

Christmas for 1929 is now a memory—fond for some, and not so fond for too many others. The best thoughts and emotions that Christmas has given you are well worth cherishing, cultivating.

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MICHIGAN SEES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR NEW YEAR

Renewed Activity in Industrial, Financial and Manufacturing Lines

OPTIMISM PREVAILS

Michigan financial, industrial and manufacturing officials, after the most successful year in their history, look forward with optimism to the new year. Renewed activity in all lines, with huge building projects, many of them already under way, will be completed in Michigan next year.

Encouraged by the record 1929 production of 5,600,000 units and the Ford Motor Company wage increase of \$19,500,000 yearly, the automotive industry has laid ambitious but well-planned expansion programs.

Alvan MacAuley, president of the National Automobile Cham-

ber of Commerce and president of the Packard Motor Car Company, expresses certainty that 1930 will see at least the normal production of 5,000,000 automobiles. The greatest potential market for the automobile, the export field, is expected to absorb 1,000,000 of these units.

Ford Company Plans

The Ford company's plan to build 2,000,000 model "A" units in 1930 has been realized despite production cuts necessitated by the improved model "A." Chevrolet, largest production of General Motors will usually manufacture more than 1,300,000 units this year. Both companies are positive of equaling their new records in 1930.

The recent stock market break lowered automotive stock values, but automobile manufacturers themselves bought as much stock as they could at bargain prices.

Ending its biggest year the Detroit Stock Exchange in 1929 will occupy its new \$500,000 quarters. The number of stocks listed on the exchange has grown from 105 in 1926 to 196 this year while trading has increased from 1,861,000 shares in 1926 to approximately 12,000,000 this year.

Clearings in 1928 totaled \$80,000,000. (Concluded on Page 3, Part 2)

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Something About Village Clubs

GIRL RESERVES

The Girl Reserves were organized in May, 1925, when 13 of the Baldwin High School girls met and elected the following officers: Lane Wall, president; Virginia Neal, vice-president; Rosemary Lamond, recording secretary; Helen Harris, corresponding secretary, and Hilda Trumbull, treasurer.

TOWN CLUB

On September 17, 1929, six students of Baldwin high school met at the Community House. The meeting had been arranged by Elton Buck and Earl Maxwell for the purpose of determining whether an organization of the



BETTY KIDDER

Her purpose became to "find and give the best," their slogan—"To live life squarely." The object of the Girl Reserve movement is "to attain the highest development of the American girl."

The local club is one of the 70 clubs under the supervision of the Detroit Y. W. C. A. Its members are welcome to use the Detroit building at any time. Twice each month, the president and the interclub councillor hold a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. with officers of the other city clubs, for discussing individual club problems and city wide projects.

Send Money to China.

The year's program is planned by the girls with the purpose of helping them to grow in health, knowledge and spirit. Annual activities of the Girl Reserves include the following: exchange meetings with nearby clubs, joint meetings with H. Y., an international fund-raising tea, in which funds saved by the members are forwarded to the Secretariat in Hangchow, China; basket-making for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and caroling on Christmas eve.

Twice a year, Honor Court is held in Detroit where pageants and music express the Girl Reserve ideal. At that time, Girl Reserve each club who have shown improvement and faithfulness to the three upper classes are eligible for membership.

Katherine Brown is President.

Present officers are Katherine Brown, president; Betty Kidder, secretary; Margaret Cooney, treasurer; Katherine Hunt, treasurer, and Esther Kent, interclub organization. Advisers of the organization include Mrs. William (Concluded on Page 3, Part 2)

