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Twenty thousand years ago a baby was born in Bethlehem Town in a lonely manger, because there was no room in the inn. That baby was Jesus, the Son of God. Since he became the Great Example for every person who seeks to be like him in image and likeness of his Maker.

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR—NO. 37

250 FELLOWS WILL RECEIVE MONIES AND THAT'S ALL

By G. R. A.
This column, this week, bluntly and flatly refuses the offerings of its usual contributor, I am informed myself—this information coming to my senses upon reading the very, very clever missives of Birmingham's own David Wainwright. Do you know him? Then be introduced to his name in G. E. Olson, of 210 Adams avenue, who is a magnificent job of playing the part of Ebenezer Scrooge last Saturday night in the Village Playhouse, staged Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Goodfellows To Distribute 200, Plus More Than 700 Toys

Gifts will be distributed to 250 needy Birmingham families by the Goodfellow Club and other charitable organizations and individuals. Of this number, the Goodfellows will be in charge of about 200. The remainder will be cared for by various church groups, clubs and private citizens volunteering to take responsibility for providing a merry Christmas for one or more families on a list on file at the Community House.

CITY WILL MAIL TAX STATEMENTS FRIDAY

Income tax statements for Birmingham taxpayers will be in the mails Friday night, City Treasurer Harold H. Corson said yesterday. The statements have already been made up, and are now being printed and inserted in envelopes, he said.

PWA REJECTS WATER PLANT

Acceptance Of Security Offered For Loan Is Doubtful, City Learns

The City of Birmingham's application to the Public Works Administration, D. C. Only 30 percent of the money for PWA projects is loaned out by the government and the other 70 percent is given.

Santa Says He's Nearly Ready To Begin Long Trip

Dear Santa and Girls: Only four more days! Only four more days until I'll be all packed up and ready to sail the skies again on my great Christmas journey.

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--Good Will Toward Men



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By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER
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Running-Board Riders' Warned

A 16-year-old girl student at Baldwin High School was warned by Justice Forbes S. Hassell Wednesday for driving a car without a running-board rider.

Community House Seeks \$1,300 For Repair And Decorations

Block To Be Cleared
More than 180 men were being employed on CWA projects in Birmingham this week, with indications that the total would reach the 200 mark within the next few days.

Stamp Quota Lacking \$5,000

Local Postoffice's First Class Rating Held In Balance
In the week and a half remaining before the year ends, the Birmingham postoffice must sell at least \$5,000 worth of stamps to retain its first class rating.

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