

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE

TODAY - FRI. - SAT. LESLIE KAY HOWARD FRANCES in "BRITISH AGENT"

ALSO JACK HOLT MONA BARRIE in "I'LL FIX IT"

2 DAYS ONLY SUNDAY AND MONDAY JOAN BLODELL HERBERT in "KANSAS CITY PRINCESS"

PLAIN BEN LYON in "Crimson Romance"

COMPLETE NEW PROGRAM XMAS DAY Cont. 2 P. M. to 11:30 TUES. - WED. - THURS. 15 - STARS - 15

"TRANS ATLANTIC MERRY-GO-ROUND"

ALSO JEAN MUIR FRANCHOT TONE in "Gentlemen Are Born"

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SOUNDS VILE FIRE WARNING

Griffith Issues List of Precautions Against Holiday Blaze Hazards

To prevent possible loss of life or property from marring Christmas celebrations in Birmingham homes, Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith yesterday issued a list of warnings against fire hazards which are particularly prevalent during the holiday season. The list follows:

1. Fasten Christmas trees firmly to the standard or holder.
2. Keep them a safe distance away from the fireplace or any open fire.
3. Keep matches away from children and trees.
4. Never use lighted candles on Christmas trees. Use electric lights.
5. Do not use cotton, wool, tissue paper or celluloid ornaments.
6. Use only metallic tinsel or other non-inflammable material. Asbestos fibre may be used for snow.
7. Never permit a child to play alone with any toy that requires an open flame or high voltage electricity without some adult being with him all the time the toy is in operation.
8. Remember that when trees are out they dry out rapidly and become more inflammable each day they are left in the basement.
9. Dispose of trees not later than the first of the year. Put them outside of the house—not in the street.
10. Let the home, church, school or store be warm, but do not allow furnaces, stoves and pipes to become overheated.

Police officers, this department is informed, were recently requested to make less noise while entering and leaving the station in consideration of sleeping firemen.

Now, nights, the flame fences slumber serenely in the arms of Morpheus.

Carroll may practice under the newly-adorned Christmas tree in the adjoining park, however, by clipping this paragraph and presenting it to Officer Timm.

Christmas comes to the drab confines of an oil station. . . . Pointsettias nod gracefully between tinseled and auto batteries in a window display. . . . A sign suggests giving Dad a can of oil for Christmas.

City officials probably thought they were doing the postoffice a favor by placing a metal waste basket in front of that building, but thus far it has brought only grief. People insist on dropping their letters in it.

One man, indignant at non-delivery of mail, said, stormily, that he had dropped letters into the postbox himself, including one addressed to himself, and that none of them reached their destinations. A weary postal clerk led him outside and asked him to point out where the letters were. The man, indicating the rubbish container.

Postmaster Joseph Byrne stood in as long as he could, and then decided that something must be done. Taking a piece of chalk he traced on all four sides this simple legend: "This is not a mail box. He hopes that will stop the business."

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Beloved Art Teacher in Birmingham Schools Dies After Fall

Townpeople in general, as well as students, former students and faculty, are mourning the death of Mrs. Helen Randall Kidder, art teacher in the Birmingham public schools since 1925, who was suddenly stricken with pneumonia at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

She had been a patient at the hospital since Oct. 23, when she fractured a leg in a fall in one of the rooms at Baldwin High School. Complications from the fracture resulted in her death.

Mrs. Kidder was one of the most beloved of all teachers in the local schools by both students and colleagues alike. Her devotion to her work and loyalty to her students was unbounded. For two years when all art was eliminated from the curriculum as an economy measure and she was made a grade teacher, she continued to urge her students to continue their art education by giving them free lessons. Some evenings as many as 40 students would gather at her home to share her generosity and knowledge.

Married in 1896

She was born 60 years ago in Coldwater, a daughter of Frank and Clara. She graduated from the University of Michigan and the Chicago Institute of Arts. In 1898 she married Clinton Baldwin, who was a member of the Detroit Tail Power Company.

After Mr. Kidder's death in 1920, she entered Michigan State Normal and worked in Pontiac, where she obtained her B. A. degree. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, and was past president of the Y. W. C. A. in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Surviving are two sons, C. Randall, with whom she lived at 423 West Frank street, and William of Grass Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. James K. Lewis of Minneapolis; a sister, Mrs. J. H. B. of Ann Arbor, and two granddaughters.

Funeral Rites Held

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, officiated at funeral services held from the S. O. Wyllie Bell Funeral Home Saturday morning. The body was sent to Fergus Falls, where further services were held in the Congregational Church, and burial was made.

Charles W. Crandell, superintendent of the local schools, and Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, were high in their tributes to Mrs. Kidder as both woman and teacher.

Mrs. Kidder was a lady with a great soul," Mr. Crandell said. "She placed human values above all other considerations. This explains her influence with those with whom she came in contact. She was a wonderful teacher because she was a wonderful woman. The artistry of her personality radiated to others."

"Her kindness, her cheerfulness and courtesy, her having a sense of humor, her unselfishness, her high standard of moral and social values were an inspiration and a goal to anyone who knew her. She always planned and worked for others. Even last summer, when her return to school was uncertain, she presented plans for her work to me with that enthusiasm which only a teacher who is engrossed in the love of her work, and the interest of her pupils, can feel."

Wanted To Return

"Her last words when she left Baldwin High School on Oct. 23 were, 'Pray for me. I must come back.'"

"To those of us who were privileged to come into the sphere of her influence, Mrs. Kidder remains and shall remain in beautiful memory."

