

Christmas Season Increases Requests For Child Adoption, Judge Moore Says

The desire on the part of childless homes to have a child during the Christmas season is reflected in an increase of applications at this season of the year. According to Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, these applications are more numerous during the holiday season than at any other time during the year.

Welfare of Child Embodied in Statute and Legal Protection in Probate Court, Judge Moore Says

The statute and legal protection in the Probate Court are primarily designed to protect the interests of the child. After the issuance and declaration of adoption is signed by the natural parents or child placing agency and the adoptive parents, the Probate Court, the County Welfare Agent is requested, as provided by law, to present the Probate Judge with a complete written report based upon a thorough investigation of the adoptive parents and their home. It is also necessary for the County Welfare Agent to obtain information relative to the family background and personal history of the child and to determine the suitability of the prospective adoptive parents to have the child and to determine the suitability of the child to be adopted. From this report the Probate Judge determines whether an order of adoption should be granted or denied. When the Probate Judge approves an order of adoption, a legal relationship is created between the child and the adoptive parents which cannot be annulled except in rare cases even by a court of proper jurisdiction.

Adoptive Children May Obtain Birth Certificate

In 1923 the Michigan State Legislature passed a law whereby it is now possible for an adopted child to obtain a birth certificate in the name of the adoptive parents. At the time the Probate Judge approves and signs the order of adoption a certificate of adoption is filed with the State Health Department at Lansing. The Bureau of Records and Statistics of the State Health Department then issues a certificate of registration of birth and a copy of the same to the adoptive parents. This law also provides

'BEST' CELLIST Crowd Enjoys Christmas Carol Sing at Park

Last year some Community group, interested in music and the furtherance of Community fellowship at Christmas time sponsors the Community Christmas Carol Sing. The large tree, brilliantly lighted and in the center of the Municipal Park, was suitably suited for the setting of this program. This year, the Birmingham Musicians' Association, under the direction of the program, was assisted by the brass ensemble from the Baldwin High School and by the vocal group, familiar carols led by Victor Ulrich, vocal music instructor in the public secondary schools of the City, formed a greater portion of the program. The nativity scene was depicted by Ruth Savage and Elizabeth Moore from Girl Scout Troop No. 1, of which Eleanor Porter is the leader. Girls from Troops 8, Geraldine Flynn, Betty Cady and Nancy Burns, selected together the seasonal selection "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Phyllis Porter is leader of this Troop.

About two hundred persons gathered for the sing. A large screen had been erected upon which were projected the words of the carols. This innovation proved helpful to those present. The program was planned by Mrs. Howard Crull, assisted by Mrs. Arnold Berndt as a Committee from the Birmingham Musicians.

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Poultry Instruction Given at Big Beaver As WPA Project

The Adult Education classes in poultry husbandry, sponsored jointly by Susan Baker, superintendent of the Big Beaver School, and the Work Projects Administration, had a large enrollment.

Since Oct. 23, 1939, William C. Bice, a graduate of the American Poultry School of Kansas City, Mo., has given the latest information, new methods and new discoveries in raising chickens, turkeys and waterfowl.

New Year's night, Jan. 1, from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m., and every Monday evening thereafter, residents in and near Big Beaver, Clawson and Big Beaver may attend these free classes at the Big Beaver School, 16-Mile and Rochester roads. Persons having specific problems are invited to bring diseased fowl to classes for examination. There is no charge for instruction or clinical examination of diseased birds.

Queen of Roses At Pasadena Fete

"Dear Miss," wrote a particular note to the teacher, "don't ship Tommy. He isn't used to it. We never hit him at home except in self-defense."



Even the roses get a kick out of being around Margaret Huntley, 18-year-old brunet beauty, who will reign as queen of the 1940 Pasadena Tournament of Roses. A co-ed at Pasadena Junior College, she is five feet six, and weighs 118, has blue-gray eyes and is majoring in drama. She doesn't suffer from hay fever.

575-Pound Bear Holds Season Record

LANSING—What appeared to Louis Orin, of Gwin, like "more than one bear" when he shot it in the head with a single bullet at 20 feet holds the record of the biggest bear killed in the 1939 season. Weighing 575 pounds when dressed and skinned, the bear was shot when the animal, a male, had a pelt that measured 77 inches from tip of nose to tip of tail. It was taken in the Chautauque swamp of the E-canaba river tract.

A man has been in Congress twenty years and has never made a speech. He should be elected for life.—Norfolk (Va.) Ledger-Dispatch.

Many Women Need More Iron, Says State College

Pale blood or mild chronic anemia is much more common among young women than men, according to health records of college students. Young mothers also often lack buoyant health because their blood is not so red as it might be. So nutritionists now believe that young women should eat more iron-rich food than men. Since the body can store very little iron, and foods contain only minute quantities, women especially should make sure of their iron rations every day.

In general, the low-cost iron foods suggested by the home economic extension staff at Michigan State College include all the leafy green vegetables from kale to turnip greens, and peas and beans.

Summit Lake, 1,100 Feet Above Superior Is State's Highest

A lake whose surface is about 1,100 feet above the surface of Lake Superior, 10 miles distant, appears as Michigan's highest in an inventory of record elevations in the state made by O. F. Poindexter of the geological survey division of the department of conservation.

