

# 142 FAMILIES GIVEN FEASTS

### Thanksgiving Baskets Distributed Through Community House

Thanksgiving Day was just that in Birmingham last Thursday. A total of 142 baskets of food were distributed to needy families through the medium of the Community House, gladdening the hearts of giver and receiver alike. Of these, 51 baskets, heaped high with meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, cereals, sugar, milk, coffee, eggs, butter and other goods, were distributed the day before Thanksgiving by the Good-fellow Club, which also sent out severe more on Thanksgiving Day to families late in reaching the relief list.

A special shipping of potatoes and generously low prices offered by local merchants for the occasion enabled the club to fill its baskets at an average cost of 86 cents.

Other baskets were either distributed directly by the Community House, or by individuals and church and women's organizations. Both Christ Church Cranbrook and Holy Name Church also cared for several families in their own parishes.

Students in the public schools also aided materially with unsolicited contributions of food and clothing. Nearly every student, although not asked to do so, contributed something to a welfare collection, part of which was distributed through the Community House.

## 230

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## HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Horat, Jr., of 469 Woodmont road, who moved to Birmingham from Detroit on Nov. 1. They have two small daughters, Mary, five years old, who attends the Quanton School, and Margaret, who is one and one-half years old. Mr. Horat is associated with the Universal Cooler Corporation in Detroit.

## HILLS RESIDENTS SUED FOR \$48,000

Irving B. Babcock Nef Defendant in Damage Claim Of \$48,000

Irving B. Babcock, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, and Elsie Morrison, an employee of the Babcock estate, were made defendants in a damage suit totaling \$48,000 filed in Oakland County Circuit Court Tuesday.

The suit is the result of an automobile crash at the corner of Woodward avenue and Oak street in Birmingham on the afternoon of Nov. 5 in which Babcock's car, driven by Morrison, collided head-on with a second machine, driven by Mrs. R. E. Hey, 18 years old, of 1108 LaSalle street, Pontiac.

The suits are for loss of life, injuries, bruises and shock she says she received in the crash. Her mother, Mrs. Pearl Pierson, nurse in the Pontiac State Hospital, who claims both legs were fractured and that she received other injuries, demands \$25,000.

Mrs. Hey's husband, although not involved in the accident, asks \$3,000 for loss of his wife's services.

According to Birmingham police the crash occurred when Mrs. Hey's car, travelling north on Woodward avenue, skidded on the car tracks at the intersection and met Morrison's car head-on as it was coming in the opposite direction.

## SCHOOLS TO GIVE CHARITY CONCERT

The Birmingham Teachers' Club will sponsor a charity concert to be presented by the Baldwin High School band and orchestra Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the Community House Auditorium for the benefit of the school children's shoe fund.

Melvin C. Hart, principal at Baldwin, is chairman of the event. Each school will appoint a committee for sales campaigns and will be responsible for a definite number of tickets.

## BOY SCOUT DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET

A special banquet and business meeting of the members of the district Boy Scout committee will be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday at Camp George. Fred W. Johnson and Charles Carr are in charge of preparing the menu.

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taxpayers was assessed at new high figures all out of proportion to the property of some others, without any justification. The fact that some portions of the county were not reassessed allowed to retain the lower figures on the county board of equalization, will not, as the Commission points out, have any effect on the total amount of state and county taxes to be paid by each individual township this year. It is apportioned on a percentage basis by the county board of equalization before the state's valuation was made.

This does not, however, mean that those totals will not be affected in 1932 and 1933. In the first place, there is no assurance that the State Tax Commission next year will evaluate the townships of Pontiac and Royal Oak and Pleasant Ridge on the same high basis used in this year's valuation of the county this year.

Thus, unless further adjustments are made, Bloomfield Township, which has raised 50 percent in valuation, will be asked to pay a larger total of state and county taxes next year than it will pay this year, and its proportionate share of state and county tax will be greater than that of any township or city which is increased less than 50 percent in valuation.

As for the second phase of the county's quarrel with the State Tax Commission, namely, that some property has been increased in valuation and some not, the Commission, in other words that, the entire assessment is inaccurate and unequalized will only refer the matter to a re-check of its own figures.

And as for a figure which appears on the Bloomfield Hills subdivision there only refer field Township roll. In the Forest Hills subdivision there only refer along Heden drive in Birmingham, numbered 140 to 151. All six lots are 60 feet deep, have six peeps in a row, and from all notations 148, 150 and 151 are valued by the State Tax Commission at \$1,700 each, whereas lot 141 is valued at \$1,000.

It would also be interesting to hear the State Tax Commission's explanation of why the valuation of privately owned property along the Grand Trunk right-of-way in Birmingham was increased in 1931. And as for a statement as to why raised in the Barbour building. When a policeman in Birmingham is in the sergeant's turn on one of all of the lights until the signal is seen by an officer on his patrol of the roads, who will then immediately phone in from the call-box and receive the message.

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vision of the Birmingham Real Estate Board on their series of public hearings, preparatory to the framing of the 1932 village budget.

