

FORTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 38

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1926

BIRMINGHAM MAN KILLED IN DETROIT AUTOMOBILE CRASH

George B. Marantay, Real Estate Operator, Victim of Morning Accident

THREE OTHERS HURT

George B. Marantay, of Beverly road, Birmingham, and Belcrest Apartments, Detroit, is dead today as a result of injuries sustained when he was in an automobile which he was riding with five companions struck a lamp post and overturned early Friday morning on East Grand boulevard between Duland and Chene streets, Detroit.

Marantay is a member of the Marantay family of Windsor, an old French family well known along the border in several years ago on moving to Detroit, he changed the spelling of his name to Marantay.

Three Others Hurt. Three of the five occupants of the automobile were injured. Fred R. Dolson, of the real estate firm of Dolson, Scratch & Hyde, is in St. Mary's Hospital with a fractured hip and possible internal injuries.

Howard H. Colby, an attorney, with the Grose, Colby & Costello firm, who was driving the car, upon reaching his mother's residence in the Glynn Court apartments, 642 Glynn Court, collapsed, and is held today in a serious condition at his home today.

Mabel Palmer, 39, who gave her address as 704 E. Grand, in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital with a possible fractured skull, is in St. Mary's Hospital with a fractured hip and possible internal injuries.

Woodward lives at the Seward residence, 1731 Colingwood avenue, where he was found by the police on Friday morning.

Police today were searching for the thieves who ransacked the architectural offices of the George and Edna estate on Cranbrook at treasuries valued at \$1,700.

Entering Thursday night, after a search of the premises apparently had plenty of time to search the place without being detected by the police.

The large item in the loss was a bronze about 24 inches high, valued at \$700.

Six rupees, on Chambah, 11 feet 9 inches by 4 feet 10 inches, and five Mousah, each about six feet by ten feet, were also taken, as well as a brass box containing a watch which was in front of the fireplace.

Although every desk in the office was broken open, no valuable papers were taken. Some damage was done to the interior of the building, one door being broken down.

Sheriff Seymour D. Adams and Detective Frank Green and Hoyt are investigating the burglary.

Hundreds of last minute gift senders are jamming the post offices on the days before Christmas because of a heavy volume of mail.

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JUST ANOTHER BEDTIME STORY

(unless you do your part)



RELIEF GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the directors of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, held in the Chateau Tea Room here last Thursday evening, George R. Averill, publisher of the Eclectic, was elected president of the Chapter.

At the meeting here it was decided to close the campaign for memberships in the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, which has already gone to the top of its quota, and no members are being solicited.

The next meeting will be held in January at which time details for the 1927 work of the Chapter will be outlined.

CONSTRUCTION HERE CONTINUES ACTIVE

Business Place and Three Large Homes Among Early December Buildings

Only one business building is noted among the building permits issued during the first two weeks of December, the public garage being built by William A. McCall at 201 south Woodward avenue.

More than 1,000 tax statements are being mailed daily from the Bloomfield Township office and are expected by officials to be in the hands of the taxpayers by the end of the month.

Commission Grants Water Privileges

C. K. Biss of Chesterfield avenue was granted the use of village water by members of the village commission at their meeting last night pending the election in May when the annexation of the village will be voted upon.

Village Awaits Santa's Arrival

Altruist Leaves Winter Home in Michigan to Give to His People

Birmingham today is awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, the world's most highly prized agent of altruism, who, according to confidential information received, left his top shelf at the north pole yesterday.

Telegraphic dispatches state he expects to arrive in Birmingham at midnight Friday. Delegation of leading citizens here are contemplating a party to meet him at the north pole.

Announcement of his coming here has been made however, that there will be no street parades as at first was planned.

Cancellation of this form of reception was made necessary by the vast amount of work the man must accomplish on Christmas eve and the limited time he is allotted for it.

Personal Portraits. Three "teloatalk" pictures of Santa Claus taken by a staff photographer of the Eclectic before he started on his journey are reprinted here. They are considered by those who know the gentleman best to be true personal portraits.

