

When Birmingham Had A Baseball Team It Was SOME Town, Files Show

When Birmingham had a "jeal" ball team, there was excitement galore. The following story of a real wild battle appeared in the Eccentric of Sept. 6, 1894. How many of the players do you remember?

For nearly two years baseball fever has been rankin' in the blood of several of the "Has Bins" and some of those who "Never

the Birmingham Base Ball nine finish playing ground rent. It is expected that less than 10,000 people will witness the sport. No player who can catch a ball is allowed to enter this matched game. The losing nine have to pay for supper for two and all players will, after the game, tie themselves to the National and gorge themselves, half being dead heads. To make the sport beyond vision or out of sight, the players will be disguised as much as possible and he whom is the worst looking object of pity, commiseration and condolence, will receive a prize of a beautiful diamond stud worth \$200 or less. This is a special offer made by Whitehead & Mitchell. A committee consisting of Thos. Langley, T. A. Ward and John Baldwin will award the prize. The players and positions are as follows, subject to change twice each inning if necessary:

- Mitchell's "Has Bins."**
 Chas. Schlaack, catcher.
 E. B. Keyser, 1st b.
 H. C. Wilson, 3rd b.
 W. E. McClellan, 2nd b.
 F. Blakeslee, s.
 D. M. Johnston, r. f.
 M. A. Randall, l. f.
 Mel Clement, c. f.
 Geo. H. Mitchell, p.
Tom's "Never Haves."
 Geo. H. Toms, s. & pitcher.
 Phil Crowbridge, 1st b.
 Phil Schlaack, c.
 Ed Parks, 2nd b.
 V. A. Nixon, r. f.
 A. Parks, p. and s. b.
 F. Allen, 3rd b.
 S. C. Mills, c. f.
 James Camp, l. f.

A league ball will be used. Umpire, Will F. Stephens, or any other good man.

The following rules have been adopted: No chinning the umpire, passing back or sulking allowed on the grounds, and any player indulging in any of the above pastimes will be fined a watermelon.

An ambulance has been engaged from Detroit to carry off the maimed, wounded and disfigured.

All the doctors in town have accepted invitations to be on hand ready to any professional requirement.

Don't forget that the day is next Tuesday and the date the 11th. Ladies urged to come and bring their tears prepared to shed—tears.

The diamond offered by Whitehead & Mitchell is twin sister to the one won by Ed Parks (Spartacus) who lined out the home run last week. Ed Parks has refused \$50 or less for his base ball diamond. Let or shine.

Wait 'till you see Frank Blakeslee in his new ball suit. Honest, it is out of sight—and so is Frank.

Frank Blakeslee has signed a contract not to cackle during the game and Mitchell has given bonds for \$1,000 not to open his face while the game is on—unless it's aces necessary.

This game is to be played in disguise. The players dress to win the prize for the worst appearing hobo on the job. Coxie's army isn't it.

Game will be called promptly at 2:30 p. m. sun time. Any player not on hand and coming in late will be killed on the spot.

There is a side bet, not to become public, between Toms and Mitchell of \$10,000,000 each on his respective clubs.

Jim Camp has honestly confessed that he couldn't catch a ball in a basket but says he's a dandy chasser.

Wait 'till you see Tom's cork-screw, twisted curve inshoot. Only one other pitcher ever acquired it and he's dead now.

Chas. Schlaack's an old time catcher and as far as batting is

NEW YEAR EVE SHOW PLANNED

Birmingham Theater To Give First Midnight Performance in Village

Tickets are on sale today at the Birmingham Theater for the midnight show to be given New Year's eve, according to announcement made by Russell Chapman, manager.

The show, which will start at 11:30 p. m., will consist of seven acts of vaudeville and a new screen feature which is yet to be selected. A seven piece orchestra is being secured to accompany the organ as is used at the regular shows.

Arrangements are being made for several well known acts to be brought to the village for the first midnight performance ever to be staged here. Several theater parties are expected by Mr. Chapman.

"There is a limited number of tickets and they are selling rapidly. Those who are planning theater parties should secure their tickets at once if they do not want to be disappointed," he said.

The world's most powerful radio transmitter, using 100-kilowatt tubes, has been installed at Schenectady, N. Y.

Jacques Gerbaime of Paris is the first Frenchman barred for life from driving an auto, because of recklessness.

TROY MAN WILL BE FREED ON CHRISTMAS

Richard Parker, Dodge and Auburn roads, will be free from jail to celebrate his Christmas Day

with his family, according to an edict of Justice Henry W. Harpator in a fight between Parker and his wife. Cool's injury was not serious.

when he attempted to act as mediator in a fight between Parker and his wife. Cool's injury was not serious.



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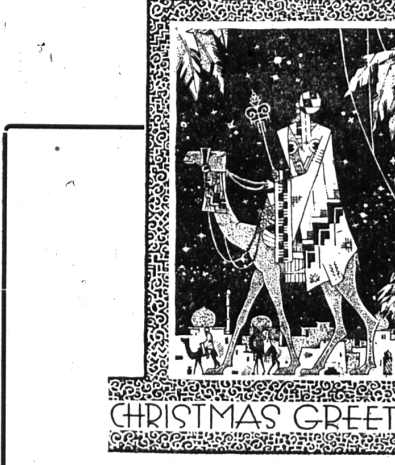
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We are happy to wish our friends of Birmingham and vicinity the greatest joys for the season, and thank them for their patronage in the past.

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111 E. Maple Phone 90



MAY WE TAKE this opportunity to extend the kindest wishes for a Merry Christmas to our many friends in Birmingham and vicinity?

First State Savings Bank

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

TO SANTA CLAUS

Last minute letters from the children of Birmingham to Santa Claus are coming in to the office of The Eccentric to be forwarded to the North Pole. Some received this week are as follows:

Dear Santa: I am 7 and go to school. I am a good girl and help my mama. I want a doll and a Kiddy Kar for Majessia my baby sister. She is 1. Junior wants a scooter. Dorothy Henry 243 W. Benneville

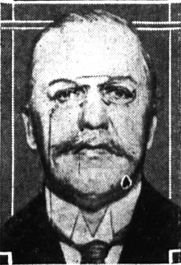
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bike a two wheel one. And bring Maddy a doll. Bring me a stocking full of oranges, tangerines, apples candies, nuts and dates. Also a stocking full of toys and a pair of two slider skates. Billy Robertson P. S. I live at 124 Webster avenue, Birmingham, Michigan. Fanny wrote this letter but I wrote my name. I am a good boy sometimes and a bad boy some times. But I will try to be a good boy if you bring these things.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a punching bag, bugle, ice skates on shoes and a two wheel bike. Billy Spinning

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a beach ball, toy piano, a fishing pond, a cash register, puzzles, a dolls cedar chest, a dolls' rolling bed, a head for a doll, bodies, a set of toy plates, a toy laundry set, and a dolls' hat and coat. Love from Agnes E. Crawford

Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me the box hunter game and a boat and dump truck for John and me. We are going to Cleveland at grandma's on west 55 street. Billy Averill

Swiss President



Edmund Schulloss, president of Switzerland in 1917 and 1921, again will occupy that office during 1928. He has been active in politics since 1893.

UNUSUAL SHOWING This Afternoon See Page One—Part Two MINER GROCERY CO.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



Here's to your Merry Christmas! May it exceed all others in Happiness. With the coming year we hope your friendship with us will continue, as it has in the past.

F. W. Conant Ford Sales and Service



CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

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She'll Agree and So Will He

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in IDEAL or QUELQUES FLEURS

REAL GIFTS for "HIM"

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