

Members of the Birmingham Fire Department wish to thank all those who sent cigars and candy during the holiday season. Birmingham Fire Department, David E. Anderson, Sec. adv37*

There being no card enclosed "The Michigan State Telephone Girls" take this means of thanking the gentleman who brought them a five-pound box of candy Christmas day. adv37*

Holidays Bring Old Classmates Out At Reunions

Baldwin High Graduates Of '20, '21, '22 and '23 Meet in Birmingham

EVERYBODY IS HAPPY

During holiday-time the whole world drops its harsher thoughts and pursues, and feels more kindly toward everyone, and toward old friends especially. The end of the year might well be called "get together" time, or reunion time, because, with its many parties and dances, it is, indeed, on Families assemble, fraternal orders convene and classmates reunite. Here, reunions of Baldwin high alumni '20, '21, '22 and '23 were held over the holiday week.

The Class of '20 held their fourth annual reunion on Thursday evening, December 27, at the Lone Pine Tea Room. The class, have continued having these annual meetings despite the fact that its members are scattered. At the tea house there was small attendance, due presumably to the fact that the invitations were issued very late; but those who came were heartily welcomed by their former class mates; and there was great joy in the meetings of old friends, who had not met since graduation. After dinner which came at eight, everyone present told briefly about his or her experiences. Music for dancing was furnished by the class orchestra. Before the end of the evening, and Albert Stretnow, a committee was appointed to arrange for next year's reunion.

Present at the reunion of the class of '21 last Saturday night at the Community House were eighteen class members, Irma Chatfield, Grace Jackson, Park Smith, Meryl Parks, Viola Spicer, Martha Kurth, Alice Baker, Donald Voorheis, Donald Ferry, Margaret Greene, Arthur Hartwell, Victor Peck, Lucille Campbell, Phyllis Myers and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hunt and baby daughter, Jean Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Toothacher were chaperones. The first part of the evening was devoted to cards, Rummy, Set Back and I Doubt 'It. The few who didn't play danced or exchanged experiences among themselves. Luncheon of sandwiches, coffee, olives, ice cream and cake was served at 10:30. Dancing followed, and the bit of mistle in the center of the room served its purpose nobly. The party closed at the witching hour of twelve.

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The recently graduated class of '23 "got together" in the lower hall of the high school Friday, December 21.

"Let Your Light Shine Forth" -- But Keep The Wires In Condition

(Special To The Eccentric)

Some unknown resident or residents of Birmingham probably owe their continued existence or Mother Earth to the vigilance of Charles C. Fieldon, sexton of the local St. James' Episcopal church. It all happened about 8:30 o'clock last Friday evening when Sexton Fieldon noticed something peculiar about the street light suspended from a pole at the corner of West Maple Avenue and Chester Street, directly in front of the church. A second look disclosed the fact that things were even more serious than at first supposed; Sexton Fieldon began to vision scenes of electrocution for he had heard of cases where broken and dangling wires had abruptly terminated many earthly careers. The wiring that had so long filled the office supporting and furnishing current to the street light was fast becoming impatient with its own duties, and any pending wires in good repair, might be the morsel of this story.

Mr. Fields was in a quandary. Did one call the police, fire department or -- well, just whom do one call in such a predicament? A quick decision being necessary, the police were summoned, the light extinguished and the proper authorities notified.

The attending electrician confided in us that, in the event this had not been reported previous to its collapse, and resulting in the untimely death of some one, for the wire which would have fallen would have been very much alive, and very much whom it came in contact, very much dead. However, it was caught in time, a new pole substituted, Saturday with a suitable wiring and all are well and happy.

FOLLOWING FIGURES PROVE THAT THERE IS A FORTUNE IN FLIVVERS

The list of original stockholders in the Ford Motor Company, by the amount of stock subscribed by each as follows: Henry Ford \$25,500; Alex Y. Malcomson 25,500; John S. Gray 10,500; John F. Dodge 5,000; Horace E. Dodge 5,000; Horace H. Rackham 5,000; Albert Stretnow 5,000; John W. Anderson 5,000; C. H. Bennett 5,000; C. E. Fry 5,000; James Couzens 2,400; J. C. Woodhall 1,000; Miss R. V. Couzens 1,000.

