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FOR CHILD RELIEF... More Than \$1600 Raised By Workers For Crippled Youth Here... ACTIVITIES ARE ENDED

Bloomfield Township was asked to help crippled children of the state and Bloomfield Township did. Under the auspices of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children practically \$1,700 was raised by men and women workers with clubs and individually, between the opening of the drive for \$1,500 three weeks ago and Tuesday noon.

Persons who still wish to subscribe may do so only through Robert Peck at the First Citizens Bank, according to announcement made today by Louis Hasall, acting chairman of the drive. Joseph Stroup was confined to his home by illness. Mr. Hasall warned against buying membership cards from anyone other than Mr. Peck, who he said, is the only one authorized to sell them since the drive closed.

Money raised will be turned in to the office of the organization which it will be distributed to the parts of the association where it is needed, according to plans. Clipping for the children who are physically handicapped and in circumstances that their parents are unable to care for them. (Concluded on Next Page)

ADD IS ELETED REALTY HEAD... Birmingham Board Holds Annual Election Of Officers

David H. Ladd, Birmingham representative of the Worcester and Worcester companies, was elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate board at the regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Hotel Hamilton. Mr. Ladd has made no definite plans for the coming year but will continue to represent the Worcester companies. Successors in January he said, are E. L. Colgrove, of the Whitehead and Standart company, was re-elected treasurer of the organization.

LEGION TREE SALE BEGINS... More than 200 Christmas trees from the merchants are on sale in the streets of Birmingham today by the American Legion.

Community House Will Spread Christmas Cheer To Villagers... Birmingham's good Samaritans responded with a will at the first Community House Christmas tree sale for the sick and needy, the lonely and shut in, who are touched by the love of their neighbors.

New Oakland County Road Book Is Called Worthy Achievement

In spite of the general advice to the contrary it is quite safe to say that the new Oakland County road commission by its attractive cover. These books, full of interesting facts about Oakland County and information regarding the work of the road commission during the past year, are being distributed this week by members of the road supervisors of Oakland County. The title is "Oakland Highways."

The book contains 130 pages and more than 50 full page illustrations of buildings, highways, parks and scenic views of which Oakland County abounds. The photography, by Robinson's Studio, in Pontiac, is unusually effective, and provides a real picture of the county. The printing and assembling was done by The Birmingham Eccentric.

Stores, Postoffice Are Open Evenings... Keep Late Hours As Aid To Many Doing Christmas Shopping In Village

To give Christmas shoppers every opportunity to have their tasks completed at the earliest possible moment, Birmingham merchants are remaining open late into Christmas. The post-office here will be open from 4 p. m. until 5 p. m. Sundays and every evening until 9 p. m. during the week between next Monday and Christmas, according to announcement made by James Cobb, postmaster.

100 BOYS ATTEND BIRTHDAY PARTY... Scholarship and athletics must go hand in hand, was a point stressed by assistant Coach R. V. Ingersoll at the banquet given at Baldwin High school last Tuesday evening for the 100 boys who were members of the 1926 team.

Committee Appointed By Officials To Study Advantages Of A City... Letters were ordered sent to more than 20 citizens of the village to get their views on the advantages and disadvantages of changing the form of government of Birmingham to that of a city.

COMMISSIONERS ORDER FIRST STEP TAKEN IN LAYING OF STORM SEWER... Village Assessor Robert McClellan was instructed by the village commission to prepare a special assessment to pay for the sewer to be constructed beneath Lincoln avenue.

EDUCATOR PROTESTS OVERUSE OF SERVICE... Pontiac School Head Claims Attrition As By-Product of Good Work.

Eccentric Phone Busy Thursday Night... More than a telephone call a minute was answered between 10 and 11:30 p. m. last Thursday night at the office of The Eccentric.

BIRMINGHAM SHIVERS AS MERCURY TUMBLES... Birmingham was shivering last night in the grip of the coldest spell it has had this winter.

3 AWAY SENTENCE FOR LOUING STORE... Guilty Pleas Entered in Circuit Court Soon After Burialy

Charles Mason, 35 years old, 224 Davis avenue, is dead today following injuries received when the machine he was driving was struck by a north bound interurban car on Friday at Woodward and Sylvan streets, Pleasant Ridge.

Charles Mason Dies From Skull Fracture After Collision... A COMMUNITY LEADER

For a Bigger and Better Birmingham

The next edition of The Birmingham Eccentric will appear on Tuesday afternoon, December 21. This will be the Christmas edition and it will be necessary for all news and advertising copy to be in this office no later than Monday afternoon.

