

Christmas has come and gone again, has it left you with a larger consciousness, a greater understanding of the real meaning of friendship, of the joy of giving? Do you still hear echoes that prompted you to do good for... even a stranger?

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1934 PROFITS AS GOOD AS THAT AND THAT BEST IN YEARS

Although a good bridge player, on occasion she could not span a span.

Her slender neck was protected from the cold wind by the aid of a sweater. A beautiful milk whose family life had been trapped.

Arthur E. Morgan is the name of the man President Roosevelt selected to head up the Tennessee Valley Authority project, and you may be interested in learning of Mr. Morgan's ideas on government control and ownership of industry. Perhaps it may reveal something of the Roosevelt mind.

Mr. Morgan is the president of Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, O. Antioch is where boys and girls go to school for a while, then rudely interrupt their scholastic pursuits by going to work for another year. They have had several young Antioch people at the Eccentric office during the winter holidays, and they have made good, too. In a little monthly publication which I have written for you, captioned "Antioch Notes," Mr. Morgan in the November issue has the following to say about the subject of "Profits and Democracy"; you who are engaged in large industry and in the production of goods for the masses, read Mr. Morgan's experiment under the Roosevelt tutelage. Here's the message:

"Democracy, whether political, social, or economic, depends upon the distribution of opportunity, wealth, and to best promote the general good, it requires the social-minded desire to share the common lot.

"The profit system is a practical way to recognize and to utilize the individual's interest in that it can be made to serve the common good. But the profit system is a social system, selfishness, and penalizes social-mindedness.

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Employe Of Gas Corporation Wins Prize Automobile

"Neither of us ever won anything before," said the stage of Birmingham, who was expected to win this automobile that we weren't even careful to put all our money into it.

This spoke Mrs. Franklin Fielder, of Yorkshire road, in describing the prize which she has received in winning the Pontiac Eight-Ton Sedan, first prize in the Good Will Campaign sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association.

Mr. Fricker, who was the actual winner, is employed in the engineering department of the Ethyl Gas Corporation, Detroit. His home on Yorkshire road is in Troy, a suburb, just east of the Birmingham city limits.

The prizes were awarded Monday night from the stage of Birmingham Theater.

Second prize, a Sparton All-Wave Radio, was won by Mrs. M. G. Brantley, of 1540 East Huron street, Birmingham, a bus driver for the Eastern Michigan System. Third prize, a Consumer's 32 Range, went to Mrs. M. D. Kitchen, who lives at 3208 Prairie avenue, Royal Oak, and is employed as a clerk in a Birmingham store.

George R. Averil, publisher of the Eccentric, presided at the awarding of the prizes. The judges were J. E. Brantley and J. E. Brantley and Forbes S. Hascall.

PUBLICATION DATES SHIFTED BY HOLIDAYS

Because the Eccentric office was closed Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday, the publication of this issue of the paper will be published one day later than usual. The same schedule will be in effect next week, with the issue of January 6, 1935, instead of Thursday morning. All news and advertising copy should be in the office by Thursday noon.

AS LIONS CLUB ENTERTAINED 325 CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Scene at Birmingham Theater Saturday Morning As Santa Prepared to Distribute Gifts To Young Guests at Club's Annual Yule Fete.

Probably never before in the history of the community have its children—especially those whose mothers and fathers are still feeling the pang of depression days—been the objects of so much attention and the recipients of so much kindness and good cheer, as they were this Christmas season.

There were parties in their honor, and gifts galore—toys, candy, fruit and clothing. Heading the list of their benefactors were the Goodfellows, who distributed more than 250 packages of presents from the Community House Monday.

Legion Auxiliary Entertains

The festivities for the children began last Friday evening with a party for more than 300 children of war veterans' families, given at the American Legion Home by the Legion Auxiliary.

Pleanty Of Toys

"There was more than ample to care for every child," said "Every child on our list between two and 12 years of age received something, including two or three toys, two or three articles of clothing, and candy.

"The boys and girls were highly appreciative of their gifts. The work done by the students in the schools was especially admired, and not only by the children, but by the older people as well. Scores of adults came to look at and admire the toys when they were on display before being delivered.

The actual work of distribution was done by local Boy Scouts, who started the job at 8 A. M. and finished shortly after noon. Trucks were loaned for the occasion by Fred Wilson, the Fire Department, Ford Sales, Emil Glin, Winington Chevrolet, Fred Lynas and the Eccentric.

