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## BUILDING GAIN IN NOVEMBER IS REPORTED

25 Apply For Licenses Totaling \$318,050; 12 Homes Among Them

Construction expenditures in Birmingham building took a decided advance during the month of November it is shown in the report issued this week from the village office.

A total of 25 applications were made during the past four weeks aggregating \$318,050. This is considerably higher than the October total.

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## BIRMINGHAM SHOPS ABOUND WITH FANCY CHRISTMAS TOYS

Next Christmas morning is going to be the greatest ever for Birmingham youngsters if the assortment of toys in village shops indicates anything. Everything from cuddly toys for the infant up to games and mechanical sets for the more grown up young person may be had, and at reasonable prices too.

Perhaps the biggest thrill of the day comes when the excited youngsters tip the halving stocking upside down to scatter the tiny mysterious packages in a heap for investigation. And for the parents, there is just as much pleasure in shopping for those interesting novelties that go to make the stocking bulge.

For The Stocking

If it's a stocking for the youngster you're filling, you will find the softest of cuddly toys cut so cats, white polka bears from \$1.25 to \$2 in price. Then there are those imported Molly dogs that bark so shrilly when squeezed by their excited owners, and all kinds of tinkler toys—funny little wooden men, and rattling blocks and figures.

The neatest and most amusing of all these gifts for "baby" are rubber toys shaped like sailor men or animals, and they only cost \$1. One bear, of this family, most obligingly stand on any of the four paws or even his head and he would squeak too, if squeezed.

Or if he's just a bit more grown up, and shuns the soft waddling ducks for 65 cents and all prices. One teddy bear for 75 cents is just the thing for the Christmas stocking.

There is one 25 cent gift which will fascinate the entire family the minute it's pulled out of the stocking. It is a parachute. You puff through a long tube and out comes a tiny silk parachute which makes exactly the same kind of landing any real parachute would make.

For the young boy's stocking 35 cent iron toy airplanes and trucks are popular.

Dolls

These modern young people not only must have their Christmas stockings but they insist upon a tree as well. Dolls are still their favorite gift with the little girls. And this year the doll world includes everything from tiny snow-men dolls priced at 10 cents to the Messina-Vat Italian felt dolls. The latter have been much featured in Detroit shops this year and are priced at from \$5 to \$25.

"Bobbie" baby dolls, priced from \$4.50 to \$9.75 are very popular and their older sisters, the "Patsy" dolls, at \$4.

"Patsy" comed dressed in two costumes, an organdie party dress or a street costume with a tiny blue coat and beret. Santa reports that little girls like the street outfit better. "Because they enjoy taking the hat and coat off," Santa chuckled.

And while you are shopping for the little girls, Santa reports that little girls are becoming most

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

James W. Cobb, postmaster: "I estimate that on Monday, the first day in our new building, we did a volume of business equal to or greater than the first day in our old building. This was owing to the start of the Christmas rush period and the fact that monthly statements were three days late this month. We have been experiencing considerable difficulty teaching persons their new box combinations, but on the whole the public and the postal employees seem highly enthusiastic regarding the move."

## OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICE RECALLS OLD 'WINDOW' HERE

With the opening of the new post office Monday, thoughts of the old villagers straggled back to the days when a single window, under a crude sign, "United States Mail" marked Birmingham's postal service.

That was in 1860, in the days when Oren Poppleton's store, which was located where The Exchange Office now stands, not only dealt in dry goods but represented the mailing center of the village. In those days Poppleton played the dual role of shopkeeper and postmaster and Birmingham was a village of scarcely 600 persons.

As Birmingham grew, its post office grew, and in a very transient manner. The year 1872 found Birmingham a village of 1500 with a post office in White Maple and Pierce streets. There were 18 hours days for the postmaster, opening shop at 4:30 a. m. and working around into the night.

It was in 1894 that the first money order went through the Birmingham office. The order is still in the possession of George Mitchell.

Not until 12 years ago was delivery service introduced into the village. At that time two carriers were put on as an experiment. Within a few years two

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

George H. E. Smith, secretary of League of Nations non-partisan association of Michigan: "More enthusiasm and genuine interest was shown at the Royal Oak gathering which heard Prof. Preston E. James of the University of Michigan speak on, Geography in Relation to World Politics, than any of the similar meetings which I have attended in the state."

