

We are approaching the Christmas season, when the Spirit of the New Year is supposed to descend to earth, bringing human affairs with more kindness. Christmas brings the happiness that attends it on any day each year can be increased to many others, if humans only will it so.



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CALLS STREET LIGHT HEARING

City Commission To Hear Objections To Proposed Changes Jan. 14

A public hearing on a proposal to turn out 15 street lights and to turn on 14 others at intersections where none are now burning will be held by the City Commission at its meeting Monday evening, Jan. 14. The Commission will discuss the proposal at its meeting Wednesday evening, on the recommendation of City Manager James W. Parry.

The revised list of proposed changes, Mr. Parry said, "is made up primarily from requests and complaints received as a result of opening the subject, at least as far as lights to be turned off is concerned. Suggestions from the public as to which lights could be turned off to compensate for those turned on were noticeably lacking."

The tentative list of those to be turned on would add \$720 to the city's annual bill for street lighting, while those to be turned off would subtract an equal amount, Mr. Parry said.

The lights to be turned on, unless the list is changed at the public hearing, are located at the following street corners:

Ann and George; Cummines and Bird; Cummines and Davis; Brown and Henrietta; Wallace and Southfield; Willis and Bates; Lakovine and Harmon; Bonnie Briar and Harmon; fourth light north of Willis on west side of Woodward; Holland and Adams; Knox and Worth; Dorchester and Adams; Wixelton and Adams; Kennesaw and Poppleton.

The tentative list of lights to be turned off follows: Maple; second light east of Rugby on Maple; Oxford and Abbey; Yankee and Villa; Ruffner and Adams; one and Suffolk; Willis at the turn between Bates and Woodward; Pardy and George; second light west of Woodward on Davis; second light west of Woodward on Bird; Bates and Northlawn; Watkins and Lincoln; first light south of Brown on Bates; Watkins and Hanna; Townsend and Stanley.

Approximately 50,000 miles of roads were surfaced in 1933.

9 O'Clock TOWN

Jan. 1 finds us with no possessions to inventory, but our statistical department informs us that we have sullied 241 column inches of The Eccentric to date. The same department adds, with uncalculated impudence, that we have gotten no where. Our reply, filled with a splendid blend of dignity, approach and hauteur, is that we hadn't intended going anywhere, and what business is it of his, anyhow, he and his adding-machine soul!

If any of you are collecting old phone books, we can tip you off to a veritable treasure-trove. On the stand behind the information desk in the Municipal Building, you will find a book as many as ancient as to be classed almost as incunabula. The reason for their being there is that they don't care for them, you might drop in and say hello to the lady on the desk. She often looks lonesome, and several of her are attractive. If our grammar sounds bewildered, excuse it, please, for they change girls so often it makes our heads swim.

We had never considered Horace Shaw, local automobile dealer, as anything other than that. Not of course, that that wouldn't be enough to occupy most men. Mr. Shaw, however, is also a maker of model trains, correct in all details, and he has a number of plans. The one we saw in "Grand Trunk R. R. 1901" printed on it, and was too heavy for us to lift, so we left it there. Probably you couldn't lift it, either.

Among the conjectures as to the weight of that candy cane which was so long displayed in a local store window, was one made by a very small boy, of 50 pounds. Many of his competitors, lacking his imagination and freedom to let his mind roam, kept their guesses down around 3 and 4 pounds. Indeed, one of these actually built a creature, actually won the thing, which weighed, we are told, 2 pounds and 9 ounces. He was, after the argument on the part of well-meaning bystanders, the boy received his prize, a candy cane, eight pounds lower. Lower would not go. Probably the advisers were striving to save the youngster (last name John, Christian name not known) against himself, but we, at least, resent it. Were it not for their meddling, he would have stood alone, towering above more cautious competitors like a Titan among pygmies.

W. F. Herdich, who M.C.'d a Men's Club banquet at St. James' Episcopal Church the other night, asked someone to suggest a theme song for the club. The silence which followed spoke well for the self control of the gathered throng, anyone of whom might have mentioned "St. James' Intimacy Blues."

At the same gathering, Dr. W. J. Henderson, speaker for the evening, explained that by the use of the term "geometric progression" he meant a series of number such as 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, etc. After the banquet we found, penciled on the tablecloth, a series beginning with 1 and ending at 0.45, 0.76. There, apparently, the pencil had suddenly realized that there was no end to the things, even if the tablecloth lasted, and had quit, defeated by the implacable god of numbers.

