

CHEF ISSUES WARNING IN HOLIDAY FIRES

Urges Residents To Keep Lighted Candles, Matches Away From Trees

STATE'S LOSS IS GIVEN

That the residents of Birmingham and vicinity destroy their Christmas trees immediately after Christmas and not save them for New Years is the special request of William G. Olson, fire chief, as a precaution against fires during the holiday season.

Mr. Olson explained that when the trees are dried out they are full of turpentine and oil and are more liable to catch on fire than at any other time. When the trees are removed from the homes they should be deposited as far from buildings as possible to eliminate all danger he said.

Shain's, Wilson's, The Woodward and Schettler's Drug Stores WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS

STARTS RESIDENCE

J. G. Stridinger has started an attractive home to be built on the Walsh James & Wasy estate, Querton Lake Estates.

FOR CHRISTMAS: The PERMANENT Gift

For the PRACTICAL Gift—a sound, profitable bond! Most gifts deteriorate as time passes; but a bond, with its interest, becomes increasingly valuable.

Birmingham's new bank offers carefully selected Bonds for your Christmas gift, or for your personal investment.

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Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

"I believe you exaggerate," writes R. S. L., "when you say that the underworld is making over the American language. From personal observation I can't say that the language, as it is spoken by the average American, is different from the language of my youth—30 years ago."

The biggest laughs come from the "autobiographical" sketches wherein the authors "in the attempt to give their yarns some been told in smug terms that today's thief would not begin to understand. They make their crooks the extravaganza and impressively an attempt at realism. They have them say "gee" for "good," "you" for "you," "dime" for "dime," "plaster" for "plaster," "smoke wagon" for "smoke wagon." The stories, besides the many other shortcomings, are filled with anachronisms in started.

Another letter on last week's column from Mr. H. T. says for a possible reason for the change in the vogue in language. Some of the slang terms of the past are slurring going on nowadays the poor crook must have some privacy and the only way he can keep one of the season's duds from being understood him when he tells a business, "I'm taking it." He "takes" it. "I shall say that, R. S. L., to you."

Contributions are in order. This department, with the exception of Birmingham, is starting a Five Foot Shelf of the World's Worst poetry. The material will be of some kind or other over it, and prizes will have to be dug up. I doubt that there is reason for going into detail over the need for a world for such a shelf. I shall leave you with the bare announcement that the past are found to be started that your contributions will receive cordial attention, and that heaven will reward you.

But I hope neither R. S. L. nor Mrs. H. will ever get the impression that I am attempting to explain slang or any other form of language. My reply may be a few superficial remarks about it. For thorough and information I humbly refer you to features run in part my dailylies on "Correct English," which, nine times out of ten, are written by a literate.

Modern Girl Not So Modern After All. Although every effort has been put forth by the modern girl to do something different, some records of the past are found to disprove the heinousness of some of the "quaints."

DISE IS ARCHITECT OF FRANKLIN HOME. J. Ivan Dise is the architect who designed the new home of Dr. Clayton H. Gracey in Franklin Village and not Maehman and Farrar as was stated in the previous edition of The Eccentric. The house is of the Norman-French type and the grounds are to be of unusual landscaping, according to the architect, W. H. Smith, from whom the property was purchased.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a pencil box and a sleeping doll and a comb and some candy for me. Please bring Delma a little suitcase and a fan and a doll-buggy and a flower-bucket and an umbrella and a pocketbook. Please bring Jack a candy pipe and a hammer and a horse, and a measuring stick. Your loving little friend, Joyce Snyder

An arc welded steel bridge without rivets is to be erected at Chippico Falls, Mass.

FORD INTEREST IS STILL KEEN

Dealer Reports Thousands Crowd Sales Room To See Display Models

Interest in the new Ford car is still keen, according to announcement made today by Frank Conant, Birmingham dealer. Mr. Conant says thousands of villagers crowded the sales room over the week-end, and had a very pleasant time.