It is said that he has grown fatter than ever. "I shall have plenty for the children of Birmingham," he told reporters before he left.

"You might inform your readers of the effect that reports circulated to the effect that he has given up automobiles is erroneous. He never forsoke the faithful animal."

Before boarding his sleigh Santa Claus will ride high with his toys. "I do not know where or when I will be, but I will be with you."

"I am sure it will be thoughtful for me to have been giving more than fifty children who will sing many famous Christmas carols."

For days the St. James children and teachers have been hard at work on costumes and rehearsal for the production which is under the general supervision of Mrs. Harry M. Krull, Mrs. Arthur G. Neff and Mrs. Charles E. Buck.

Both the music and play, is being assisted by Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. Boynton, and Miss Janette Brown, and the entire teaching staff of St. James Church.

The leading parts in the production will be taken by Doris Cox, Neal Welch, Frederick Whittaker, and others with chorus.

Not seeing all these things through in my help."

A note which accompanied the picture above explained that Santa Claus was in the act of sneezing when the photographer snapped the picture. It also stated that he did not have the usual sign of a cold when he left the north pole to be here last night practicing deep breathing.

Plans a Secret Santa Claus party which side of Birmingham is intended to visit first, nor would it be the case if he had a plan of the village. These details must be kept secret, he said, because he would not for the world have the children see him. He also asked that children be requested to get to bed early on Christmas eve.

BURGLARY - HOLD-UP (R. G.)

Residence late from \$10.00 up for \$10.00. Hold-up rate for stores \$10 up for \$10.00.

NOTICE

Report Social Register, Flowers for Christmas.

Merry Christmas

(NOTE: The following greeting was found while looking for a Christmas feature. Although the writing was not done for the newspaper, being intended solely for the Eclectic, it is being published for the sake of the Christmas cards to be sent to the publisher, George R. Averill, and Mrs. Averill, it seemed the Eclectic would to its credit to publish the offering as it offers any sentiment well said. It is, in this instance, the "Merry Christmas" from The Eclectic.)

WITH something of a feeling of wonderful gratitude in our hearts, we send this brief scrawl to you at Christmastide. We hope that to your home, as you read these lines, fairly responds with happiness—the happiness between the Man of the House and His Sweetheart, and, if there be tiny stockings—or those of growing or grown-up kiddies—we hope that your joy may be as that of little children.

Somehow, in our hazy groping about for a philosophy of life, when we veritably dug into our inner souls for a real reason for our existence upon this sphere, we have at last come to the conclusion that FRIENDS are our real Christmas, our real Christ-Presents from a very wise Deity.

By day, in varying pictures, the blue of our sky presents a myriad of beautiful dream things; at night, the Lights of Heaven shine upon us—but oh, how far away they appear to be! Often have we sought a tangible connection, a ladder, a flight of stairs, to those realms which we—yes, even we—like to think of as Utopian places. Somehow, in our groping, there must be a way to communicate with an all-wise Providence; some way to speak to a Kindly Father; some time when we could see and grasp the hand of a real Comforter.

And then, all of a sudden, it appears to us that there is a ladder; there is a flight of stairs to Him; there is something tangible and real that leads us Heavenward even over an earthly road. It is a FRIEND! God is revealed in a FRIEND!

And so, as we who reside upon this earth make gala preparations for the annual communion of Him who was our Friend; as we busy ourselves with our ordinary duties of kindness and love that motivate us all the time of our year, we turn in loving thought to YOU, our FRIENDS!

It matters not to us that stockings big or small may hang upon the mantel; to us it is not all that Santa Claus may bring us that counts. Or that he might pass by—without stopping. What though, on Christmas morn, our stockings empty be, Old Santa's task is large—and others he must see. Each day throughout the year a gift to us God sends. In kindly folk like you—the ones we call our Friends! —G. R. A.

Community House To Be Center Of Christmas Season Festivities

Daily it becomes more evident that Santa has his Birmingham headquarters at the community house.

There is a constant procession of those who give and those who receive passing through the door.

Never. The little Community house shed its light forth, never have Miss Mary Griffith and Mrs. Trumbull been so busy.

