



Now that the fiscal and savings... have been put away and the various presents you received are no longer surprises, what of the Christmas layers with the rest of the year? Waaa! it's the genuine, or semi-genuine, spirit of Christmas again!

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THIS and THAT

Self-control often is the fine quality of human nature we wish our children had more of than their parents.

Now that college football is over for the year perhaps you will again think of them as educational institutions.

We have often said that the more the automobile is a flying ball, many people driving motor cars wouldn't be entranced by speed, whose mission is to get a machine gun in war time—such a suggestion is inconsistent of society.

We feel sorry for the business man who believes that success depends upon the elimination of clean and honest competition.

At the rate of improving the adjectives used by advertising writers in Hollywood, astronomers of the cinema world will have to discover an entire new universe to keep up with their exaggerations.

There are numerous ways to be intoxicated. Strong drink will do the trick, or too much self-importance will make for intoxication, however, it's better to clean your head of liquor's effects than that of arrogance, isn't it?

One of the most powerful sentences in the Bible is this: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." That line is worth applying both to memory and to life.

Not all the best minds are walking encyclopedias, you know. The best learning is found in the best living.

Travel broadens the mind, expands the outlook, increases the vision, multiplies your interests, heightens your standards. Therefore, it should be the last dimension by flattening your pocketbook.

John Barleycorn stands accused today of being the greatest single cause of motor fatalities, according to police records. Therefore, I suggest the following as an aid to preventing intoxicated people from handling the steering wheel.

GRA GIVES YULE PARTY FOR 60 EMPLOYEES

Sixty employees of the Birmingham Eccentric, guests of George R. Averill, gathered at the Little Lake Country Club last Wednesday evening to enjoy a Christmas party that featured turkey dinner.

1936 IS Marked By Upward Trend In Business and Real Estate Here

Reacting strongly to the wave of pessimism that has swept the country during the past year, the first season of 1936 business conditions was the best since the beginning of the depression.

MRS. PORTEOUS IS WINNER OF FIRST AWARD

Receives \$250 Cash While 37 Others Get Trade Certificates

Out of a stack of 500,000 coupons, drawn before 250,000 of a powerful electric fan, Mrs. Charles A. Porteous, 449 Riverside, was drawn Thursday evening and she received \$250 in cash—the first award of the drawing.

BULLETIN ISSUED ON NATURE STUDY

Cranbrook Science Institute Publishes Report On Minnows

The eighth bulletin in the series, published by the Cranbrook Institute of Science on nature study is written by Doctor A. L. Hobbs and Gerald B. Coffey and has for its subject the 28 kinds of minnows which have been recorded from Michigan waters.

20 Traffic Cases Tried By Hascall

Two traffic cases were tried before Municipal Judge Frank H. Hascall on Monday and in both instances the defendants pleaded guilty and were given their choice of fine or jail sentence.

207 Accidents Reported

Twenty-seven accidents during the week ending December 27, 1936, were reported to the Birmingham National Bank of Birmingham and the First State Savings, depository and trust company.

Novel Experiment In Feeding Michigan Birds Conducted Here

In an experiment which is the first of its kind ever conducted in Michigan, the State Game Warden, Mr. W. H. Widdie, of the Detroit News, is attempting to determine whether or not it is possible to acclimate migratory birds to Michigan.

At the side yard of his home in Bloomfield Court, Mr. Stoll has constructed a long bird feeding shelf. This station, sheltered by a compartment roof, is divided into several partitions each containing a different variety of food. The shelf is within convenient range, enabling Mr. and Mrs. Stoll to keep an accurate check on the amount of the birds coming to their yard.

'Y' TEAMS RESUME PLAY NEXT WEEK

Local residents are afforded an opportunity to witness high class basketball exhibitions weekly at six or normal fee of two cents for dual engagement.

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HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher W. Compton formerly of New York, who have taken the Bendis home on Charles St. in Detroit, are now in Birmingham.

Weekly Summary Given

A summary of the important events of 1936, as gleaned from the headlines of The Eccentric, is given below, week by week.

Dec. 30, Jan. 9

William G. McBride, resident of Birmingham for 15 years and owner of a home at 1215 North Park, died Friday, Dec. 27, at his home, 118 W. Maple Ave.

HALF-MINUTE INTERVIEWS

QUESTION: What do your new resolutions include and what do you wish for 1937?

Either Elder! Tom Ship, I can't truthfully say that I enter much of belief in New Year's resolutions and would like to skip to 1937.

CRULL ANALYZES SAFETY PROBLEM

Points Out Parents Must Cooperate If Work Is To Succeed

New Year's Resolution

Here's a New Year's resolution: Any one can make and keep it. It will help you get ahead. And enable one to sleep.

Loftren Rites To Be Held Thursday

Loftren Rites, which were held yesterday in the Jennings Hospital in Detroit where he had been since Dec. 15, were held in the presence of his family.

City Building Code Amended By Council

An amendment to the city building code was adopted by the commission Monday evening, 1936. The amendment, which is not less than \$10 and not more than \$200 before a working permit will be issued by the city building inspector.

Merchants, Stork Cooperate To Give First Baby A Flying Start

Twenty local merchants intend to cooperate with that old bird, the stork, in getting the first 1937 baby into Birmingham.

Everything from a free ride home from the hospital to a baby bottle and baby shoes have been offered free to the first baby to be born in Birmingham during the year.

200,000 LETTERS ARE POSTED HERE

Average Of 20 Missives Per Person Mailed During 8-Day Period

If averaged, each citizen, every resident of this community mailed 20 letters during the eight day period, Dec. 22-29, according to statistics compiled by Postmaster Joseph W. Byrne.

The new series bears the portraits of many noted Military and Naval leaders and will appear in six denominations for each of the four branches of the service.

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CONTRACT LET FOR NEW WELL WITHIN CITY

\$10,680 Project to Provide Minimum of Thousand Gallons Per Minute

Construction of the fourth city well will get under headway within 10 days after signing of the contract as a result of the commission Monday night awarding the project to the Layne-Northern Co. of Mishawaka, Ind.

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