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The hardest kind of hard work is doing no work at all.

It's now time to prepare new resolutions. Perhaps a good thing to do is to dig up the one prepared for this year, brush 'em off, and keep 'em ready for a year from now.

Here's a practical suggestion for a Christmas present: Give some one the Eclectic for a dollar—anywhere in Oakland County.

Peace is a phase of happiness that, like wealth, must be thought for and struggled for. One reason the world has so little of it is that it thinks too little for it, and only struggles through war to obtain it and, having obtained it, fails to struggle intelligently for its perpetuity.

Now that the football season is over in high schools and colleges, perhaps these educational institutions will relax their policy of complete oblivion to which they are not entitled.

Modern elections seldom express the will of the people, so much as they do express the wish of the people.

Can you blame the average person for spending more than his income when his state and Federal governments set such examples of extravagance?

After having learned to read, why is it that so many people fail to think?

Not all the Brazil nuts are exported. A lot of them remain in the Brazils.

Farmers are being taught to look to their federal government for relief, when they are honest farmers know that Nature alone gives them a bounteous return.

One thing that men should be thankful for in this style may change, but men's clothes still continue to have plenty of pockets in them.

Only one man is recorded in history as saying: "I would rather be right than President." Most of the rest of us, it seems, would rather be wrong and can't be President anyway.

With all these new gadgets they are putting out automobiles, it won't be long before a lot of the boys will be able to use both the hands in holding the fair ones beside them.

Speaking of the danger of automobiles, it is in error to suggest that gasoline and scholastic training don't mix so well, either?

Once a year I receive from Oscar H. Sabom, of Houston, Texas, a check for the renewal of his subscription to The Eclectic. Oscar once lived here in Birmingham.

On the back of his check, Oscar always writes me a little note. It may be that Carl even suggested to Oscar that the latter send on the annual greeting, in which case I presume that the Adams avenue apple tycoon will try to collect a commission upon his return, and I hope that this paragraph will serve to inform him that such a commission will not be forthcoming.

Dear Oscar: Please advise me if you have space to manifest my appreciation of your annual investment in your "home-town newspaper."

On page two of this edition of The Eclectic you will find an advertisement being published by the City of Birmingham, the contents of which reveal the time when rubbish will be collected from your neighborhood.

This is a new City service being extended, and City Manager Donald C. Egbert is desirous of making it a complete success. It is suggested, therefore, that you cut the advertisement out of The Eclectic and keep it where it may guide you, thus assuring a maximum amount of City littered with rubbish at the curb.

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GOODFELLOWS ARE READY FOR ANNUAL SALE

Demand For Aid Said To Be Twice As Great Now As Year Ago

In response to a need said to be more than twice as great as a year ago, Birmingham Goodfellows are marking their forces for Saturday's sale, to bring Christmas cheer and practical assistance to those in need.

Many families who weathered the depression without aid are now seeking temporary relief from local welfare agencies, records disclose. To meet this need, in accordance with their custom of a decade, the Goodfellows will conduct their annual sale of Christmas papers Saturday, from early morning throughout the day.

News of the sale is being carried in the past, will be the Birmingham (Continued on Page Two)

DEADLY TO CARELESSNESS SAYS BYRNE

Each year at Christmas time, postal clerks are charged with considerable parcels may be delivered by the handling of the heavy holiday mail due to carelessness on the part of those mailing, according to Joseph P. Byrne, Birmingham Postmaster.

Byrne said that carelessness, and careless wrapping and addressing of cards and parcels, among the reasons for late delivery of Christmas mail. "The postal office has been planning and making preparations for the past month to the end that the Christmas parcels will be delivered by Christmas Eve," Mr. Byrne stated.

One of the first rules for safe early delivery, according to Byrne, is that the parcels containing the article well packed to avoid shifting, and to withstand the stress of handling. The use of heavy wrapping paper and the use of the parcel post office will not be accepted by the postoffice, as tissue tears easily, and the address on parcels should be addressed on both sides as it increases confusion in handling and further delays in delivery.

Postal records show that there is considerable doubt on the part of the postal clerks as to the rate of postage on Christmas cards sent under cover of unsealed envelopes. This year, the rate is 10 cents.

BANQUET ENDS GRID SEASON FOR MAROONS

Birmingham's 1937 football season was officially closed Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock when mothers of the members on the squad gave the annual turkey dinner Football Banquet in the Baldwin High School cafeteria.

Phil Carey, captain of this year's team, acted as toastmaster. George R. Averill, publisher of the Birmingham Eclectic, was the principal speaker. "At the end of the field, there are certain rules and regulations that must be observed when you are out of school and in business. Just as in school, so many people in adult life try to get by without obeying them, without success. They are finally caught and penalized. But the honest folks manage to get along, and they are the ones who play the game and don't try to beat it. And you will find more benefits than disadvantages."

Coach H. P. Wurster, new coach of the Maroons, White football team, said that even though they were losing many heavy boys, the next year will have considerable experience and they are battling outfit. He asked the graduating players to come back to the team, and waiting for them (Continued on Page Two)

Housing Director RE. FORSYTH HOPEFUL FOR CONGREGATION

Church Pays Tribute To Rector, Marking Tenth Year In Pulpit

Unusual honor was bestowed upon Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of the Birmingham St. James Episcopal Church, on the tenth anniversary of his coming to the Community House when, along with 275 members of his congregation, the two Bishops of this diocese were present.

Mr. Forsyth, state director of the Federal Housing Administration, will speak on "The Challenge of the Housing Problem," under the auspices of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, Monday at 8 p. m. at the Community House.