Although the boys and girls were of course, the principle objects of consideration this Christmas, older people in straitened circumstances were not forgotten. The Goodfellows also aided in the distribution of 78 baskets of Christmas food from the Community House Monday.

Generosity Prevails

Only about 20 of the families who received baskets are in the welfare lists, according to Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association. The rest are "beyond the welfare list," which have not applied for welfare aid, but are worthy of assistance, especially at holiday time.

"The baskets this year were splendid," Mrs. Pyle said. "It was a pleasure to pack and deliver them. People were most generous with their contributions of both food and clothing, and the result was the baskets, so well filled their contents should have lasted two or three years."

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CITY TO CARRY BIRMINGHAM'S BOYS, GIRLS ENJOY MERRIEST CHRISTMAS ON TAX FIGHT

Commission Votes To Appeal To Supreme Court For New Equalization

Reversing its previous stand, the City Commission voted Wednesday night to appeal to the State Supreme Court in its fight against the 1934 property valuations of Oakland County.

The Commission adopted a resolution instructing Frank W. Atkinson, Bloomfield Hills city attorney, to appeal the decision handed down in Circuit Court Tuesday, which held that the City of Birmingham, dismissing the suits of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills against the equalization report of the Board of Supervisors.

The Bloomfield Hills Commission voted two weeks ago to appeal the case, regardless of the action of the Board of Supervisors.

Atkinson's reasons for believing an appeal might be successful are that the Board of Supervisors would have expressed themselves almost unanimously as opposed to continuing the fight in court.

Frank Charged

One of the reasons was that Judge Simpson, in his decision dismissing the suits, had cited a case in which the Supreme Court had ruled the Circuit Court has no authority to order a revision of tax rolls approved by a Board of Supervisors and the State Tax Commission. At the meeting Wednesday night, Mr. Atkinson told the commission that though the decision was "incorrect," and mentioned a number of cases in which the Supreme Court has ruled that equalizations may be voided where fraud is proved.

Proceeding the meeting, Mr. Atkinson said that the Oakland County Board of Supervisors contained no charge of fraud, and he made no reference to fraud in his opinion. The Oakland County Board of Supervisors in their original suits was charged with fraud in the principal contentions of the two cities, in their original suits was charged with fraud in the principal contentions of the two cities, in their original suits was charged with fraud in the principal contentions of the two cities.

YOUTH PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Aulenbach To Lead Forum Following Address By Voelker Here Wednesday

All persons interested in a discussion of the problems of the adolescent boy and girl have been invited to attend a meeting in the Community House at 8 P. M. Wednesday, at which the principal speaker will be Dr. Paul F. Voelker, state superintendent of public instruction.

The meeting is being sponsored by the community service committee of the American Legion Auxiliary as part of an adult education program dealing with the physical, mental, moral and spiritual development of young people.

Proceeding the meeting, Dr. Voelker will be honored at a dinner in the American Legion Home at 6:30 P. M. Mrs. Henry Kline, of the Auxiliary, is in charge of arrangements. Reservations may be made by going to the calling Miss Agnes Baynes, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Harold C. Brantley, secretary; or to the community service committee, or Mrs. John H. Rosso.

Stamp Sales Pass \$50,000 Mark, Postal Rating Safe

With stamp sale receipts for the year promising to exceed those of 1933 by 25 per cent, the Birmingham Christmas business has not been tabulated, it was far ahead of last year's, and stamp sales for the year to date have already passed the \$50,000 mark by a good margin.

The first class stamps at \$47,500. Last year the office stood so close to losing its first class rating that a campaign was launched to encourage Birmingham to retain its status. It was a campaign which was successful in that it resulted in Birmingham's retaining its first class rating. Postmaster Byrne said yesterday.

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UNION WATCH NIGHT SERVICE IS PLANNED

A union watch night service will be held at the First Baptist Church Monday night, including at 9 P. M. The service will begin at 8:30 P. M. The service will include a song and a closing devotional music. Sacred songs and spiritual songs will be sung by the choir. The service will be in music appreciation work in the New York schools. He appeared in a concert in the First Baptist Church here a year ago.

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Rose, 512 Kennerly road, and Mrs. Brenda, 1115 Lakeside, were here recently from Detroit, and are living at 787 Woodland avenue. They are a young married couple, one of whom lives in Detroit, another in New York, and another in Tennessee. Mr. Rose is a retired manufacturer.

