

Material things soon pass away. Even a rugged mountain face changes, as the creative forces of nature play upon it generation after generation. Food, clothing, shelter and luxuries are desirable, of course—but there is also tremendous need for spiritual food, clothing, and shelter. Don't you think?

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\$2,500 DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE

Two Carried To Safety As
Small Blaze Endangers
\$10,000 Furniture

Approximately \$2,500 worth of damages were done the newly decorated home of L. E. Colgrove, 152 Puritan avenue, early Christmas morning, when fire caused by a defective electrical fixture in front of the floor and joints and filled the residence with smoke. Mr. Colgrove's mother, Mrs. Rose Colgrove, 82, and his sister, Mrs. E. W. Ranney of Greenville were helped from the house by neighbors after a maid discovered the blaze. Furniture valued by the owners at \$10,000 was endangered. The value of the house, Mr. Colgrove said, was \$15,000. There was \$10,000 insurance.

Mr. Colgrove and children were absent from the house when the fire started, having attended a mid-night church service. The children, returning, turned in the alarm from a neighboring house, and helped the women who were asleep on the second floor, downstairs, from where they were carried to safety.

Approximately three hours were required for checking and airing the house, but the fire department had the fire out in less than an hour.

LOYALTY MONTH AT METHODIST CHURCH

The month of January at the First Methodist church will be devoted to a program of advance in all departments, to be known as Loyalty Month.

The first Sunday, Jan. 5, will be set aside as an Every-Member-at-Church Sunday, with each organization of the church co-operating in securing the attendance of its own group.

The men of the Brotherhood will have charge of the service of the second Sunday, and will provide a special program.

The third Sunday, which will be in charge of the women, who will hold their Thankoffering Service with a special speaker, and the last Sunday of the month will be Youth Day, with a service especially planned for and by the young people.

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for a week's engagement.

CONTRAST IN ART SEEN IN EXHIBIT

Work Of John Kane, Maurice
Utrillo Shown At
Art Institute

Two contrasting yet strangely similar modern artists, the late John Kane, brilliant Pittsburgh house painter, and Maurice Utrillo, the Parisian who moves in the most sophisticated studio society in the world, will appear in a combined exhibition which will open the 1936 Michigan art season on Jan. 3 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Miss Isabel Weadock, curator of prints, will line the walls of another exhibition gallery with the best modern prints by contemporary French, German, American and Norwegian artists. Mrs. Adele Coulin Weidell, curator of textiles, is now in New York assembling for her exhibition on Jan. 7 one of the rarest and most comprehensive groups of embroidery that Detroit has viewed.

For Doctor William R. Valentiner, director, and E. P. Richardson, assistant director, to combine John Kane's work with that of the urbane Utrillo who received his training in the best art schools and traditions of the Old World might at first appear incongruous. But both artists found their own cities, both men found all they needed to inspire a lifetime of activity. And both painted those suburban scenes with an effect and a quaint, scrupulously detailed style that discloses them as being somewhat kindred spirits.

LEG FRACTURED IN ACCIDENT CHRISTMAS

Ed Wright, 1511 Holland, was taken to Royal Oak hospital this evening of Christmas Day after he was struck by a car driven by Roy E. Paulin, 1456 Bird avenue. The accident occurred at the corner of Smith and Woodward avenues. Mr. Wright had a fractured leg.

Welcome, 1936!



Heading for the world at a rapid pace, this young strapping, none other than Young 1936, little realizes his arrival will be greeted by a cacophony of horns, bells, and whistles. But, with data derived via spy-glass, he'll be able to assure his reluctant passengers that his cloud silver linings during his 366-day rule.

Here Is Our New Year's Present To Our Subscribers

Happy New Year from The Birmingham Eccentric! The past year has been one of the pleasantest relations between this newspaper and its readers, and we want to show our appreciation for all this relationship has meant to us. So here is our New Year's present:

"THE ROGUES' GALLERY"
A series of illustrated articles by nationally-known humorous writers such as Nina Wilcox Putnam, George Ade, John Lardner, Julian Street, Kay Kennedy, Neil Stafford, Stephen Leacock and Frank Condon.

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"JAMES J. MONTAGUE"
The noted newspaper humorist has written a series of screamingly funny human-interest stories, each with cartoon illustrations, such as "Good Citizen," "Albert" and "The Grandchildren" which will be printed in this newspaper weekly.