The gold mine was a Malcomson stock to Ford for \$175,000. His stock, it is estimated, would today be worth \$250,000.00. Bennett, Woodhall and Frey sold out soon after Malcomson. Bennett and Frey received \$243,000 for their stock from Ford and Couzens. They bought Woodhall's stock for \$50,000. Miss R. V. Couzens, sister of James Couzens, took out \$355,000 from her investment of \$100,000. James Couzens took out \$39,500,000.

Of this sum only \$28,000 was paid in cash. Ford put in his car for stock and let Malcomson have \$25,500 worth of stock for guaranteeing \$7,000 worth of bills. The Dodges took no cash, but agreed to furnish materials for the amount of their stock. Most of the others put up notes in whole or in part. Stretnow sold out for \$25,000 to Couzens in order to invest in a gold mine in British Columbia. Had he stock, his stock today could be sold for \$34,871,500.

The Gray estate sold its stock for \$25,000, after drawing dividends of \$10,355,075. The investment of Rackham and Anderson, attorneys, yielded each of them \$174,570. The Dodge Brothers took out a total of \$34,871,500. These figures are authentic, having been taken from the "book" of the Ford Motor Company at the request of Allan L. Benson, author of "The New Henry Ford."

A banquet, which started promptly at six, opened festivities. About 35 class members came; guests of honor Supt. and Mrs. C. Vliet, Miss Hardy and Miss Grattan. During the dinner hour Milton Mallerder, class president, who acted as toastmaster, called on those who attended college, and asked them to give their impressions of the college they had chosen.

After dinner Santa appeared laden with gifts. Everyone received something useful, of course, and there was much merry-making as a result; dancing added to the fun because the "good old Jazz Band," consisting of Clossen Miller, Jack Burkman, Kenneth Green and "Bill" Luscomb, officiated. A halt was called for just to mention while those present decided to give some of the \$100 profit from the Baldwinian to each different school fund. Another page in the history of the class of '23 was completed when the party officially "broke up" at 11:30 p.m.

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BELL COMPANY TIES NAME WITH SYSTEM MICHIGAN UTILITY IS KNOWN NOW AS MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Announcements have been received with their January statements for service, by local telephone subscribers, that the name of the Michigan State Telephone company has been changed to Michigan Bell Telephone company effective January 1. Similar announcement is carried in the advertising columns of this paper.

Reason assigned by telephone officials for the change of name is that its name should indicate the company's association in the Bell system as it does the state it serves. It also is explained that the company is a Michigan corporation, or gained in Michigan, and for the purpose of giving "Universal Service" to Michigan people, both designations "Michigan" and "Bell" therefore be less appropriately used in the company's name.

Officials of the company announce that the task of consolidating the properties and service of the former Citizens company with the Bell company, in some 63 towns and cities of Western Michigan, its progressive (very favorable) use of the automatic toll service between the towns affected and to other points has increased considerably since the consolidation went into effect, inducing as telephone people that united service was a greatly needed for interurban as for local business. The work of unification of the services has been completed in all but three or four of the towns affected, such as Grand Rapids, Lansing and Jackson, where the task is one of great magnitude but where it is well under way.

The company has a considerable program of expansion under way for 1924. It is stated. Approximately 10,000 people are now in the employ of the Michigan Bell company throughout the state.

Step right in! Use American Certified Quality Gasoline and the motor always starts quickly in the coldest weather. Frank Moon, Agent, Bell 261-R. adv37

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Must Jump In. The fact is that to do anything in the world worth doing, we must stand back, observe and think of the road and dancer, but jump and scramble through as well as we can. Sydney Smith.

LOCAL QUARTET WILL BROADCAST SONGS TONIGHT

WCX Will Send Out Program From Detroit, Starting At 7:00 P. M.

