

THE METROPOLITAN CLUB IN STREETS SELLING

Goodfellows Invasion Of Town Today

Proceeds Of Newspaper Sale Go To Help Needy At Christmas

THOUSANDS OF COPIES ARE ISSUED

With 1,000 Eccentrics under their arms, 50 members of the Metropolitan club of Birmingham, recruits from the ranks of the police, firemen and mail carriers, invaded village streets early today.

Proceeds from the sale of the local newspaper and others which were donated free to the club will go to help the needy of Birmingham. No one working in the organization will be paid for his endeavors, all proceeds going to the needy.

Baskets of food will be supplied and medical attention given when needed.

Works With House
The club is working in co-operation with the Community House and all cases are to be investigated, according to Police Chief James Anderson who is in charge of the newspaper sales.

While there is comparatively little poverty in Birmingham this year, the aim of the club is to help the needy over Christmas and spread happiness to those which otherwise would be passed by in the hurry of every day life.

There is no set price for this copy of the paper. Anything the purchaser cares to give will be gratefully received by the club and used to help the needy.

The Metropolitan club attempts its endeavor this year for the first time. While the club was organized several years ago, it has been inactive for some time and the newspaper sale in Birmingham is new. Yesterday similar organizations sold papers in the communities of Woodward avenue between here and Detroit.

A goal of \$1,000 is set by Metropolitan club members who are today selling papers, Anderson said.

Anderson is assisted on his committee by Verne Griffith and George Wood.

Sale on the 4,000 papers started at 8:30 this morning, eight of

HEADS SALE



Chief of Police James Anderson is chairman of the Metropolitan club benefit newspaper sale today.

A GREAT TEACHER

The magazine, Pictorial Review, gives every year \$5,000 to the American woman who, in the judgment of a highly competent jury, has made the most distinctive contribution of the year to the world of letters, arts, science, and the social sciences. This year it is awarded to Miss Martha Berry. This woman has built up remarkable schools in Georgia for the poor but ambitious boys and girls of the southern mountains. Her schools now house 1,000 pupils and have a waiting list of 3,000. She has to find \$200,000 to carry on her work of teaching and training for life and for success.

MAN INJURED ON WAY TO BURIAL OF WIFE

Hurrying to Birmingham to complete funeral arrangements for his wife, C. B. Warren, 65 years old, of the Lahser road, was killed Thursday when his car overturned three times.

He skidded off the pavement as he turned into Lake Park road from Maple road and struck a guy wire on a telephone pole. The car overturned.

He was given first aid treatment at the police station here and then taken to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac. After being treated there he was able to return home.

'OLD NEWSBOY' HERE RECALLS HEAVY 'TIPS' OF FORMER TIMES

"Paasaper, Paasaper—four persons killed!" Such cries hold no novelty for Patrolman Joseph MacGregor. Nor does he shudder at the thought of standing on a street corner on a wintry day, with the white crust of a newsboy slung over his shoulder, he peddles his wares to the public.

But today the newsboy is eager to buy, not to host weary workmen returning from a factory.

Joe recalls the days when he was a newsboy in Detroit with a stand at Milwaukee and Woodward avenues. "In those days," he said, "there was a race track and Ford's factory now stands north of the boulevard."

Christmas time meant a gala season for the newsboy in those days. "Often in a spirit of generosity persons would give from a nickel to one dollar for a paper, telling the newsboy to 'keep the change.'"

"With the spirit of giving so prevalent at Christmas, I think we can expect a good response to our sale today," he said.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYBODY



The role of Santa Claus is being played by members of the Birmingham Metropolitan club who are selling this special issue of The Eccentric to raise funds, so that the needy of Birmingham and its environs will have the things that go to make a Merry Christmas.

"All will be remembered", is the slogan of the determined group of men who were to brave the cold today to sell paper. They are not equipped in the warm furs of Santa Claus but—what does cold matter to men determined to make happier the needy of their community?

"Peace on earth; Good will to men."

Efforts of the Metropolitan club and other charitable groups of the village are working hard as the holidays approach to make this splendid slogan of Christianity have a distinct place in the lives of Birmingham people.

In a community of this character, no one should want for a happy day on Christmas. And that no one shall spend the day with bleak memories and gnawing desires for a wish of peace and good will and happiness—this work to aid the needy is being done.

NEW HEALTH BRANCH OPENS

Laboratory For Taking Tests is Started Under Direction of Technician

A laboratory for bacteriological and chemical analysis is in operation today in Birmingham under the direction of a public health department. It is located in the municipal building.

Mrs. Harold Diekmann, formerly in charge of the bacteriological department of the Park-Davis company of Detroit, Monday assumed her duties here as laboratory technician.

The laboratory is a branch of public health work and will be used for a chemical and bacteriological analysis of cultures which were formerly sent to the Oakland County health department in Pontiac.

A Time Save
"The saving of time in taking tests by laboratory analysis here may someday prove a life saver," Dr. A. W. Nowitt, public health officer, pointed out.

Due to the continued controversy over the water supply in

health department at Columbus, O. She is a graduate of Ohio Birmingham an analysis of the water will be the first work of the laboratory. Dr. Nowitt announced. Later the work will be extended to co-operate with all branches of the village health department, he said.

Milk tests will also be made in connection with public health work, Dr. Nowitt said.

