

You are just what you think! Think of the things you think of in terms of ambition, and you think of the level of your soul. Don't say that you are not master of your thoughts!

PRELIMINARY STATE, COUNTY OFFICIALS START PLANS FOR 23-MAN GROUP INQUIRY

The Birmingham Eccentric extends its customary, seasonal greetings with an appreciation of friends who have long been a part of a community where friendships are more valued than good fortune.

In history's pages the year 1930 will be recorded as a trying one in that there was progress. Yes, there was! Out of the depression, drought, and demoralization came—courage! Of course you've noticed it!

What's the difference between a moan and a groan? You don't need to get it from a ghost. A moan is an expression of mental anguish. A groan is, we believe, audible evidence of physical suffering. During 1930 there was a surplus crop of miserly moaners whose wretchedness could stand anything more depressing than a panorama of any profane and vulgar language. There were many of them. But most of them didn't cry out until it hurt.

Somewhat moaning and groaning even the decision of it brings us to the inscrutable Chicago. Not that the coffee-colored hair of the Chicagoans is any change in the practice—they're not unlike the Spartan boy with the spear in the door of his chest to meet you, Mr. Kelly when it comes to physical and mental courage. But the quality of their language is characterized by a certain onomatopoeia.

Which led recently to a fanciful discussion as to just how the Chinese would manage to get out of their paper, magazines, for instance, would be required on their lingo many characters representing so many monosyllabic utterances? Ah, Mr. Pellin!

Then, too, certain sounds in the Chinese language were different from those when uttered in different tones. What an embarrassing situation! How could you tell whose voice is changing! Marvelous possibilities, indeed.

Include among the interesting facts of the week for which no place in this space is available, the following:

One of the unfortunates whom we have mentioned in connection with Christmas baskets, called the headquarters of the bureau director to inquire as to whether that basket didn't contain the delicacies found in the basket of the unfortunate who received her basket from a different charity group? "Blow, blow, my King!"

Mr. Taylor has so far received five challenges for the ping pong tournament which he has accepted as that is inadequate powder of samite, celluloid pellets.

Dr. Curtis Norton is in town from the Windy City where he's doing the practical part of the enthusiasm of a Young Man Going Somewhere.

Our Predictions for 1931 John Purvis will invent 27 amazing facilities to lessen the burden of the housewife, the plumber, the interior decorator and the inventor.

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Local estate men we believe, could and should make it their business to introduce newcomers to their neighbors.

To Welcome New Minister Today

A reception committee composed of members of the First Presbyterian Church today will welcome the Rev. W. Clarence Wright, who has accepted the call to the new spiritual director of the church succeeding the Rev. Floyd Emerson Logee who left a year ago.

STREET FLIER DIES AT BIG BEAVER

A student flier was killed and his instructor was injured at 2:30 p. m. Sunday when the airplane in which they were riding crashed into a field near the John Airport, John B. and the Sixteen Mile road, Big Beaver, Howard B. Hooten, the student flier, died of his injuries in the St. Joseph's Hospital, Mt. Clemens, about four hours after the crash.

The plane was flying low, Donald Florida, who lives near the airport and who witnessed the accident, reported. Suddenly the plane dropped to an altitude of about 20 feet and then struck a nose dive. Francis was thrown clear of the wreckage but Hooten was not. The instructor, with the help of several motorists had been in the vicinity of the crash before the plane fell to the ground. Francis was unable to extricate the student. Hooten, who lives at 265 Hendrick street, Detroit, had been up a short time before Francis, but had become ill and asked to be taken down. When the plane was in good condition, he said.

WAGES AWARDED TO JURY PRIZE

Admiration of the window display judges who studied Birmingham stores' windows, abominably during the Christmas season, centered finally on the Kroger display, especially those in the West Maple avenue store, award of the silver loving cup will be made by The Eccentric Wednesday night. Mr. James A. F. John, of the Campbell-Ewald advertising agency voted for the Kroger store, as being colorful, attractive, and unusually inviting, especially in view of the fact that the Kroger store's window displays, themselves are not inherently beautiful.

Willager's Faith In Santa Claus Re-Confirmed

When Charles E. Plumstead, village treasurer, sent \$3,438 in tax checks to the Michigan State Tax Commission, he was surprised to find that the checks were returned to him for different serial assessment projects last week, he did not more than he should, except that he was more thoughtful, perhaps, to send it at Christmas time.

