

And so a new year, 1935, tumbles out of the lap of infinite Eternity, and says to the whole world of man-kind: "Here I am! Make of me what you will, for all I do is offer you space and a span of existence on earth where you may raise or lower yourself by your thoughts, your aspirations!"

# The Birmingham Eccentric



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Male or Unsexed Dog \$1.00  
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A penalty of \$2.00 will be added on all licenses taken out after March 1, 1935.  
FRANK ATKINSON,  
City Clerk.

## NEW YEAR'S CRASH INJURES MAN, WIFE

Driver To Be Questioned; Accident Mar's Otherwise Uneventful Celebration

Charles F. Gruber, 24 years old, of 5520 Hamilton avenue, Detroit, has been ordered to appear at police headquarters for questioning in connection with an automobile accident here Tuesday morning in which two persons were injured. The accident marred an otherwise uneventful New Year's observance in Birmingham.

Police said Gruber was driving south on Woodward avenue at three o'clock and in turning out to pass another car ran into two other automobiles, both traveling north. They were driven by Howard Sheek, 26 years old, of 141 Patoka avenue, Flint, and Charles Wilke, 25, of 1636 Rutland avenue, Detroit.

Sheek suffered some cracked ribs, and injuries to his face, arms and side. His wife, Avis, 27 years old, received bruises on both legs. They were taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, and later removed to their home.

Later in the morning, a police report driven by Patrolman Robert Dunn, was damaged when it collided with a second car at the corner of Woodward avenue and Merrill street. The second car was driven by Clarence D. Scott, 558 Whitman street, Flint, who was traveling south on Woodward and said he was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting Dunn who was making a left turn onto Woodward from Merrill. No one was injured.

**Tuberculosis Fatal**  
To Edna M. Long, 27  
Funeral services for Miss Edna Marion Long, 27 years old, were held Wednesday afternoon at the residence on Monier road, in Royal Oak. The Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham, officiated. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Miss Long died Saturday afternoon at her home, where she had lived since coming from Detroit with her family in 1918. She contracted tuberculosis seven years ago, and never recovered.

She graduated from Baldwin High School here in 1924. The next two years she spent in training at the University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Long, two brothers, C. Elmer and Robert Earl, and a sister, Gladys M., all at home.

## Church Audience To Hear McGaffey

Hart Commends Board, But Thinks It Should Bar Further Concessions

Official assurance from the Board of Education that it will grant no concession to taxpayers in the payment of their current school taxes is requested in a letter addressed recently to Ray A. Palmer, president of the School Board, by Henry Hart, 281 Lake Park drive.

In his letter, Mr. Hart commends the Board for revealing the true financial condition of the school district—a condition which makes tax collections this year no better than they were last, with the exception of a \$100,000, 40 months short of a full nine-month term—aid for launching a campaign to raise taxes.

At the same time, Mr. Hart points out that, in view of the fact that the State Legislature has enacted concessions to taxpayers in the form of the way of statutory bonds-for-tax schemes and cancellation of interest and penalties, it is in the minds of some taxpayers that further concessions may be made.

An official announcement from the Board that it has no such intention in mind is requested in Mr. Hart's letter, which follows:

"The School Board is to be commended for bringing to the attention of the taxpayers in the last edition of The Eccentric the possibility of closing the school term before the end of the school year. An appeal to the taxpayers and loyalty of our citizens to put their tax obligations ahead of all obligations, to the end that the school term may be closed, is a commendable act, and our commendations, and our congratulations, which would take years to express, is most timely.

The maintenance of reasonable educational facilities, along with adequate fire, police and health protection, constitute, as we know, the very backbone of this city. A breakdown in any one would jeopardize not only the well-being of our community, but all investments made here in homes and businesses. I do not believe that many of our citizens fully appreciate the extent to which the school is on the part of these financial able in exchanging these essentials.

"But in making this appeal, I believe the Board should have the taxpayers certain assurances which would justify their wholehearted support of your efforts.

"Recognizing the necessity of giving those who have met serious financial reverses an opportunity to save their property, the Legislature has been most liberal to the taxpayers in such cases. It has authorized cancellation of penalties on 1932 and 1933 year delinquent taxes. This, plus the interest remitted by your Board and the City Council to settle these delinquent taxes, is certainly a substantial concession, and is certainly as much consideration as the district can give to its taxpayers, and still permit our municipalities to maintain the bare essentials of government and education.

"Due to these and other concessions, many taxpayers of Birmingham, including myself, are wondering if we too may receive concessions on our current taxes if we delay the payment of same. It is probably not your intention to allow further concessions, but an official announcement of your policy in this regard would give us the assurance to which, I believe, we are entitled. I am sure there are many who are able and will be willing to cooperate, when the urgency is brought to their attention and these doubts are eliminated."

**MRS. GEORGE C. BOOTH HURT WHILE COASTING**  
Mrs. George Coleman Booth, of Cranbrook road, is recovering in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital from a serious injury she suffered Sunday morning while tobogganing at Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Mrs. Booth, who is prominent in Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham social circles, sustained a fractured spinal vertebra when the toboggan which she was riding with her husband and their nine-year-old son, Freddie, struck a bump. The impact failed to throw any of the trio off the toboggan, but nevertheless was strong enough to cause the fracture.

Dr. John H. Gordon, the attending physician, said the injury would probably keep Mrs. Booth confined in bed for two months.

**PARRY IS REAPPOINTED TO LEAGUE COMMITTEE**  
City Manager James W. Parry has been reappointed a member of the legislative committee of the Birmingham Municipal League. Last year, he served as vice-chairman of the committee, which is composed of 10 members in all.