The lake with the altitude record is well named. It is Little Summit lake, a 40-acre body of water 10 miles southeast of L'Anse in the Marquette-Baraga plateau. With Lake Superior 600 feet above sea level, this little lake at about 1,100 feet higher is approximately 1,700 feet above sea level. Several lakes near Little Summit are above the 1,600 foot elevation.

High lake in the Porcupine mountains is Little Car Lake (or Mirror lake as it appears on the highway map), at 1,558 feet above sea level.

Nothing while events take their course, the science of closing the stable door when the horse is gone.—Columbia Record.

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**'And How They Grew'**

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Chapter One

SUN. MON. TUE. WED. Mat. Sun. & Mon.

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**'REMEMBER?'**

ALSO

**JAMES CAGNEY**

**PRISCILLA LANE**

**'The Roaring Twenties'**

NEW YEAR'S EVE LATE SHOW

Starts At 10:30 p. m.

**People's Column**

The Executive is pleased to receive all communications must be signed, but no signature will be required if the letter is signed by the office. Letters must be in the office by Thursday morning for publication. The following is the list:

**'Smug and Specious Philosophy'**

To the Editor:

Also the Birmingham Merchants who have been striving to establish a closed shop in the Birmingham retail trade closed to everyone but themselves—those who stand to benefit thereby, then, verily, they are lying in a world, very small world, by themselves, judging by the comments one hears from Birmingham residents who do not happen to be bootleggers, these un-American attempts to keep the "outs" out for the selfish protection of the "ins" will be a boomerang. Resentment will direct no little of the money now being spent locally to Detroit—which so much of it came in the first place.

The City Commission, incidentally, when considering the merchant-inspired proposal, a few weeks ago to prohibit house-to-house canvassing evidently does not read the metropolitan newspapers, which recently carried on their front pages a report of a decision by the United States Supreme Court (still doing business at the old standing building) that no local legislative body—not even the Birmingham City Commission—had the power to override the Constitution to the extent of denying house-to-house canvassing the privilege of earning a living by this method.

Whether the Supreme Court has ruled on the matter of penalizing new merchants for the protection of the old by the initiative fee racket, to which Birmingham recently resorted, I do not know. But I do know that some of the merchants who cheered for this move to blanket themselves into a specially-favored and protected class are the same who speak loudest, turn the dearest purple and come closest to anoxemia at the mere thought of any protective organization of workers.

Any fence built around Birmingham is a stupid attempt to keep the money in the city. The effect of keeping much more money out, notwithstanding the smug and specious economic philosophy which apparently motivates the merchant-labors.

**Mel-O-Bit**

**CHEESE**

AMERICAN OR BRICK

2 Lb 43c

**100% RICE M. TUTTLE**

1092 Ridgeland Birmingham, Mich.

(Editor's Note—In fairness to the merchants, it is pointed out that the anti-canvassing so-called "Green Rice" ordinance, was not sponsored by merchants, but was suggested by the City Manager. Many merchants have indicated their opposition. In regard to the initial merchant license ordinance, this is claimed to protect the City in its collection of personal taxes from transients.)

**Yukon Club**

**GINGER ALE**

4 Qt 29c

**Wisconsin**

**CHEESE**

Lb 19c

**60 Size**

**LETTUCE**

2 Hds 9c

**Navel**

**ORANGES**

150-175 SIZE 2 Doz 49c

**SPICED HAM**

**POTTED MEAT**

**SARDINES**

**N. Y. CHEESE**

**SWISS CHEESE**

**Mel-O-Bit**

**CHEESE**

AMERICAN OR BRICK

2 Lb 43c

**Armour's**

**CORNEBEEF**

12 Oz 33c

**Dailey's**

**DILL PICKLES**

2 Qt 19c

**Fresh**

**POTATO CHIPS**

Lb 29c

**PINEAPPLE JUICE**

4 23c

**TOMATO JUICE**

4 25c

**ORANGE JUICE**

3 23c

**GRAPEFRUIT JUICE**

4 25c

**LEMON JUICE**

4 15c

**KETCHUP**

2 13c

**MUSTARD**

4 8c

**SALAD DRESSING**

4 27c

**IONA PLAIN OLIVES**

1 19c

**SWEET PICKLES**

1 19c

**WALNUTS**

5 Lb 19c

**MIXED NUTS**

5 Lb 17c

**NBC CRACKERS**

Excell 2 Lb 15c

**NBC PRETZELS**

PK 14c

**CIGARETTES**

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3 LGE 25c

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3 CAKES 16c

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8 BARS 25c

**OXYDOL**

2 LGE 37c

3SM 25c GIANT 55c

**IONA CORN**

4 25c

**IONA PEAS**

4 23c

**GREEN GONIA PEAS**

2 27c

**DEL MAIZ NIBLETS**

2 19c

**IONA TOMATOES**

4 23c

**RIPE OLIVES**

4 10c

**ANN PAGE BEANS**

4 21c

**CHERRIES**

4 21c

**IONA PEACHES**

4 25c

**FRUIT COCKTAIL**

1-Lb Can 10c

**SUNNYFIELD FLOUR**

5 Lb 15c

**PANCAKE FLOUR**

Sunnyfield, 20-oz 5c

**BUTTER**

Fresh Roll Lb 31c

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Grade "C" Med Size 2 Doz 39c

**dexe SHORTENING**

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