It gives added proof that, after all, there really is a Santa Claus, besides confirming our impression of the integrity of our Village Officials.

Very truly yours, Hugh W. Hitchcock, 839 Randall street.

Greatest Christmas Charity Program Is Accomplished

One hundred and forty-five baskets of groceries, bundles of food, bundles of wearing apparel and other gifts worth more than \$10,000 were distributed to the children in Birmingham and the immediate vicinity were presented with toys, candy and other gifts on Christmas in the greatest work of organized charity in the village's history.

Through the work of Mrs. William E. Lynch, case worker for the village, and the assistance and investigation of all families reported in dire circumstances was conducted.

Goodfollows Succeeded Following are the organizations which assisted in the work: Mrs. Halgren; Metropolitan Club; Goodfollows; Community House; First Presbyterian Church; St. James Episcopal Church; First Baptist Church; Present Day Club; Y. M. C. A.

World's Ideas Depend Largely On Astronomy, Scientist Says

"Responsible for everything in our civilization which distinguishes it from ancient civilization, still astronomy is popularly considered the least advanced of the sciences," said Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel prize-winner in physics, at a luncheon given at the Brookline audience Monday night, Dec. 22.

Millikan explained that the problems of exploring the universe may look merely interstellar but they have a direct influence on the direction of our ideas. "Dr. Millikan explained that the heat and light given off by the stars is not lost but begins again to build up nebulae in the space between the stars."

WIFE ATTEMPTS TO END OWN LIFE

Mrs. Anna Henneberry, 32 year old, of 1200 E. Grand street, is in a critical condition in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from a drug overdose. Her husband, Hugh W. Hitchcock, 839 Randall street, is in the hospital for mental observation.

PLAN TWO PROJECTS

Two construction projects, authorized in 1928 but delayed because the village engineering and health departments did not have the funds to complete the work, are expected to be completed this year.

INSURANCE

Of all kinds, Fire, Windstorm, Automobile, Burglary, Theft, and Life insurance. Also State Bonds, Fire, Marine, and other insurance.

Recovering From Riding Accident

Miss Margaret Phillips Standert of Bloomfield Hills, (above) is steadily improving, under the care of her mother, Mrs. E. Phillips Standert of East Long Lake road, after being thrown from her horse in the ring at the Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt Club last Friday. Dazed by the fall, Miss Standert thought her injuries were minor and resumed her horse to continue the ride. She became unconscious after going home and her injuries have been considered serious.

Commission Backs H. Shaw; New Cab Stand Ordered Moved From Maple

Commissioner Hulbert then addressed the commission: "I think it's rather an unfair situation," he said. "I think that if we're going to commission a new ordinance, it's just as fair to Mr. Shaw as it is to Mr. Davock."

Commission Asked To Reconsider New Ordinance

Members of the Village Commission and the Village Planning Board will meet in executive session next Monday night to discuss the advisability and ways of obtaining a zoning ordinance for the Village of Birmingham, it was decided Monday following a discussion of the subject by members of the commission and Harlow N. Davock and Thomas S. Parker of the planning board.

Will Discuss Zoning Plan

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On Private Property

Dr. Tucker said: "Mr. Shaw didn't see fit to make a deal with the telephone company. He thought that he did not believe Mr. Levinson was renting the area but that the telephone rail box was attached to his building. President Harry Allen declared that several companies establish a central parking space on private property in the village, but not a problem of parking."

Annual Building Report Is Given

During 1930, according to the report of the building inspector, 63 permits were issued for single detached residences, with a valuation of \$2,920,000. The residents continue to hold the lead, naturally, in village building activity.

News of Your Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sabom of the Puritan road spent the holidays in New York City visiting the daughter, Margaret, who is on the executive training squad of R. H. Macy, Inc.

Chronology of 1930 Shows Changes, Progress, Tragedies In Birmingham

The Village of Birmingham during 1930 experienced the life of a typical residential community on a main traffic artery in its greatest problem, with many of the greatest changes in its history.

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HUMAN SERVICES YOU WILL FIND IN BIRMINGHAM

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A Happy New Year

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