart; Santa Claus, Harold Teichman; Holly, Marjorie Kidder and Eleanor Shaffer; Mistletoe, Katherine Hinshaw and Ruth Kreger; Evergreen, Alice Hamberger and Phylis Huston; Poinsetta, Virginia Packard and Janet McCarthy; Christmas Messengers, Thorndyke Jewelly, William Van Every, James Wood, Norman Prentice, Jack Case, Howard Shaffer, Albert Jardine and Garm Kinnison; Children, Alice Savage, Flora Belle Erwin, Helen Clark, Gilbert Wendt, Teddy McCutcheon, Gertrude Upper, Nedra Tucker, Hallis Engbarth, Robert Savage, Clifford Ransier, Lawrence Shaw and, a chorus of all these grades.

The operetta will commence at eight o'clock sharp. No admission will be charged.

OBITUARY

J. J. Kerr Coulter

After a month's illness at the Harper Hospital, Detroit, J. J. Kerr Coulter, 69 years old, died there Tuesday of last week. Years ago Birmingham he lived with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, 402 Ann street. He was taken to Toronto, Canada, his former home, for burial.

Mr. Kerr Coulter is survived by his wife, Minettia, and six children. The children are: Mrs. J. B. Rogers, Birmingham; Mrs. H. S. Moore, Toronto, Canada; Mrs. W. H. Rutledge, Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. W. E. Disher, Walkerville, Canada; Howard, Leduc, Canada, and Roy, also of Toronto.

The early buyers save time and get the first choice. Have you bought yours? "The Builders' Shop," Maple Ave. West. adv34

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gilmour and family, of Ravine Road, left Friday for Portland, Oregon, where they will make their future home. Before they left they were much feted by their friends, among the numerous parties given in their honor being those of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farrar, of Brown street, Mr. and Mrs. Fredric Riker, of Ravine Road, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Glover, of North Woodward Avenue.

A delayed shipment of Christmas Toys and Trimmings was received this week. Have you seen our large stock? THE BUILDERS' SHOP. adv34

For the kiddies, Miller's Novelty Dolls and Art Balls for Xmas. Cobb's. adv33-4-5

MONDAY NIGHT

Max Linder in "The Three Must-Get-Theres" at the Baldwin Auditorium. adv32

Hand-painted Christmas cards, original designs. See Mix the Jeweler. adv31-2-3-4