

### Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER  
Christmas Days Before 1900  
The young people of today can not really visualize the age of oil lights, any more easily than we of the present, since the generation were able to visualize the age of candles and dip lighting.

Before the Methodist church was remodeled a large chandelier holding fifteen or twenty oil lamps came from about the center of the ceiling over the middle aisle of the auditorium. This chandelier was raised and lowered by means of a cable. The cable was attached to the ceiling, and at the end of it was a small platform. The chandelier was lowered by means of the cable, and the platform was raised by means of the cable. The chandelier was lowered by means of the cable, and the platform was raised by means of the cable.

When the chandelier was lowered, the platform was raised, and the chandelier was lowered by means of the cable, and the platform was raised by means of the cable.

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Ask For Your 1936 Kitchen Calendar

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### CIVIC LOYALTY

The business men of this town extend to you the SEASON'S GREETINGS

BIRMINGHAM RETAIL MERCHANTS ASS'N

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

City Manager James Parry, Mr. Conroy, who made a planning survey of Birmingham a few years ago, tells me that unless the history of metropolitan districts suddenly goes haywire, 90,000 people will sometime live within the present city limits of Birmingham.

Janitor wished to light, or clean and fill the lamps, he would pull the chandelier down by means of a pole with a hook at one end. It was quite a task to clean and fill all of these lamps. Each had a central chimney with a white opaque shade. The shades rested on plain glass holders. This threw the light downward into the main part of the auditorium. A smaller chandelier, at the rear of the room, gave light for that part of the church. This chandelier was reached from the front of the gallery by means of a cable. The cable was attached to the ceiling, and at the end of it was a small platform. The chandelier was lowered by means of the cable, and the platform was raised by means of the cable.

### Church News

First Baptist Church  
Wills at Bates St.  
Rev. L. Earl Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.  
Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Church school classes for all ages. Rev. Peter Mackay teaches the Junior class for men.  
R. Y. P. U. and Pioneer meetings at 4. The first of a series of special evening services at 7:30 p. m. will feature an address by James L. Donaldson of Detroit on "The Story Behind the News," which is also the theme of a Christmas message written by him. Special music and the popular fellowship period.  
A watch night service will be held on New Year's Eve with varied social and musical features.  
Visitors will be cordially welcome to all services.  
Attend some church regularly in 1936.

Christian Science Church  
Church each Sunday at 10:30 A. M.  
Wednesday at 8 P. M.  
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.  
Reading room: the church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily except Sundays and holidays. It is also open on Wednesday before and after the service.

First Methodist Episcopal Church  
Main Avenue West at Herpetia  
Rev. Dr. R. D. Haglund, pastor  
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.  
Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Church school classes for all ages. Rev. Peter Mackay teaches the Junior class for men.  
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### ERNST FLATMAN IS ELECTED R. A. M. HEAD

Ernest Flatman was elected and installed as R. A. M. Head of Birmingham Chapter No. 53, R. A. M. Monday, Dec. 2. Elected and installed with him were Oliver Carnwall, King; Harry Mudge, Sec'y; George Forester, Secretary; Ralph Wilson, Treasurer; Walter Raybol, Captain of the Hosts; Milo Fisher, Principal Sojourner; Wylie Graves, Royal Arch Captain; Melbourne Roberts, Master of Third Veil; Vern Keener, Master of Second Veil; Vern Griffith, Master of First Veil.

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Country Club Pears	2 No. 2½ cans	45c
Country Club Tomato Juice	3 No. 2½ cans	29c
Dole Pineapple Juice	3 No. 2½ cans	29c
Country Club Honey Milk Bread	1½ lb. loaf	11c
Wan Up Tomato Juice	3 No. 2½ cans	29c
Seaside Lima Beans	can	10c
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