

# STORES READY FOR HOLIDAYS

### Many New Articles Being Shown By Village Merchants

By ALICE FOX

With the 1933 holiday season less than two months away, Birmingham merchants are already turning their attention to their stocks of holiday goods.

The offering of holiday goods from one season to another within the past few years has undergone a considerable change. New fads, a considerable change in colorings have entered into the manufacture of goods that this class of merchandise has its change of fashion to just about as great a degree as does feminine attire or other styles of dress.

In former years the display of gift goods from year to year was

much the same. The materials varied little and the buying of holiday goods was much a matter of replenishing certain articles in order to take care of the trade. This is not the case today and Birmingham gift buyers this season will see quite a different array of articles from those displayed here a year ago.

Novelties, new gifts of an entirely different nature will be found among the gift displays this year.

Children's toys are just one example of the constant revolution taking place in the line of gifts. The toy maker has had to follow the inventor almost step for step in the production of toys and devices for the entertainment of the modern child.

This means that there are constantly being added to the already ready long list of interesting playthings, a lot of new and instructive toys each year.

The new toys are just one example of the suggestions that the gift buyer will find in Birmingham stores this year when with list in hand he starts off on his first jaunt of gift selecting.

### Looking Backward

Pat, employed in a local quarry, one day dropped a stick of dynamite and forthwith disappeared into the clouds with several tons of debris. The catastrophe was witnessed by Mike, who, somewhat later, was approached by the quarry owner.

"Where's Pat?" asked the latter.

"Gone," replied Mike.

"And when will he be back?"

"Well," said Mike, "if he comes back as fast as he went—bedad, he'll be back yesterday!"

# BETROTHED



Engagement of Marie Jose, daughter of the king and queen of Belgium, above, and Crown Prince Umberto of Italy, has been formally announced at the royal palace in Brussels. They are to wed Dec. 20.

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# CONTRIBUTION OF RACIAL GROUPS

The Contribution Of Various Racial Groups To A Common National Life. Acts 1:9-15, 26-31; Gal. 3:28, 29.

RACE prejudice is ancient and deep seated.

It goes far beyond the day when the woman of Samaria remarked to Jesus that "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." It goes even beyond the much earlier time when differences in speech were made a means of revealing differences in race, and in the slaughter following conflict the one group put to death all who had trouble with their sibilants and said "Sih-poleth" when they were asked to say "Sih-boleth."

The story of that ancient test is very striking, for it reveals the interesting confession that the men of these warring groups were so essentially alike that when the vanquished claimed to be friends rather than foes this artificial test had to be devised to make clear the racial difference.



### Differences Are Slight

It would help mightily in our interracial conflicts of today if we could come to realize the elements of common life. Our capacities for joys and pleasures, for pains and sorrows, are very much the same. Our very differences, even when they are most glaring, are often differences in the stage of development and evolution, or differences that are easily traceable to different environments.

Here in America we are in the midst of an experiment of a nature, and on a scale, to which nothing in history can be compared. There have, of course, been other cosmopolitan lands, and cosmopolitan cities have been many. The homeland of the Bible was a great meeting place of nations and races. The very list of those who were spoken of as being present at the Day of Pentecost is suggestive, and in all the thriving commercial centers of the age of the Bible there was the conglomerate mingling of races.

But the most striking challenge to the elemental theory of democracy has been the drawing of the color line—a matter which was at least a factor in the plunging of a country in civil war, and which continues both north and south to supply one of America's most difficult problems.

While great progress in the conquest of prejudice has been made in the south, the most acute manifestations of the problem have been transferred to the north where prejudices are apt to be raw and brutal, entirely unrelieved by a kindly tolerance that has been present in the hearts of the better type of southern white people even though they most detest the color line in social life and politics.

### New Attitude Is Needed

The social aspects of these differences of race and the problems that they create cannot, of course, be dealt with in the limited space of these comments. It is probably no help toward the solution of these problems to ignore the real factors of difficulty that are confronted in all adjustments.

It is doubtful whether there is much value in raving about social injustice and interracial prejudice.

He who would be a true citizen and he who would be a thoroughly-going Christian, meet on very much the same plane, when it comes to a matter of their thought of their fellow men and their treatment of those who differ from them racially or otherwise.

# OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

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This district to West Point Military Academy, it was announced this week by Congressman Grant M. Hudson.

He is now in his second year at Albion college, and is a graduate of Lincoln High school. He is a guard on the varsity football team. After finishing the present term at Albion he will take the examinations for West Point March 4 for entrance at the academy July 1, 1936. The term at West Point is four years.

One of Oakland County's early pioneers, Mrs. Sarah Maria Ross, aged 93 years, passed away Thursday, October 31, at her home in Lake Orion, from infirmities due to old age.

Three 200-watt lamps installed on the Berkley water tank to light the name "Berkley" on one side have proved successful and the village commissioner Thursday night authorized Forest H. Smith, village electrician, to install three more.

The name "Berkley" is painted on two sides of the tank, which is at Beverley and Bacon roads, in

letters six feet high. Commissioner Charles Sawyer suggested three weeks ago that lighting the letters with three 200-watt lamps on each side and the commission ordered the electrician to obtain three lamps on approval and install them on one side.

An interesting report is given by H. W. Richards, director at the Rochester Community House, of those who used the house and grounds during the month of October.

The attendance was better than 2,000 for the month, divided as follows:

Adult clubs, 34; private parties, 248; committee meetings, 25; dancing classes, 60; Raymond Green Players, 21; Girl Scouts, 25; Boy Scouts (two groups), 178; Campfire group, 112; safety patrol, 107; boys' football, 221; general, 1,375 and hiking club, 51.

A clothes pin social was given by the pupils of the Stony Run school near Holly last Friday. Ladies brought twin clothes pins and box, proceeds to go to school.

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No. 43

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