For five years Mrs. Diekmann

POLICE RETURN THEFT SUSPECT FOR GRILLING

Police left today for Chicago to return Peter Kasmarck, police say, to Birmingham to face a charge of grand larceny. He has been sought a month following

the theft of \$225 from the Birmingham restaurant where he was employed.

He left Birmingham the day the theft was discovered, police say. He was arrested in Chicago and will be grilled on his return here about the theft.

which will be available for throat cultures, will have a direct bearing on the health of the school children. "In time, blood tests and other analyses will be made here, too," she pointed out, "as well as all laboratory work connected with health experiments in the schools."

MOTHER, CHILD DIE WITHIN DAY

Funeral service were held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. Gladys Rogers Groves, and her year old daughter, Shirley Eleanor

the daughter died at the Harper Hospital, Detroit, last Wednesday and Mrs. Groves died the next day. Both deaths were due to pneumonia.

Burial was in Rosewain cemetery with Rev. Eugene M. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Royal Oak officiating.

Although for the past 11 years Mrs. Groves has been a resident of Royal Oak she was well known in Birmingham. Besides her husband, Howard L. Groves, she leaves a son Howard, Jr.

ELLERBY MAPS CIVIC WORK

Charter Revision To Meet Needs Of Today Asked By President

A pretentious program for the village commission is under consideration today following the presentation by President H. T. Ellerby. It calls for the disposal of six major problems facing the village and the board is asked by Mr. Ellerby to divide them equally so they may be studied during the winter while affairs of government are not so rushing.

The program is to be discussed again next Monday night when the board meets, are: charter revision, waste disposal, water supply, ordinances, building code and the financial program.

Needs Cited
In his formal statement to the commission, Mr. Ellerby pointed out the charter was drawn up in 1917 when the population here was 2,000. It is now 12,000. He asks that changes be made to suit the enlarged community.

The village is not adequately meeting the problem of disposal of sewage, he says, and is in danger of intervention by the state board of health unless action is taken.

He declares the water situation is one that needs study so that Birmingham in the future will be assured constant and adequate supply.

The building code has been revised five times since its adoption in 1925. He believes this should be completely revised and brought up to date.

He would also have the financial program of the village studied carefully and recommendations made.

The proposals were received by the commission without comment. The plan is to be considered next Monday night when it will be discussed by the board.

Ellerby's Proposal
His complete statement follows: Now that the need has arisen for the year, covering our occupancy of this building and the completion of the special improvement projects of the season, are cleared up and out of the way there seems to be at this time very little for this Commission to do during the winter months, except routine work and a little later, the preparation of various special improvement projects for completion next summer.

There are however, at least six major problems which should be receiving careful consideration and study of this Commission with an effort, through that study, to come to a conclusion as to what plans should be made for the further solution of these problems.

The splendid record made by the village planning commission in the past few months, culminating with the employment of a village planner, and the probability of further direct returns from the time invested by the members of this commission, which will be of exceeding value to the village, prompts me to believe that other citizens may be interested and willing to give their time to the study of certain major problems of the village, and will co-operate with the commission, by the giving of their time and experience in such study.

It is my belief that there are six major problems and it seems reasonable to ask each commissioner to assume the responsibility for the study and development of one of these problems and I would be my suggestion that each commissioner associate with him two or more citizens, qualified by experience and interest, in an exhaustive study of these problems and then prepare and report to (Concluded on Page 2)

NOTICE

To the people of Birmingham and vicinity.

On and after Dec. 10th, daily from 8:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M. the Metropolitan club, consisting of postmen, policemen and firemen, will be in conjunction with the Community House, which to announce that a small building located on the east side of Woodward Ave. south of Maple street, will be open for the purpose of receiving clothing, other wearing apparel and donations, that will be used in the 1928 Christmas campaign for the needy.

REAL ESTATE BOARD NAMES DIRECTORS
E. H. Tillotson and Joseph Pope were elected directors of the Birmingham Real Estate Board at their meeting Monday night. Charles A. Birgham, David H. Leidy and Carl Brant were elected to the board of directors.

ELLERBY PRAISES WORK OF METROPOLITAN CLUB

President H. T. Ellerby of Birmingham issued the following appeal today in the sale of newspapers by the Metropolitan club.

"While Birmingham is especially favored in having but few cases needing help, there is nonetheless an increasing number and many families would not know the joys of Christmas were it not for the aid of charitable organizations such as the Metropolitan club."

"The work this organization is doing is commendable and co-operation of all citizens will do a great deal to bring happiness to many."

the members going from door to door, "peddling their papers" as in their days as newsboys.

Extremes
The rest of the members take up stands on prominent village thoroughfares and are greeting motorists with cries of "paper."

Dec. 21 has been set as the date of the second Metropolitan club project, a dance at the I. O. O. F. hall, William Green, who heads the dance committee, reports an excellent ticket sale with the \$500 goal in sight.

He is assisted by Sam Snell, Artland, Kitchen, Clark Green, Hans Olsson and George Townsend.

HILLS VILLAGE PLANS VOTE

Special Election On Charter Amendments To Be Held In February

Action is being taken today in preparation for a special election in Bloomsfield Hills village in February.

Four charter amendments will be voted upon after the legal procedure necessitated in placing the issues on the ballot is approved.

Amendments to the charter of the village, adopted in January, 1927, were found necessary by the commission in taking steps to improve Lone Pine road from Woodward avenue to Lahser road. (Concluded on Page 6)

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