"Mrs. Kidder possessed a rarely beautiful character that made her influence felt about a school," said Mr. Hart. "Always kindly in thought and deed, uncomplaining when beset with physical ailments, she was the embodiment of patience and strength. Her words of encouragement have given many a student the urge to try again when he was discouraged. Her personal interest has been the stimulus for the meritorious results achieved in her department. She was a splendid example of woman and teacher."

H. U. BRADLEY SERVOICES HELD

Former C. M. Truck Superintendent, 60, Succumbs After Operation

Pneumonia and other complications, following an operation for appendicitis, caused the death last Friday afternoon of Henry E. Bradley, 60 years old, of 408 Park street. Death occurred at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where he had been a patient 10 days.

For approximately 15 years, Mr. Bradley had been a foreman and superintendent for the General Motors Truck Corporation. He was employed by that firm eight years when it was in Detroit, and seven years after it was transferred to Pontiac.

Previous to his connection with General Motors Truck, he had been employed by the Buick, Hudson, Oakland and Continental Motor Car Companies. He was a director of the Works Council of General Motors Truck.

The Rev. Ross Wilton of Auburn Heights officiated at the funeral services, which were held Monday afternoon from the S. O. Wyllie Bell Funeral Home, Masonic Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., and of the United Presbyterian Church.

He was born in Urmizter, India, the son of an English Army officer. The father was injured when the son was one year old, and the family returned to England, where he lived until coming to this country 30 years ago. He lived in Detroit and Flint before coming to Birmingham in 1916.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Sarah Young Bradley; four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Dietrich, Mrs. Arthur Gould, Mrs. Leon Seeger and Mrs. George W. Griffith, all of Birmingham; three brothers, William, George and Neal, and a sister, Mrs. M. J. M. of Manchester, England. Four grandchildren also survive. A son, Harry, died five years ago.

St. James' Choir To Sing Cantata

An adult choir of 25 voices, singing the cantata "The Holy Night" by Felix Mendelssohn, will give a Christmas Eve service at St. James' Episcopal Church, to be held at 11 P. M. Monday. The choir will be directed by Waino E. Fellows.

The cantata is a composition of Dr. John Hyatt Brewer, for more than 25 years the director and organist of a leading New York City church, who wrote it for his own choir.

Incidental solos and quartets will be sung by Mrs. T. Melbourne Roberts, soprano; Mrs. C. F. Doane, contralto; Charles Hutton, baritone, and Mr. Fellows, Mrs. Ethel Dudley will play the organ accompaniments.

Following the cantata, a Christmas communion service will be conducted by the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector, and Christmas hymns and carols will be sung by the choir and congregation.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

Art Materials FOR XMAS

GREEN'S 175-W. Maple

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Three Christmas Services Planned At Christ Church

Three special Christmas services will be held at Christ Church, Brookwood during the coming week. The first will be the traditional family service at 11 A. M. Sunday, when the rector, the Rev. Dr. S. S. Marquis, will preach. Familiar hymns will be sung, and the service will be brief so that all members of the family may attend.

A carol service for children will be held Sunday afternoon, led by a choir composed of about 75 boys and girls. This service will include the presentation by members of the Church School of a marionette play, "December Night," by Donald Fairchild. The play will be given in the church at 2:30 P. M. Sunday.

The annual midnight service on Christmas Eve will begin at 10:50 P. M. Monday with a carillon recital of Christmas music, followed by the singing of carols at 11:15 by the choir, members of which will be received in the church by a procession of the choir, carrying old-fashioned lanterns from when the church was first built. The "Gloria in Excelsis" will be sung. Last, with the lighted lanterns, lanterns providing the only illumination, "Silent Night" will be heard.

Whether you have dinner at 6 or dinner at 8 I'LL COOK A DINNER FOR SIX while you're out for the afternoon!

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NOTICE!

TO MEMBERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM CREDIT BUREAU

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M. E. School Offers Christmas Drama

"The Empty Room", a Christmas drama by Dorothy Wilson, will be presented by the members of the senior department of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church as the feature of a Christmas program to be held in the church at 4:30 P. M. Sunday.

The play will be directed by Mrs. Russel Helme, and members of the cast will be Jane Carnahan, Esther Hoover, Marian Master, Jack Carnahan, Harry Havblatz, William Howling, Junior Timm, Clifford Harper, Clyde Peabody, Gilbert Schwallie, William Mertz, Eugene Helme, and Miss Jane Helme. Heacock, Edward Falberg, Warren Daltry, Frank Peabody and Donald Utter.

Members of the nursery, primary and intermediate departments will contribute musical and spiritual offerings to the program.

PONTIAC MAN FINED AS RECKLESS DRIVER

Clare Gaultier, 37 year old member of a prominent Pontiac family, was fined \$25 by Justice H. A. O'Dell in Bloomfield Hill when he pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was arrested on Woodward avenue at 5:15 A. M. last Thursday. Gaultier lives at 3638 Orchard Lake road, Pontiac.

Christmas Cheer

To all our patrons and friends we send a message of Christmas Cheer—and hope to serve you again this coming year.

DUTCH OVEN SUSAN

"I'm DUTCH OVEN SUSAN, the Electric Cook, and I'll work wonders for you in the way of delicious meals. For \$9.50, you can have my services for life—and enjoy electric cooking every day. You can go out to dinner and I'll prepare a delicious dinner while you're away. When you come home your meal will be waiting, perfectly cooked—piping hot and ready for the table."

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"Here's a hint: Either my sister or I make fine last-minute 'pick-me-ups', in case you've delayed Christmas shopping too long and don't know what to buy. We're a perfect gift for almost anyone on your list. . . . We're very attractive in appearance, fitted out in charming Colonial dress. Come in and meet us soon!"

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