ADD MINOR RACKETS: Housemaids reading at the far end of the city have seized upon a clever scheme for outwitting both the Eastern Michigan System and local hack drivers. When they want to go to Detroit, it seems, they take a taxi to the city limits at Fourteen Mile and, holding there for the same fare that a trip of only a few blocks would cost, they then Fourteen Mile and ride on the bus to Detroit for 5 cents less than it would cost them were they to get aboard at Maple avenue or some other stop farther north. Now that the cabs are to be equipped with meters, however, an end to the scheme is threatened.

The prize package-wrapping story of the Christmas season concerns Fenton Westerby, of Lincoln avenue. Penton, after a little maneuvering, finally captured, with reams of paper and yards of string, a bulky and hard-to-manage present destined for New York State. In the course of his labors he had occasion to use a large butcher knife, which when success finally perched on his banner, had disappeared. Investigation disclosed the presence in the package, of a long, foreign substance. Two and two making four, Westerby decided that he had used the knife. With a courage rarely known to this effete age, he did not stop the thing in the main and forget the whole affair, but wearily opened the bundle, extracted the knife, and fastened it up again, while the laughter of two small relations, witnesses to the fiasco, rang bitterly in his ears.

HEALTHY CLAIMS A. B. RAYMOND

Rites Held Monday For Retired Business Man And Engineer

Alexander Bunker Raymond, retired business man and engineer, who died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William D. Buick, 205 Abbey road, was buried Monday in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, following funeral services at the Buick residence, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bush, pastor Westminster Church, Detroit.

Mr. Raymond was 84 years old, and had lived in Birmingham since August, 1931. He was born in Detroit, and for six years following his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1871, he was employed as an engineer for the New York Central and Michigan Central Railroads.

Following this he established and operated for 20 years the A. B. Raymond Company grocery firm, on Woodward avenue adjoining the Westminster Church, now the site of Orchestra Hall. After selling that business, he served as sanitary engineer for the Detroit Board of Health for 10 years, and later as a bookkeeper for the Peoples State Bank, Detroit. He retired less than 10 years ago.

He was a lifelong member of Westminster Church, and an elder for 25 years. He was also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and of the Michigan Union Cemetery, located in Highland Park. He had two sons, Henry W. Raymond of Detroit, and W. Whiting Raymond, of Birmingham. His wife, Mary Whiting, daughter of Col. Henry Whiting of St. Clair, Mich., whom he married in June, 1887, died in January, 1933.

Purely Personal

Ed Laird, loyal Rotarian and head man in the landscape architectural field for the Coryell Nursery Company, sees "trees, bushes and flowers as constant companions, not merely as decorations."

Bob Appell makes a swell witness when he testifies on the stand in a court trial.

Barbara Horton was wondering Christmas Eve who sent her the flowers without a card.

Albert Stoll, Jr., conservation editor for the Detroit News, once edited and published the Michigan Sportsman in an office over LaBriet, was one of the Field Building.

Mrs. Harry Mack is certainly one of the town's best-looking women.

George B. Judson, president of the above State bank, loves to play golf, and some days is going to show G. R. A. how to let the great Scotch game win occasionally over trout fishing.

Ruth Hopkins is a member of one of the 1914-15 basketball teams at Albion College, where she is a junior. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Oswald Hopkins.

Laurel Sawyer of Birmingham has applied for a license to drive a motor car.

George Moughler, salesman for Birmingham's Chevrolet, recently won four national prizes in a contest conducted by a leading motor magazine. His entry was a letter in a modern automobile series.

Gloria Killinger Vashinder of Birmingham is using for a car from her husband, Loren Vashinder, Pontiac business man, Assistant Postmaster T. C. Hatfield has never revealed his first two names to a newspaper man.

It is known to us as "Timothy Clover Hay" and always smiles when the cognomen is pronounced in his presence.

Bill Moody bowled a score of 266 the other night, but he would have given his right arm to have been able to convert just three more pins, because that would have put him ahead of Lou Haskins, the highest scorer.

Ray Huntwood, of one of the Eccentric's bindery craftsmen, is quite an inventor for his own, and ought to make a million some day.

One of the cleverest Christmas cards we saw this year was Charlotte Whalen's.

John Lovett, a Birmingham resident Tuesday with a new wife, the former Mrs. Ava Hardestad Green of San Francisco, whom he married in Carson City, Nev., Saturday, a few hours after she had been granted a divorce in Reno.