Mr. Forsyth has been in charge of the operations of the Federal Housing Administration in Michigan for the past three years, during which time he has studied and discussed housing problems in several centers of the commonwealth, including the Capital City of Ottawa. In addition, he was asked to draft the program for promotion of building modernization in the Province of Ontario.

News of entering governmental activity, Mr. Forsyth was a newspaperman and for many years was managing editor of the Pontiac Press. He was connected with the former Governor Tompkins' Employment Committee. The meeting will be open to the public and all those interested in the current housing problem, are invited to attend.

SCHOOLS TO SING CAROLS AS YULE SEASON ARRIVES

The spirit of Christmas will pervade Birmingham public schools in a novel manner this year, manifesting itself through a series of singing carols in the schools.

Beginning with Pierce School, the initial Christmas "sing" will be staged Monday, Dec. 29. The first, second and third grades will be given the first opportunity to sing Christmas carols, from 1:15 to 2 p. m. The fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the same school, will sing from 2:30 to 3:30 following the elementary program.

The Barnum elementary school will present its Yuletide offering of song, Tuesday, Dec. 31, with the first, second and third grades singing from 1:15 to 2 p. m. The program will be held in the gymnasium, and will hold their program from 2:30 to 3:30 on the same afternoon.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, is the day set aside for Quanton school. The first three grades will sing in the gymnasium, from 9:15 to 10 o'clock, and the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will begin at 10:30, concluding at 11:30 o'clock.

NOTED SUFFRAGE LEADER DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Days when feminine feeling ran high in the cause of Women Suffrage, prior to the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment, were recalled when news was received from Santa Barbara, Cal., of the death last Thursday of Miss Margaret Whittemore, formerly of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Miss Whittemore was a figure of national prominence in the struggle for equal rights and suffrage back in 1919, when as one of the organizers of the National Woman's Party, she participated in many demonstrations. She later attained international prominence in movements for peace and industrial equality for women.

"Santa, Please Bring Us Some—"

Christmas Music Of Other Countries To Be Feature Of Ypsilanti Choir Program

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FLOOD OF TOYS MEETS OFFER OF BOY SCOUTS

Toys almost new and toys somewhat battered by strenuous play, little toys and big toys, toys for girls and toys for boys, came in a generous flood in response to the offer of Birmingham Boy Scouts to aid Santa Claus in putting used toys in first class condition for children who might otherwise go without such gifts this Christmas.

Cards distributed among school children asking for discarded toys, met with so prompt and generous a response that Boy Scouts are working steadily in their headquarters at the Community House in order that all toys may be redistributed by Christmas.

FRANK VAN BLACK SUCCEUMS AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Funeral services for Frank E. Van Black, 71 years old, were held Tuesday morning from his late home, 955 East Maple avenue, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Mich.

Mr. Van Black succumbed to a stroke which had stricken him two weeks previous. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Agnes Van Black, and a brother, George Van Black, of Wayne, Mich.

When the early morning of the Birmingham First Methodist church, the time of his death contributed are more than 100 dolls, (Continued on Page Two)

EMERSON BROWN HEADS LIONS CLUB

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BAWNSHAW PAYS DIVIDEND OF TEN PERCENT

Receiver Of First National Bank Is Authorized To Seek Loan

Probability of another ten per cent dividend of deposits of the former First National Bank of Birmingham, now being liquidated under a receivership headed by Murray M. Ashbaugh of Pontiac, is seen as the result last night of a meeting of the First National Committee with Mr. Ashbaugh in his office in Birmingham.

The meeting had been called by Mr. Ashbaugh, who sought to obtain the Committee's reaction to three propositions: first, to consider the meeting of the office of Birmingham to Pontiac, where Mr. Ashbaugh is also receiver for Pontiac's former First National Bank; second, to discuss the amount of money for which the receiver were valued by them at not less than \$200,000.

EAGER CROWD GREETS SAINT OF YULETIDE

Birmingham took Santa Claus by storm Saturday afternoon. Throngs of eager and excited youngsters crowded about the Saint of Yuletide when he appeared as part of the celebration planned by the Retail Merchants Association to open the holiday shopping season.

Another important part of the program was the switching on of the lights illuminating the shopping district by Mayor John E. Martz.

Long before 4 o'clock, the hour appointed for the arrival of Santa Claus, children varying in age from toddlers to boisterous adolescents, formed the crowd that gathered on the corner of West Maple and Pierce streets. Strains of music by the Baldwin High school band, heralded his approach.

By the time Santa arrived there was scarcely space enough for the motor in which he rode with Mayor Martz, to make its way through the throngs. Youngsters pressed their way through the crowd and jumped on the running board of the official car in their eagerness.

In a brief greeting, Mayor Martz, normally presented in the guest of the afternoon, Santa Claus, to the Birmingham children, who gathered to welcome him.

"Boys and Girls, your friends, the business men of Birmingham are so glad to see you, and green and Christmas lights, and have made it possible for Santa Claus to visit you this afternoon. Here he stands, greeting you in person and he will give you a few gifts, and to create home, school and play surroundings that will bring to harvest the latent abilities of boys and girls when they enter maturity."

He pointed out the methods used in the Junior High School system, where boys and girls are subjected to many and varying experiences and studies, holding is in its most searching and curious mood.

"Encourage children in their hobbies, for from perhaps some hobby a child will find its genius in the work-a-day world," declared Mr. Bechtold. "We in the public schools are trying, as scientifically as possible, to assist in making it possible for a boy or girl to 'find himself.' Everything in life is a matter of self-education; it is equally so in educational matters, and as in industry, your motto should be 'concentrate.'"

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