

With all the glory of life within... spend so much time in fear?

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By G. R. A. These six English Singers at the Community House last week were a happy visitation to this village.

Last Thursday noon I enjoyed a rather novel luncheon in Lansing, Mich. I had been invited to partake of food at the expense of Frank D. Fitzgerald, secretary of state.

We discussed numerous things, some personal, some political. Mr. Fitzgerald, who is being urged by many to become a candidate next year for Governor on the Republican ticket, lives in Grand Lodge, 115 miles from Lansing.

Two weeks ago Joe Haas, publisher of the Holt Michiganian, sent me a copy of the little stamps ad in front of the tuberculosis afflicted persons.

Legally of course, you are not required to purchase your 1932 automobile license until Mar. 1.

DEALING TO TACT IN PHONE TOLL SLASHES

Will Decide Today Whether To Urge Rate Reductions

BELL CO. GETS NOTICE

Action is expected to be taken by the Birmingham Real Estate Board at its annual meeting this noon on the recent invitation of the Village Commission asking the board to investigate the telephone toll charges between Birmingham and Detroit and Birmingham and Pontiac, with a view to securing reductions.

Enlist Realtors. The commission agreed, however, that the brunt of the campaign should be borne by realtors.

Mr. Ritchie stated that he will have no idea what action they will have to take, he said.

A copy of the letter addressed by Mr. Parry to Mr. Ritchie follows:

At the direction of the Village Commission I am writing you relative to the reduction of toll rates between Birmingham and Pontiac and between Pontiac and Birmingham.

Police Benefit Association To Receive Applications; Hills Adopts Same Plan

Birmingham motorists will be able to secure their 1932 license plates at the same time as they receive their driver's licenses.

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Applications for license plates must be accompanied with titles of ownership.

REAL ESTATE BOARD TO HOLD ELECTION

Officers of the Birmingham Real Estate Board will be elected at noon today in the Brown Betty Tea Room on West Maple avenue.

Julius F. Wenzl Named Boy Scout Committee Head

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CHARLES ADAMS IN AUTO CRASHES

Charles L. Adams Near Death in Pontiac General Hospital

Three Birmingham residents were injured in automobile accidents yesterday afternoon. All are in Pontiac hospitals, where one was reported near death last night.

C. L. Gravin, 28 years old, of 322 Westchester avenue, local garage man, was seriously hurt.

The crash occurred near the corner of Westchester and Franklin roads at 5:50 P. M. Neither Gravin nor Mrs. Blakeslee were believed to be in a serious condition.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY— Samuel Ranck, Grand Reporter of Detroit, is a member of the Michigan Library Association.

Letters of a Political Reporter To His Editor

To the Editor of The Eclectic: It seems that some of your editors, boss, but they do say the grand old ship of state is hitting rough seas.

Riddle of 'What To Give?' Answered in Local Shops

Tinselled Counters of Birmingham Stores Sag Low With Yuletide Suggestions

By MARJORIE E. PORTER "What shall I give?" That annual perplexity, which sometimes seems difficult to solve as the mystery of the pyramids, will find many attractive answers in the tinselled counters of Birmingham stores this year.

CHARITY SALE TO NET \$1,150

Goodfellows Well Pleased With Results Of Annual Drive

Approximately \$1,150 will have been realized on the Goodfellows charity sale which was held last night at the Hotel Sherman.

STATE TAX PAYMENTS ON

Statements Mailed Tuesday, Wednesday; Early Collections Received

All statements for the collection of 1931 state, county, township, school and special assessment taxes were mailed Tuesday and Wednesday.

First Sale Made The first contribution to be received in the collection of taxes was made by Fred J. Aldred.

On the average, contributions are being received at the rate of \$100 per hour.

SERVICE CLUBS HELP SCHOOLS BY EXHIBIT

Committee of 100' Formed To Spur Collections With Personal Pleas

A campaign of personal solicitation, urging Birmingham and Bloomfield Township property owners to pay their winter taxes, together with a survey to determine at what rate the School Board should set the rate, will be launched today by a "Committee of 100," composed of representatives of Birmingham service clubs and the Birmingham Owners Real Estate Board.

Immediate Payment Sought The taxpayers will first be asked to pay their taxes immediately if possible.

Quite ideal as a gift for the man or maid going south for the winter is the traveling man's outfit, a recent innovation in the gift market, which is so compact as to fit into the most congested suitcase.

RELIEF GROUP ALTERS POLICY

Sees Need For Clothing Greater Than Food; Asks Funds

The Village Unemployment Relief Committee today is engaged in forming a policy for the distribution of clothing, rather than food, to the community's needy.

RED CROSS DRIVE TOPS ALL MARKS

Response To Drive Here Better Than Ever Before, Chairman Reports

Approximately 50 volunteer captains assisted Mrs. Corson in this year's roll call.

Santa Home Again After Flying Trip Into Birmingham

Santa Claus Palace Iceberg Square North Pole

COLGROVE RECOVERING FROM CRASH INJURIES

L. E. Colgrove member of the real estate firm of Colgrove-Buck and Tillotson, is recovering at his home, 422 S. 12th street, today from a broken collar bone and lacerated lip he received when an airplane crashed into a tree near the intersection of Baldwin and 12th streets early last Friday morning.

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Hey, You Dancers! Got Your Basket?

Don't Throw Groceries At Sax Players, Either—They're For Charity

A basket filled with groceries, vegetables and old clothes— and 50 cents—will be the novel admission charge to a novel party to be held in the Community House tomorrow evening.

Former Commissioner Suggests Administration's Critic "Move Away"

DEPLORES SALARY CUTS

The village administration, for weeks the object of an attack led by Justice of the Peace Arthur J. Tuggey (on grounds of waste and mismanagement), Monday night found a more definite answer to the chief critic of its administration.

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