There is no substantial reduction in the 1932 tax levy which was clearly indicated in Mr. Parry's report which introduced the resolution for payroll reduction, and which follows in part:

"Progress in the study of my budget for the 1932 fiscal year has already turned up some general considerations that are worthy of only very brief mention in my report in the operating expense is going to be possible. Some little reduction in our fixed charges can also be made.

**Bank Aid Fails.**  
"The economies effected and reductions made would permit a reduction in tax rate of approximately 25 percent, but due to economic conditions which are only partially reflected in tax delinquencies, the banks are unable to assist in the financing problem in the same way that they did as little as a year ago.

"The economies effected, therefore, cannot, because of this new requirement, result in any substantial reduction of tax rate. It is apparent that there will be no necessity for increase, but likewise no possibility of such reduction.

"In order to maintain a cash service for this community and at the same time maintain the credit of the municipality, a committee of the Commission, aided by the committee of the Property Owners' Division, has decided that a wage cut is essential.

**Asks Resolution.**  
"Inasmuch as the determined reduction effects those departments which do not function under the manager's direction as well as those which do, I am requesting that the Commission order these reductions by resolution.

"The dropping of Mr. Schlaack and Mrs. Haldane from the payroll will mean an additional saving of \$3,000 per year. Mr. Schlaack, who was appointed at the Commission's direction in June, 1930, over the protest of Mr. Parry, who at that time declared his appointment to be apparently political, received a yearly salary of \$2,100. Mrs. Haldane, who was connected with the police department for about 3 1/2 years, was employed only part time at \$900 per year.

Mr. Parry's report regarding the rate of the two employees follows in part:

"The deliberation of the committee of the Commission, together with the committee of the Property Owners' Division, preparatory to arrival at the annual budget, have progressed to a point where certain recommended action dealing with reduction in personnel is in order.

**Position Eliminated.**  
"I am, therefore, in conformity with the recommendation of these committees, releasing from the service of the village Mrs. Alice Haldane, housewife, and Mr. Philip Schlaack of the street department.

"Mrs. Haldane constitutes the head of the matron's department of the village police system. She

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has been with us three and a half years and has been both loyal and conscientious in her work. Her delinquency on her part or lack of diligence in performing the duties assigned to her, but through the elimination of the position itself and the assumption by the police department of the function.

"Mr. Schlaack has likewise been a conscientious employee who has discharged his duties well. I am not releasing him because of any failure on his part. It is in my judgment best for the economy in the village operations by merging the street work with the sewer and water maintenance and under the direction of Mr. Aldred (Fred J. Aldred, superintendent of the sewer department).

## INSTALL POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM

Bloomfield Commission Approves New Light, Call-Box Arrangement

A police signal-light and call-box system, similar to that now in use in Birmingham, is to be installed in Bloomfield Hills following its approval by the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night.

The system will be composed of five colored lights distributed at various points in the village, operated from police headquarters in the Barbour building. When a policeman in Birmingham is in the sergeant's turn on one of all of the lights until the signal is seen by an officer on his patrol of the roads, who will then immediately phone in from the call-box and receive the message.

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society, every fraternal organization, every village and township official, the Goodfellows and the Community House, organization have joined with this central committee in the unselfish desire to provide food and clothing, heat and shelter, to every local family whose present condition warrants the helping hand of their more fortunate citizens.

"Times like the present one come upon us, sometimes when we least expect them. The one who has lived in comfort and security often finds himself, in these shifting economic days, left without means of supporting himself and his family. These unfortunate circumstances descend upon people in all walks of life.

## Co-operation Pledge

"The basic principle of the Birmingham Unemployment Relief Committee recognizes these unfortunate conditions that attend

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life, and is pledged to forget everything except a combined and co-operative endeavor to help where help is needed. We have banded together to avoid duplication of effort and waste of food and clothing.

"It is my hope and trust that, when the present depression is over, we all shall emerge into a new and brighter day—a day that will bring to each of us a new and respectful comprehension of neighborliness that 'pulls out the best' in each of us. Let our Christian appraisal, 'A Good Samaritan'.

"In nearly every instance an inexpensive classified ad in the Eccentric get me quick and satisfactory results. One Birmingham woman told another, 'I have found that 25 cents will take my message to the entire area—what is what puts me a new maid, or sells some article I no longer have use for in my home.'"

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**Monarch Rolled Oats** Large Pkg. 18c

**Granulated Sugar** 10 lbs. 51c

**Pasta Flour** 24 1/2 lb. sack 49c

**Bread** (One-lb. loaf) 5c

**Large Florida Oranges** 3 doz. \$1.00

**Hubbard Squash** lb. 3c

**Diamond Brand English Walnuts** lb. 35c  
3 lbs. for \$1.00

**Almonds, Pecans, Filberts and Brazil Nuts** at comparatively low prices

**Apples** 6 lbs. 25c

**Pure Pork Sausage** lb. 15c

**Pure Lard (Leaf)** 2 lbs. 25c

**Honey Brand or Berkshire Bacon** Sliced per lb. 30c

**Smoked Ham** Whole or Half Lb. 19c



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