Fenton Mathews owns many rare violins, and plays them all with equally rare excellence.

Jim Taylor says Barbara McCutcheon was one of the best helpers the Goodfellows had Monday in delivering their presents to the children.

Next to his wife and backwash cakes, Walter Connors is fond of football, and seldom misses affairs in which his beloved University of Michigan is involved.

Happy New Year!

JURY ACQUITS MAN OF DRUNK DRIVING

Found Not Guilty On One Charge; He Pays \$7.50 Fine, Costs On Another

After Ray A. Vaughn, 28 years old, of 200 Mehanic street, Pontiac, had been acquitted of a drunk driving charge by a jury in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court last Friday afternoon, he was rearrested on a charge of driving without an operator's license, pleaded guilty, and paid a fine of \$5 and \$2.50 costs.

Vaughn was arrested for drunk driving early on the morning of Nov. 24 by Lieutenant Richard Lawler and Patrolman Robert Appell who testified at the trial that he was driving a car south on Woodward avenue which nearly struck their police car when it passed them at Oak street and overtook back sharply in front of them.

They also claimed that Vaughn had been helped out of his car and arrested by three friends who were with him at the time. He was arrested, and Lieutenant Lawler further claimed that Vaughn had a "cervical jag" after he was booked at the police station and locked up.

Vaughn, on the stand, claimed he had drunk only one bottle of beer about an hour before he was arrested, and his testimony was supported by three friends who were riding with him at the time. They were Daniel Miller, his brother, Edward F. Miller, and Clifford Gerald, in whose apartment at 140 South Edith street, Pontiac, they said they started to Detroit to visit Vaughn's brother-in-law.

Robert R. Snow, of Holly, who was locked up in the police station when Vaughn was brought in, also testified Vaughn was not drunk, and Vaughn's employer, Ralph G. Derogon, Pontiac auto parts dealer, testified to his employer's good character.

The jury of three men and three women which acquitted Vaughn was composed of Charles B. Randall, foreman, Fred Haack, J. Bert Paolody, Mrs. Charles E. Kamin, Mrs. Daniel H. Swartz, and Mrs. Scott A. Hersey.

OAKLAND HILLS GETS 1935 WESTERN JUNIOR

The 1935 Western Junior Golf championship tournament will be played at Oakland Hills Country Club, it was announced Saturday by John P. O'Hara, club president. The tournament dates are Aug. 13 to 18, inclusive.

The 1934 tournament was held at Hinsdale, Ill., and was won by Fred Haas, Jr., of New Orleans, who defeated Bobby Jones, of Detroit, in the final.

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LAST RITES HELD FOR J. R. OSTELL

Publisher's Representative Had Been In Advertising Business For 20 Years

Funeral services for J. Raymond Ostell, prominent Birmingham resident who died Sunday night in Grace Hospital, Detroit, were held Thursday morning from the shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Ostell, 39 years old, had been in the advertising business for 20 years, and since the fall of 1931 had been in charge of the Detroit office of Liberty Magazine. His death was caused by coronary thrombosis after an illness of seven days.

Before joining Liberty, he had served four years as publisher's representative in Detroit for Popular Science Magazine, and previous to that he had been in charge of the A. W. Shaw Company and other firms in Chicago. He was born in Chicago and came to Birmingham 3 1/2 years ago, following a short period of residence in Detroit. He lived here at 415 Henley drive.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lee LeFleur Ostell; his mother, Mrs. J. B. Ostell, and a sister, Miss Bernice Ostell, both of Chicago.

Mr. Ostell was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Revere Club, and Adenaft Club. During the World War, he served as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

CERAMICS EXHIBITION OPENS AT CRANBROOK

An exhibition of the ceramics of Miss Majia Gretell, resident instructor in arts and crafts at the Henry Street Settlement, New York City, opened Sunday at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, and will continue for a month. The exhibition consists of bowls, vases and small figures. Miss Gretell received her first training in Helsinki, Finland, and later studied ceramics at Alfred University, New York. She has been at the Henry Street Settlement for the past five years.

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CRANBROOK MASTER LOSES DAMAGE SUIT

Damages of \$20,000 from School, Awarded to T. Nickerson, head of the junior school and dormitory and instructor in English at Cranbrook School, were awarded last Thursday by Judge James E. Spier at Mt. Clemens.

The award was the outgrowth of an automobile accident last Feb. 17 in which Mrs. Spence's husband, William Spence, 39 years old, was killed when a car in which he was riding collided with one driven by Nickerson.

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