OLD CHRISTMAS TREES MAKE FINE FEED STATIONS FOR BIRDS

REV. WOODWARD BACK IN PULPIT

Rev. David Leon Woodward has returned from his former home in North Carolina and will resume his preaching at the Birmingham Baptist Church at both the Sunday morning and evening services. "Starting the New Year Right" is the topic of the timely New Year's sermon Mr. Woodward will give Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At this service Mrs. Frederick Prothroer will sing a solo entitled "He Shall Feed His Flock." The regular church choir will sing "Thou Wilt Keep Him" by Buck. "What To Live For in 1930" is the subject of the sermon at the Sunday evening service at 7:30. During the period of the organ, Miss Ruth Allen and Mr. Stanley Rosso will give a special piano-organ duet entitled, "Kame-i-o" by Schubert. Mrs. M. E. James Gardner, DeVieger and Prothroer will sing a trio entitled, "I Shall Come to Pass at Evening." The regular choir under the direction of Prof. Prothroer will sing the anthem, "He Shall Come Down Like Rain." The pastor is invited to both services.

By W. BRYANT TYRRELL

Your old Christmas tree will make an excellent feeding station for the birds. Fasten the tree securely in a sheltered spot and tie suet and pieces of bread on the branches; on the ground scatter crumbs, nuts and chicken feed. Keep a fresh supply of feed on hand, and each morning replenish what has been eaten the day before. At the end of the first week, probably seven or eight species will be coming regularly to your feeding station. On Cranbrook Estate, we have been feeding birds for nearly three months from 15 different feeding stations, putting out about a 1,000 pounds of feed a month. At one of the stations, it quite common to see 12 or 15 birds of six or seven species. At another station, we have seen as many as 17 pheasants feeding together at still another, a covey of 20 to 25 bobwhites.

In all, 19 species have been seen on Cranbrook this month, of which come to the various feeding stations. There are a female merganser, with the other ducks, about 40 tame Mallards, nearly 50 wild ones, and with them, a few black ducks. I have noted four wing-clipped Canada Geese, Pheasants everywhere, Bobwhite, Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jays, Crows, 10 Evening Grosbeaks, a small flock of Purple Finches, a few Tree Sparrows, many Junco, eight pairs of Cardinals, White-breasted Nuthatches, Tuffed Titmouse, Chickadees, and Ruby-Crowned Kinglets.

A little trouble and effort on your part this time of year will be greatly repaid by the cheerful and pretty forms of birds the rest of the winter. Crumbs, meat scraps, and chicken-feed thrown on a cleared spot on the ground, sheltered by clump of bushes, is the simplest thing to do and may attract Pheasant, Bobwhite, and various Sparrows. A little suet in a wire basket on a pole will be greatly appreciated by Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Woodpeckers. A shelf on a window ledge on the south or east side of the house, on which is kept a supply of fine chicken feed, nuts, crumbs, suet, meat scraps, and sunflower seeds will usually attract Chickadees, Blue Jays, and Cardinals.

The shelf is a very simple thing to make. A piece of three or five ply wood, about three-fourths of an inch thick, 12 inches wide, and the length of the window-ledge with a piece an inch and a half wide around the edge will serve nicely. Along the outer edge of the shelf, bore three or four holes to let any water which may collect run off. Give it at least two coats of paint, and when dry fasten it to the casing with small angle-irons.



BON VOYAGE

As the good ship "New Year" bears you across the broad sea of 1930, may its binnacle light of Happiness glow brightly and steadily; may its sails be filled with the bracing wind of strong and fine friendships; and may its cargo be rich in prosperity and contentment for you.

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WHAT'S WRONG AND WHERE?



How good are you at finding mistakes? The artist has intentionally made several obvious ones in drawing the above picture. Some of them are easily discovered, others may be hard. See how long it will take YOU to find them. For answers see page three of this section.

Movie Programs Will Be Changed

Four complete changes in program instead of three will be the order each week at the Kunsky-Birmingham Theater, manager of the theater has announced. Beginning on Jan. 18 and continuing for 10 weeks, "The King of the Kings," the first all-talkie serial picture, the plot of which is based upon the disappearance of the famous explorer Livingston in Africa and Stanley's heroic rescue of him, will be shown at the Kunsky-Birmingham Theater. Mr. Holah also announced.

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