Only those who are aware of the life that surges back and forth, in and out, have any apprehension of the services that are freely given and gratefully received.

Christmas Day advances. The additional list of contributors of money, food, toys, clothing and other gifts is being compiled by the following names:

The Presbyterian Women's Society, The Protestant Episcopal Society, The Exchange Club, The Friends of Birmingham, Mrs. Sophie Cass, Mrs. F. J. Trumbull, Mrs. C. G. Gillette.

Three negroes who entered the store of the Hoston Hardware Company, 123 Woodward street, and fled with loot valued at \$600, today are awaiting removal to the Jackson Prison where they will serve sentences ranging from 2 to 5 years to 3 to 5 years, following their sentence in Circuit Court yesterday by Judge Glenn C. Gillette.

All pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary plus, against them, James Campbell, 27, 442 east Woodward street, Detroit, was sentenced to 18 months in the State Prison.

THIEVES OOT HOME WHEN OWNER IS AWAY

Escape With Furniture From Home Of W. D. Roy On Park Street.

Several Birmingham residents escaped injury yesterday afternoon when a motor bus in which they were riding on south Woodward street was struck by a machine.

Arthur Major, 28, laborer, Eight road, driver of the car, faces a charge of reckless driving and his brother Dolphin, was to be arrested on a charge of being drunk. Arthur was treated for cuts received when the car crashed after he arrived at the police station.

Officers Named In Association

CHURCHES PLAN MANY SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

Music, Prayer and Christmas Texts to Play Large Part in Rituals Here

Christmas will be observed in the village religious community churches in Birmingham and its environs have planned services for Christmas Day, and the Sunday following, that will bring to the hearts of parishioners the full realization of the sacred significance of this day.

There will be three midnight services in the vicinity, on at Christmas Eve, at the St. James Church, on Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, at the Holy Names Church, on Harmon avenue, and at the St. James Church, on Maple road, west.

The most colorful event of the week, preceding Christmas, will be the Christmas pageant to be given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at the St. James Church.

The choir of the St. James Church will hold a special service, on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at the Mariners' Church in Detroit.

On Sunday morning, after Christmas, a special children's service will be held at Christ Church, west of St. James Church, where Bishop Hergeon Page will be present for confirmation services.

The Sunday school children will give a Nativity play, with Christmas Carol.

The Christmas Carolers will appear at the homes of the hospitable Community House on Christmas Eve and will delight their listeners with their songs during the evening.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain has charge of the seven groups of carolers and Mrs. J. Clark Griffith will be the hostess of the Community House from 4 to 6 p. m., assisted by members of the board.

Music during the high mass to be celebrated at midnight at the Holy Names Chapel, west of St. James Church, on the direction of Raymond Ober, pastor. There will be four masses on Christmas Day, with Christmas Carol.

FLAMES DESTROY STOREHOUSE HERE

Precious Bulbs Saved From Fire At The Doying Greenhouse

Chinese removal of \$1,000 worth of rare flower bulbs to the basement of the barn adjacent to the premises of H. J. Doying, 419 Merrill street, Detroit, was destroyed by fire that destroyed the building Sunday evening. It was learned today that the value of the bulbs amounted to less than \$50, Mr. Doying estimated.

Flames were first seen Monday, to have been resulted from an overturned boiler in a far corner of the basement, the barn, near the neighborhood and the greenhouse owned by Doying.

The fire, before flames arrived, destroyed the department continued the efforts of the fire building.

Both the barn and the greenhouse were destroyed. Mrs. M. L. Merritt street, at 10 p. m. Sunday, before the fire had been cleared from the board of education following its purchase by that body.

There was no insurance. Damage was done to the framework of the greenhouse and a few plants were completely destroyed. The inside of the barn was completely burned and the outside was charred. There will be no attempt to repair either the barn or the greenhouse, Mr. Doying said.

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Village commissioners at their meeting last night confirmed the preliminary assessment roll for the proposed waterworks on Madison street between Lincoln avenue and Clawson. The improvement will cost \$18,550. A hearing on the method of assessment has been called for two weeks from last night.