"STAR DUST"
Virginia Vale, in her column which is appearing each week in this paper, offers all the news highlights that concern motion picture and radio favorites, sparkling with human interest and authoritative in nature. Miss Vale, after two years as associate editor of a motion picture magazine, was called to the desk of a New York daily to handle interviews with radio and screen luminaries. Her friendships with headlines now extend to the great majority of the nation's stars. This intimacy assures you of a glance into the life of every great personality on the screen and on the air.

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"THE ALMANAC"
A cleverly illustrated calendar for each week, with brief notes on outstanding events in history for each day. Watch for these features in forthcoming issues of The Eccentric.

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Opens New Office



Fenton R. Mathews
Well known to Birmingham people through his residence here, Fenton R. Mathews has announced the opening of a new firm, to be known as Fenton R. Mathews and Associates, at 615 Peoples' Bank building, Pontiac. Mr. Mathews, who has had 15 years of experience in the real estate field, this region will head the firm of real estate brokers and business counselors.

H. GEORGE SCHOOL OPENS NEW TERM

Social Science School Gives
Free Course In Detroit
Each Thursday

With the successful conclusion of its first attempt to conduct its ten weeks course in Economics in Detroit, the Henry George School of Social Science announces a new term to commence January 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. in the Main Library Club Room. The school is affiliated with the University of the State of New York and gives free instruction in the doctrines of Henry George as set forth in his "Progress and Poverty" more than fifty years ago. The list of graduates follows:

Louise Averill, George R. Averill, Martha E. Bacon, Victor A. Beekich, Thurlow E. Coon, Harold Dunstan, Roy W. Dunstan, Kathleen Forster, Samuel H. Forster, Wm. H. Gordon, John Hanna, E. A. Rowland, Floyd J. Miller, Frank L. Morris, Theodore A. Millington, Claudia M. Norris, Walter C. Pomerooy, Henrietta E. Palmer, Daniel Powell, F. Gordon Pickell, and Robert A. Stephens.

Enrollment is free and voluntary and can be entered at the office of the Extension Secretary at 1257 National Bank Bldg., or by phone—Cad. 3896.

LICENSE SERVICE OPENS JANUARY 10

Birmingham V. F. W. Delays
Purchasing Offer Due To
Time Extension

The City of Birmingham Post-Veterans of Foreign Wars, will not open its license service office in the Free Press office, 162 S. Woodward, until January 10, according to the announcement of Earl P. Moody, in charge of the service this year. The delay is due to the extension of time given by the State to purchasers of 1936 license plates. In the meantime, any who wish to take advantage of the V. F. W. offer to secure their plates for a small message fee, may take their titles to 847 Purdy.

This is the first year the local V. F. W. post has handled the license. The police department having had charge of it in former years. Funds earned will be used for charity.

A. O. PLANS NEW YEAR EVE DANCE

Fourth Annual Event To Be
Held At Community
House

The fourth annual New Year's Dance given by the Alpha Omega Fraternity will be held in the Birmingham Community House on New Year's Eve. Marvin Kahn and his orchestra will provide the music. The dance will last from 11 till 4.

The chaperones for the dance will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes of Royal Oak, Mr. W. J. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helt, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brehm. The decoration committee consists of Cecil Morehouse, John Hayes, Lloyd Taylor, and Max Mathews. On the advertising committee are Bob Carson, Charles Dean, and Frank Savage. In charge of arrangements and the orchestra are Holden Drury, Bill Wall, and Bob Herbst.

Among those who will attend the dance are Nancy Murry, Charles Dean, Joan Baker, Holden Drury, Amy Hargell, Ed Herbst, Nancy Strelinger, Dick Kimbrough, Susan Hillis, Cecil Morehouse, Phyllis Cross, Ruth Price, Jane Babecek, Bob Vinton, Alice Botsford, Lloyd Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Ed Walker, Betty Sage, Bill Wall, Betty Hill, Harry Stark, Priscilla Angstrom, Jerry Hart, Mary Catherine Pickering, Marjorie Smith, and Dick Cross.

They were discussing the education of their children. "What's your boy going to be when he finishes at the university?" asked one. "An octogenarian, I fear," the other replied.

Thank you and a happy new year

Please accept our grateful appreciation for making nineteen hundred and thirty-five the most outstanding year in our history.

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