The date for delivery has not been set, but Mr. Conant hopes to be able to promise deliveries within a month. This will depend entirely upon the production at the factory, he said.

PASTOR SPEAKS ON HAPPINESS

Rev. Woodward Urges Unselfish Life In Sunday Night Sermon

Taking as the subject of his sermon Sunday night, "The Royal Happiness," the Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, said: "Happiness is one of the incidental by-products of a good life. No man can make his own happiness the one object of his life. He must aim at a more noble goal than that, and he can find it in the service of his shadow. All above happiness is the great joy of the soul, and a safe return to both of them."

There is a royal road to happiness, Rev. Woodward said. "It lies in concentration, concentration, concentration, and you will find, when all the incidental factors are removed, there is always the constant, unchangeable element of love, love of parent, for child, love of man and woman for each other, love for humanity, love some form of a great life work into which the individual throws all his energies." This explains in part the secret of our Master's happy life. He went above doing good.

TO SANTA CLAUS. More mail is being received each week by The Eccentric for Santa Claus. Following are letters from Birmingham children and are forwarded to Santa Claus at the North Pole. My dear Santa Claus: I have been very well I want three dolls. It is a big one in a baby swing. Another is one of two dolls in a garden set, and the last one is a little doll for sixty cents, cotton I want a ruby ring and a pair of beads or a chain of odd-pearls, and a two wheel bike and a comb and brush and a rain-coat and I guess that is all. Love to Santa Claus from Joyce Cowin Meddett

Dear Santa: I hope you are feeling fine. I am. I would like a doll buggy for Christmas. A sewing machine, a doll cover, and a kimono for myself. I am ten years old. Your friend Fern Fraser

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS OF Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO. Charlie Sly has been at Linden a hunt, and captured considerable game.

25 YEARS AGO. Mrs. Cordelia McShay, who went to Houston, Tex., to spend the winter with her son Charles, has returned to her Michigan home. Like all good Michiganders she said, "Michigan is good enough for me."

Have you noticed Cobb and Cobb's electric light windows? This is the very first firm in Birmingham that ever had an electric light in their place of business and the effect is something beautiful indeed.

Howard King, Jack Whitefoot, Will Castle and Ed McHugh went hunting at Ortonville last Friday and bagged 39 rabbits, and it wasn't a very good day for rabbits, either.

Miss Harriet W. Soules, principal of the school at Menominee, is spending her Christmas vacation at her home in Birmingham.

E. C. Poppleton of Cass City was here last week and reports the banking business good up to the thumb of the state.

Miss Flora Keyes of the Ladington schools arrived in Birmingham Saturday for the holiday vacation.

Miss Florence Hilliard was the guest of Detroit friends Friday.

Cohn Smith of Detroit called in town last Friday.

The elaborate exercises of the Parker school, south of Birmingham, were held Friday evening under the direction of the teacher, Miss Iva Pelder. There was a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, music and recitations and an address by Rev. Mr. Watson.

ST. JAMES VOTES VESTRY INCREASE. Parish Decides To Increase From Nine To Twelve Members; Transfer Approved.

At a meeting of Saint James' parish Monday evening it was decided on the recommendation of the Rector, Mr. Forsyth, to increase the number of parsonage from nine to twelve, the three new ones to be elected at the annual parish meeting next month.

Also BURGLARY POLICY—rate, \$15.83 for the first \$1000—covers burglary, theft and larceny of all household goods and personal properties, including furs, jewelry, and moneys not exceeding \$50.00.

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SCHOOLS ITEM ON TAX ROLL

Improvement And Construction Responsible For Raise In Amount

Construction of the new Quanton School, now under way, and the completed addition to the Adams School building are the biggest factors which caused the Bloomfield Township tax for this year, now being collected, to be higher by \$163,059 than the last year, according to L. Virginia Hewitt, township treasurer.

Taxes that are not paid by Jan. 10, 1928 will have 3 per cent added to them. Taxes paid after March 1, when the books are closed, will have 4 per cent added plus one-half of one per cent for each month they have been delinquent, she said.

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