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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.

BIRMINGHAM SHOPS ABOUT WITH FANCY CHRISTMAS TOYS

Next Christmas morning is going to be the galaest 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 bulging stockings 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.

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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 that done all of last week. 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 postal employees seem highly enthusiastic regarding the move."

TOBAGGANS TOO

Since Santa was a little shaver himself Christmas has a little more variety. Toys, locomotives, velocipedes, rocking horses, tiny musical pianos, doll houses and nursery furniture. Birmingham shops have everything from electrical trains at \$1 and as much as large and grand as the dinky cars to dining sets for the most exclusive of doll houses.

And don't forget, a toboggan, a pair of skis, or even a sled are the very thing to have almost out of sight behind the tree for the grandest surprise of the day.

Your BROADWAY And Mine

By WALTER WINCHELL

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eclectic

New York, Nov.—There was exciting news in the theater world last season when it was discovered that Alexander Woollcott, dramatic critic for the New York Times, was severing his association with that news paper. Few have been more exacting in their demands on the prominent and able writer who was freed from his job, although the very thing to hate almost out of his mind.

Later, however, it was reported in the theatrical journals that Woollcott and the World had tiffed over the critic's article in Vanity Fair, in which he belittled 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 manager had come out, Mr. Woollcott witnessed the proceedings, but the report in the paper the next morning was prepared by another 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, overed the scene the other day 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, he did not devote much space to Mr. Goodman's plump form.

THANKSGIVING STILL DAY FOR RELIGION, VILLAGE PASTOR SAYS

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

OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICE RECALLS OLD 'WINDOW' HERE

With the opening of the new post office Monday, thoughts of some of the older villagers strayed back to 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 Eclectic 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 Whitehead and Mitchell's store on Maple and Pierce streets. There were 18 hour days for the postmaster, opening shop at 4:20 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 this village. At that time two carriers were put on as an experiment. Within a few years two

more carriers were added to serve the growing village. In speaking of the old days of the post office, George Mitchell said: "When they moved in to the Huston block, people complained of having to go clear to the end of town to post a letter. Mr. Mitchell laughed. "Now they might as well go to Bloomfield Hills," he said.

Mr. Mitchell is one of the former postmasters, having served during President Cleveland's second term, and during the entire Wilson administration.

REPORT ARRESTS IN BLOOMFIELD

A report made by Chief of Police William Putman 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 \$407, and those assessed in court \$525. 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.

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 friendliness 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," he said.

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.

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)



Whether You Come Alone OR Along

Luncheon Evening Dinner Sunday Dinner 1:30 P. M.

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