Called to Rochester Road Blaze in Early Morning; \$25,000 Loss

The Birmingham fire department was one of the first on the scene of the fire directly behind the Rochester road club on the Rochester road early Wednesday morning, when one house was completely destroyed and two others badly damaged.

Three negroes are in the Oakland County jail today awaiting sentence for the burglary of the Hudson Hardware company store on Woodward street, Detroit.

Quick work by Royal Oak and Perinton police who co-operated with the Birmingham department resulted in the capture of the three men within a few hours after the burglary.

Blaze started in the basement of William Clark's home, Mr. Clark said he believed an overheated furnace was the cause. He and his wife and children escaped without injury, although the flames tore outside of the house, endangered the entire community.

The wind carried the flames to the house of Harry E. Kinney, next door and Elliott Mill. The garage at the rear of one of the three houses damaged was valued at \$10,000.

UNION ROLL ORDERED PREPARED... Commissioners Order First Step Taken in Laying of Storm Sewer

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The school which were represented included Birmingham, Royal Oak, Eastland, Grand Rapids, Clawson, Farmington, Hazel Park, Berkley, and Log Cabin.

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As the result of Luther D. Allen, local Exchange, James H. Hays, superintendent of Pontiac's exchange, and the Birmingham Exchange club yesterday noon, taking as his subject, "Service to the community."

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A speed record was made by this office in issuing the papers, the first one being issued in 30 minutes from the time the 300 newspapers were sent to various parts of the village suppling the papers free to all who asked.

Four times five dollars is twenty dollars a month times four months is two hundred and forty dollars a year. What could you do with that money?

Special California Game Juice, 100% Pure, 100% Natural, 100% Delicious. Franklin Mills, Frankfort, Ky. Phone Birmingham 425-3247.

Uncertainty Follows Official's Resignation

Shain, Bell Silent On Moves After Defeat Of Recall; Seven-Man Commission Looms For Village

Who will fill the next village commission? This question is puzzling Birmingham today after the rapid fire events that transpired since Thursday when the village president retained office in the special recall election by 388 votes. There were 1409 ballots cast.

Within 13 hours after the failure of the election for Village president Charles J. Shain, and Village Commissioner S. G. Wiley Bell had tendered their resignations to Village Clerk Hazel Ladd.

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Penalty on Delinquent Township January 1

Subdivision statements will follow, it is planned. Persons living in these districts who do not receive statements within two or three weeks are requested to write L. Virginia Hewitt, township treasurer, requesting a statement. The letter should contain the lot number and the name of the subdivision. The statements will be mailed to them at that time.

Many responses already have been received in the office and reports are generally good for this year, it was stated by authorities. Penalty will be imposed on taxpayers who have not paid approximately \$1,000,000, which will be raised in taxes this year.

Officials Expect Former Christmas Records To Be Shattered

A new record of business this year for the Christmas season at the Birmingham post office is being set, according to postal indications, according to T. C. Hotelling, assistant postmaster.

Employees have found with senders of packages has been the question of first class mail. "If you want to get your letter out before the first class mail, along with a package, the thing to do is to fasten your letter to the outside of the package, and put a two-cent stamp on it, which is the usual price for a letter."

Seven Birmingham physicians have endorsed the plan for the enlarged department suggested by Dr. A. W. Newitt and their associates to the propositions presented to commissioners. The endorsees are: Drs. A. F. Conkle, H. E. Moore, O. Beck, Ralph G. Ferris, S. Wilson and Drs. Raynald and Wilson.

An itemized statement of possible expenses was submitted to the commissioners by Dr. Newitt for approval. Laboratory equipment for the largest item on the list. This would cost \$1,500, according to the figures.

Churches Combine To Produce Annual Christmas Pageant

Birmingham, started by Rev. McCreary in the beginning, is taken up the next year, both and by Henry Scripps Booth. Instead of a St. James' church, the first step toward the ideal behind the pageant has been accomplished.

"We want to make this pageant a community affair," he said. "We want all the churches to join with us eventually, and make it a Birmingham Christmas pageant."

It is the eighth annual offering of the pageant, which is a simple group of tableaux concerning the Nativity roughly strung together in the first pageant two years ago, and which has since that time. This year the number is approximately 50. The pageant is an original idea.

SUIT EXPECTED TO BE DROPPED

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