Tax System Threatened

Dreyer Early School Shutdown

Board of Education Maps Community-Wide Campaign To Stimulate Collections, Fearing Classes May End Feb. 15

Fearing the possibility they may be forced to close the Birmingham public schools Feb. 15, school officials this week began mapping a community-wide campaign to stimulate the collection of school taxes.

Although details of the campaign have not been completed, it will enlist the support of clubs and organizations throughout the school district, and its chief purpose, according to Ray A. Palmer, president of the Board of Education, will be to acquaint taxpayers with the exact state of the district's financial condition and to impress upon them the necessity of paying their school taxes.

The chief purpose is to let the people know the financial condition of their schools are in before it is too late," Mr. Palmer said. "We are faced by serious situation, and we want the public to be properly informed."

Operating Costs \$164,000

According to Superintendent Charles W. Crandell, unless the rate of school tax payments this year exceeds that of last year, the schools will be forced to close Feb. 15, which would be 4 1/2 months short of the scheduled nine-month term.

If the comptroller gives his consent, the application will be forwarded to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for approval or rejection. Mr. Seelye was unable to estimate how long it might be before the loan will be forthcoming, in the event the application is approved by both the comptroller and the R. F. C.

Preparation of the application was begun two weeks ago, after a temporary depositors committee was formed with Mr. Seelye and his assistant, Lloyd S. Linton. At that meeting it was suggested that a small loan be sought instead of the larger loan which had been contemplated.

Previously, the comptroller had given Mr. Seelye permission to apply for a loan, but preparation of the application to accompany the application for a loan in the full amount of what might be reasonably expected on the bank's part of unsecured assets would require from six to nine weeks, the receiver told the depositors committee. It was then suggested that the application for a smaller amount, requiring less time for preparation and less time for the approval of Washington for approval, be filed. It is this application which Mr. Seelye will take with him to Washington next week.

It is expected to return in time to receive approval, and give further information on the progress of liquidation, at a meeting of all depositors which has been set for the week after next. At this meeting also, a permanent depositors committee will be organized to replace the temporary committee.

First Baby Of New Year Will Be Born Into Good Fortune

Good fortune in no mean degree awaits the first baby to be born, 1935 to pass. Living in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills or Bloomfield Township.

Continuing a custom of the past several years, The Eccentric is cooperating again with several local business houses in offering a number of attractive and valuable gifts to the first arrival of the New Year, and to his or her parents.

The gift offerings this year are especially numerous and acceptable. They include a free ambulance ride for the only mother from the hospital to their home, 50 birth announcements to the father's folk or overcoat.

All of these will go absolutely free to the local family whose new baby arrives first after midnight on New Year's day.

"It is true," Mr. Crandell said, "that last year, although we collected only \$41,000 in school taxes, we did not close the schools in February. However, we finished the year with a heavy deficit, of which \$31,000 is still outstanding. We don't want to have another deficit this year, to be added to last year's."

Funds to be received from the state this year are estimated in the budget at \$50,500, including \$30,000 from the primary fund and \$20,500 from the secondary fund. The terms of the Thatcher-Sias act. Indications are that the estimates will prove accurate, Mr. Crandell said.

Debt service requirements are not involved in the Board's estimate of this year's needs, but the expenses. The two items are levied from two distinct tax rates, and are kept separate in the Board's division of the 15-mil tax limitation amendment. The Birmingham school district levied \$66,000 this year for debt service.

Head of Michigan's Real Estate Board Talks Here Jan. 14

Leonard P. Reame, president of the Michigan Real Estate Association and head of the real estate department of the Detroit Trust Company, will be the principal speaker at a public dinner meeting to be held in the Community House Monday evening, Jan. 14, sponsored by the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

Mr. Reame will speak on the legislative accomplishments of the Association, and on the work of the board for the future, especially as it relates to the interests of property owners.

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SUCCESSOR APPOINTED TO MRS. HELEN KIDDER

On the recommendation of Superintendent Charles W. Crandell, the Board of Education has appointed Miss Florence White to take the part-time faculty position vacated by the recent death of Mrs. Helen Kidder, teacher in the Birmingham schools since 1905. Miss White, a graduate of the University of Michigan and holder of a master's degree from Detroit Teachers College, had been substituting for Mrs. Kidder the time she was taken ill until her death two weeks ago.

Fire Damages Roof

A small hole was burned in the roof of the home of C. W. Haven, 299 Daines street, late Monday morning by fire caused by chimney sparks. The blaze was extinguished with small damage.

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