## LAUDS SCHOOL TAX CAMPAIGN

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**TWO YOUTHS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN COLLISION**  
Two youths were slightly injured early Wednesday evening in an automobile collision at the corner of West Maple and Filbert roads. Charles E. James, Jr., 16 years old, of 419 Kensington road, driver of one of the cars, suffered chest injuries, and a passenger in his car, Ralph Goodfellow, of Royal Oak, was injured about the head.

James' car, traveling east on Maple road, collided with that of Mrs. Mildred Staples, 754 Vinewood road, as she was about to turn into Maple. Mrs. Staples was not injured. Both drivers made statements to the police.

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## Tickets On Sale For Real Estate Dinner

Head Of Michigan Board To Address Property Owners Meeting Here Jan. 14

Tickets were placed on sale this week for the dinner meeting to be held at the Community House, Monday evening, Jan. 14, sponsored by the Birmingham Board of Real Estate. The principal speaker will be Leonard P. Reaume, president of the Michigan Real Estate Board.

Clyde C. Bennett is chairman of the ticket committee, other members of which are Mrs. L. E. Horton and Ray A. Palmer. Tickets may be secured, however, from surplusage of the Real Estate Board, in charge of general arrangements.

The meeting is open to any persons interested in taxation and real estate problems, and is designed especially to attract property owners. Mr. Reaume is scheduled to speak on the legislative accomplishments and future program of the State Association.

The meeting will also be addressed by Charles W. Crandell, superintendent of Birmingham schools, who will outline the district's financial condition as part of the tax collection campaign being sponsored by the Board of Education.

**CITY REDUCES FEES FOR HOUSE-WRECKING**  
The fee for house-wrecking permits was reduced from \$5 to \$1 in accordance with the ordinance adopted by the City Commission Monday night. The amendment also reduced from \$5 to \$2 the fee for installing an oil burner, but left at \$5 the fee for installing an oil burner with tanks.

## LADD IS ELECTED B. A. C. PRESIDENT

Other Officers Named; Play To Start Thursday in 6-Team Basketball League

Hartwell Ladd, former Baldwin High School athletic star, was elected president of the Birmingham Athletic Club Wednesday night. Victor Canever was chosen vice-president; Hermann Schwarze, secretary, and Milton Freeman, treasurer.

The officers, together with four other members, will comprise the Board of Control. The others are Claude Stroh, elected for one year; Fred Rollins, nine months; Robert Comie, six months, and Kenneth Hunt, three months.

Gerald Uptegraft was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the Club's basketball league, play in which will begin next Thursday night. Other members of the committee are Thomas Moore, Arthur Gould and Irwin Neff, Jr.

Six teams are entered in the league, and three games are scheduled to be played each Thursday night for 10 weeks, after which a championship tournament will be played between the leading teams. All games will be played at Barnum School, except the championship game, which will probably be moved to Baldwin High. The first game each Thursday night will begin at 7:15 P. M., and each game will be played in 15-minute halves. The teams and their managers are:

DeMolay, Clifford Stroh; Lions Club, Russell W. Hardman; Shire's Market, Douglas Berger; Alf Name, Charles Lawler; Mulholland's, Henry Whalen, and William's Book Shop, Walter Maximoff. F. H. Brennan and Ralph Schwarze will act as referees, and Irwin H. Neff, Jr., as timekeeper.

Crude rubber consumption in the United States increased 21 per cent in 1933 over the preceding year.

## K. of P.'s Will Hold Public Installation

New Officers To Be Inducted At Ceremony Saturday Evening, Followed By Dance

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 149, in the K. of P. Hall Saturday evening, when new officers will be installed. The ceremony will be followed by a program and refreshments will be served at 11 P. M.

George A. Newman will be the installing officer. Don Capita will be inducted as chancellor-commander.

Other new officers are: G. A. Shattuck, vice-chancellor; D. W. Sydnor, prelate and representative to the Grand Lodge; T. C. Hotelling, keeper of the records and seal; Carl Symons, master of finance; D. A. Parks, master of the exchequer; Floyd Babcock, master-at-arms; Garret Miller, inner guard, and Dale Carter, outer guard.

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MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Statement of Condition as of December 31, 1934

ASSETS	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 348,621.67
U. S. Government Securities	213,011.36
Other Bonds—(High Grade Municipal, Industrial and Utility)	326,902.07
Loans and Discounts—Secured—(Secured by adequate listed collateral)	80,824.51
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured—(to responsible Birmingham individuals, business enterprises and corporate units of Oakland County)	30,356.36
Real Estate Mortgages—(All on improved Birmingham property)	42,279.55
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,300.00
Redemption Fund	2,000.00
Accrued interest on bonds purchased	2,031.27
Other assets	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,050,326.79</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock—consisting of Preferred and Common	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,663.34
Undivided Profits—Net (not accrued)	25,694.29
Circulation	40,000.00
Other Liabilities	820.29
Deposits—	
U. S. Government and other public deposits secured by pledges of U. S. Bonds and other securities	\$217,032.01
Other Deposits	648,834.13
Certified, Cashiers and other checks outstanding	7,082.73
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,050,326.79</b>

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss:  
I, Walter L. Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**WALTER L. MORELAND, Cashier**

Correct—Attest: Signed, JOHN E. MARTIN  
CHANCEY NIXON  
CHAS. E. JAMES

**DIRECTORS**  
ERNEST W. SEAHOLM  
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JOHN E. MARTIN  
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CHAS. E. JAMES  
CHANCEY NIXON  
A. C. WERMUTH

The deposits of each depositor in this bank are insured up to the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)—in accordance with the Banking Act of 1933, as amended June 16, 1934.