

See that leafless tree? It is apparently dead; but life is waiting for sunshine to bring it out again next spring. There's a smile 'neath every frown!

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## REALTY BOARD ENJOYS AFFAIR

Judge Jayne Tells Members They Face Serious Sociological Problems

Protect the home, it is the foundation of the family. With- out it the family falls apart. Awaken in the heart of man the desire to own a home and rear a family is the admonition given to more than 400 members and guests of the Birmingham real estate board Thursday night at their annual banquet at the Fox and Hounds Inn at Bloomfield Hills by Judge Ira W. Jayne of the Wayne County Circuit bench.

Judge Jayne was the principal speaker on a snappy program. He followed President H. T. Ellerby of Birmingham, Charles Kinison, Post, and Charles A. Bingham, retiring president of the board, Robert E. Allen, who arranged the program, was toast- master.

"You gentlemen in the real estate business have in your power the destinies of the men who are desirous of owning their homes and you therefore are facing a so- ciological problem," said Judge Jayne.

He declared statistics show 80 percent of the people in this country will not be able to own their homes, and said it is up to realtors to see this number de- crease.

"Poor homes and crime go hand in hand," he declared. President Ellerby called on members of the board to aid the village commis- sion in disposing of six major prob- lems facing Birmingham.

"We are asking volunteers who have special interest in certain kinds of work to study the prob- lems of waste disposal and water supply with the commission," Mr. Ellerby said.

"Birmingham is growing and it is in the hands of the real estate men just how the village shall grow. We want a bigger and bet- ter Birmingham but not in num- bers alone. We want the village to continue to be the finest of residential places with the finest of residents."

The state will interfere with dumping waste in the River Rouge, he said, and immediate action must be taken to provide a new disposal.

The banquet was the largest to be held by the board whose mem- bership this year surpasses any previous membership.

Jack Caldwell of Detroit sang several songs which were heartily received.

Rev. A. B. Eichelberger of Mor- hill, Kan., boasts that he has read the marriage service for 12 grand- children.

Rev. Peter Hawson of Cardiff, Wis., has gone to work in a col- lege so he can preach more un- derstandingly to miners.

## Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

### Christmas Story

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE was a pretty little girl who had a very bad temper.

"If you are a very good little girl," her mother said, "Santa Claus will bring you many nice Christmas presents."

"Don't want any, you old fool," replied the very pretty little girl. "Besides, there ain't no Santa Claus."

"Yes there is, dear," replied Mrs. Gooftich, for that was the mother's name. "You just wait and see. On Christmas eve Santa Claus will come down the chimney and leave all the lovely toys for mama's little dear. You just write him a letter."

Phyllis, for that was the pretty little girl's name at the age of six, threw a book at her mother and said, "Don't be a dumphool."

"Why, darling," replied the lov- ing Mrs. Gooftich, "that is not a nice way to talk to mother. You know I told you never to..."

"Listen," replied Phyllis, touch- ing up her lips with a finger, "if you put that one about spelling fool with an 'f', I'll say you. I can't go for that Santa Claus story, for hea- ven's sake. Go on back and smoke the pipe. The stuff's wear- ing off."

"But he will bring you a doll and..."

Phyllis left the room thum- bing her nose. "You're balmj," she called back.

And what do you think. Phyllis didn't get her dollies for Christ- mas. No, indeed. She broke down the door where the Christ- mas presents were being hidden and traded them all to the grocery boy for a package of cigarets.

A CHEERFUL THOUGHT for Christmas is suggested by Herbert Corey, the columnist, who quotes the head of a charitable in- stitution as saying: "Broadly speaking, the individual who begs is a fake. The truly deserving cases do not ask for help. They just die."

Haspazard observation seems to bear this out. My objection to all this Christmas charity is the ac- companyment of the beating of drums. I have never been able to see that this grand flourish, once a year, followed by indifference dur- ing all the other weeks, means very much—seven to the poor devils whose poverty gives the sp' pull- ers something to write about.

But then, of course, there is something the matter with me and I never can understand those things.

THIS FROM HOMER Schutt, far off in the wilds of Ohio. "To support a previous statement that I read 'Glimpses' each week with interest—though I can not say why—I attach a 'filler' clipped from beneath the col. That week 'Glimpses' dis- cussed cellar parties as insurance against destruction of upper floor furnishings. My congratulations to the make-up man. Here's the filler:

—David Glaenz of Duluth lost his right ear diving through a window to escape arrest.—

I shamble into my dotage, a weak and broken man.

TALKING ABOUT DREAMS, a group of us, and doing some very poor guessing and some very poor quoting on their cause when K. I. was close to a bicycle once, and that when a tele- graph boy stopped at her house, revealed her nightmare of night- mares. It is pedaling a bicycle for dear life on a railway track, with the train coming—and all the pedaling of no avail. For my staff of biographers, it might be interesting to know that I merely fell in the Detroit river. Night after night, I roll down Wood- ward avenue to the Detroit river, and go over the ledge, despite my silent fear. Significant, that I have never splashed into the water, in all these tumbles, but it is true. Others may appear in pajamas at a ball, be tied to the stake by a gang of cannibals or chased by bandits flourishing knives, but my little fun, I am pleased to say, is merely to fall in the river.

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Praise was given the Municipal building for its architecture and equipment by members of the Southeastern Michigan City Man- agers association who met in Bir- mingham, Friday.

A general inspection of the building was made and many com- ments on the distinctive archi- tecture of the building and the fact that it varied in style from the average edifice of its charac- ter.

Following a dinner at the Chat- eau Tea Room a discussion of the problems confronted in the vari- ous municipalities which the men represented was held.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER NAMED AT BALDWIN Mrs. Nellie H. Williams is formally named attendance officer at the Baldwin High School today by the Board of Education.

She has been acting in this capacity for the past two years, but was officially elected by the board at their meeting Monday night.

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