## 17 GRIDDERS GET LETTERS

Annual Dance in Baldwin High To Be Scene Of Award Tomorrow

Seventeen football men will receive letter awards at the annual football dance tomorrow evening in the Baldwin High School gymnasium.

Selections for the "B" awards (Concluded on Page 6, Part 3)

## REPORT ARRESTS IN BLOOMFIELD

A report made by Chief of Police William Putnam to the Bloomfield Hills commission Tuesday night showed that a total of 149 arrests aggregated \$1,010 for the month of November.

Of the 149 arrests made, 119 were for minor offenses. Deposits made at the police station amounted to \$257 and, those assessed in court \$555. Jail sentences included a six months penalty for transporting liquor, a 30 day sentence for drunk and one of 60 for driving drunk. Two stolen cars were recovered, it was reported.



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## Your BROADWAY And Mine

By WALTER WINCHELL

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Centric

New York, Nov. 28.—There was exciting chatter one week last season when it was discovered that Broadway's most dramatic critic for the New York World, was severing his association with a particular dining set. Mr. Woolcott, Fed Up With It, although some of us here told that Mr. Woolcott, Fed Up With It, holiday for a year alone the Riviera. After a brief vacation he returned to New York, which aroused rumor-spreaders.

Later, however, it was reported in the theatrical journals that Woolcott and the World had tiffed over the critic's article in Vanity Fair, in which he black-balled Eugene O'Neill's play, "Strange Interlude," before it opened, reviewing it from the manuscript. When the premiere took place at the John Golden Theater, after the curtain had come out, Mr. Woolcott witnessed the proceedings, but his report in the paper the next morning was prepared by another reviewer.

It was subsequently revealed that the World had decided to dispatch an unprejudiced critic to the play, which aroused Woolcott, and he did not resign when his contract expired. In fewer words, the newspaper felt that its dramatic critic should not be permitted to cover a production if he revealed a tendency to dislike it or the management before it was shown to the public.

NEW PLAN EVOLVED

St. John Ervine, famed in London as a brilliant reviewer and playwright, was imported as guest critic for a term of months (four, it is said) to succeed Woolcott, and a few days before he began activities the World devoted much space to a symposium contributed by prominent theatrical producers. They were asked what they thought of the paper's plan to run deferred reviews and their opinions of the new reviewer.

Every manager in town replied with a sugary opinion, lauding the World's idea on deferred reviews (twenty-four hours after the premiere) and chucked in a nosegay for Mr. Ervine.

That is, every manager excepting Philip Goodman, sponsor of the recently lauded "Rainbow" at the Gallo, whose opinion of Mr. Ervine lasted but one edition. Well Mr. Ervine, who is probably just as sensitive as you and I, evened the score the other way when his deferred notice appeared in the World. Although he hinted that "Rainbow" had all the elements of a first class entertainment if it received the pruning knife, the critic devoted much space to Mr. Goodman's plump form.

Far be it from this outcast (in

THANKSGIVING STILL DAY FOR RELIGION, VILLAGE PASTOR SAYS

"Thanksgiving is still primarily a religious day for many persons," Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Despite the fact that Birmingham's Thanksgiving union service was held at 7 a. m. at the First Presbyterian Church this year rather than at 8 p. m. as previously, approximately 250 persons were in attendance, he pointed out.

Rev. Woodward was in charge of the Thanksgiving Union service this year.

## Church Observes Friendly Day

"Every member friendly visitation day" will be observed Sunday in the First Baptist Church.

Eleven teams have been organized with two persons on each team. These teams will visit the members of the congregation between 2:30 and 5:30 p. m. Sunday, each team being assigned a district.

"The object of this visiting day is to create a spirit of friendship amongst the congregation," Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor, said, "and in no way is it an appeal for money. We urge that every member be at home at this time so that the true spirit of the day may prevail."

After trying three weeks to buy a 7-foot bed for her son, Mrs. J. C. Lavery of New York had one made to order.

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