GIVE ENTIRE CONCERT

Tonight, beginning at 7:00 p.m., residents of Birmingham may really enjoy a much-anticipated treat—a radio concert by the Bloomfield Quartet. Those who set their wave lengths for station WCX, Detroit Free Press, at the appointed hour, will hear J. Hombberger, W. McAlpine, D. K. Hall and Percy Burnett, assisted by their director, Mrs. J. Welch, render a concert.

To open the program, the quartet sings "Over the Ocean Blue" by Petrie; then comes "Hazy" "Underneath the Mellow Moon" by Mr. Hall, assisted by the quartet; Wilbur McAlpine then sings two numbers, "A Little Bit o' Honey" by Bond and "Little Mother o' Mine" by Burleigh. The next three numbers, "Come Where the Bright Waters Flow" (Shattuck), "Jerusalem" (Parker), are skillfully sung by the quartet; following a solo by Mr. Hombberger, the quartet sings "Lucky Jim" (Shattuck), "The Soft Sabbath Calm" (Shattuck) and "The Gypsy Trail" (Galloway). Percy Burnett then favors his unseasoned audience with the quartet song "On Thou Dark Blue Ocean" (Petrie). After this, Mr. Hombberger assisted by the quartet sings "Hushaby" and "The Gypsy Trail" (Galloway), softly sung by the quartet, follows, then "Hushaby" by Mr. Hall, and the concert is concluded by the quartet as it sings "Ole Uncle Moon" and "Good Night" by Poppen.

NEW FOOTBRIDGE FOR WEST MAPLE

BUT CANNOT BE OPENED UNTIL VILLAGE COMPLETES LAYING SIDEWALK

The new iron foot bridge, ordered by Bloomfield Township officials some weeks ago, has arrived in Birmingham and will be installed along the side of the concrete bridge on West Maple avenue near the water works station. It was purchased after various bids had been made relative to the danger to pedestrians in using the concrete bridge. The new bridge will not be thrown open to the public until spring, Robert Y. Moore, Township Clerk, said last week. This is because Village officials, who promised by a completed sidewalk from the water works station to the bridge, have neglected to do so, it is said.

CAROLERS COLLECT FUND CHRISTMAS EVE

The group of carolers composed of Campfire Girls under the leadership of Mrs. John Chandler of Forest avenue, have made a financial report after their singing on Christmas eve. This group turned in to Fred Quarton, chairman of the Birmingham Relief Committee, \$18.27, which was given them on their tour through the eastern section of the Village. The money was used by the committee for relief work.

The carolers had no intention of taking donations but, in some instances, it was offered and with the Relief Committee in view it was very much appreciated. The other groups reported generous offerings of candy and other good things to eat on that evening, but this cash offering was a substantial addition to the community fund.

That's some car to start off like that on a cold morning like this. It always starts quickly for I use American Cold Tested Lubricants. Frank Moon, Agent, Bell 261-R. adv37

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CHANGE OF NAME. EFFECTIVE January 1, 1924, the name of this Company was changed to Michigan Bell Telephone Company. The Michigan Bell Telephone Company is a Michigan corporation, organized in Michigan for the purpose of furnishing Michigan people with Universal Telephone Service. Change of name was made in order to identify this Company in name with the Bell System, of which it is a part. Through the Company's association in the Bell System, telephone users in Michigan are assured the highest standard of service—Bell Service.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. The undersigned, as judges of your contest to decide a name for your product, believe that the name "Chief Pontiac" is the most adaptable one of all those submitted. This name was submitted by the following: Harry W. Ladd, Pontiac, Michigan; Fred M. King, Pontiac, Michigan. and, according to your announcement, we therefore suggest that you divide the prize equally between the two above-mentioned contestants. Assuring you that it was our pleasure to serve you in this matter, we are, Yours very truly, RUSSELL BASSETT, F. A. VAN WAGONER, S. S. SKELTON.

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