

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

December 26, 1939

Bills were approved totaling \$25,872.41, including a two-week payroll for the period ending Dec. 18, in the amount of \$7,101.16.

Hearings were held on proposed special assessment districts to cover cost of constructing sewers on Bonnie Brier and Harmon. The assessor was instructed to proceed with spreading the roll in both of these districts.

An electrical ordinance was adopted providing that any electrical contractor doing business in Birmingham pay an annual license fee of \$25. Fee for journeymen electricians' license shall be \$1 per year.

Action of the manager in ordering traffic signal equipment for the Oakland and Hunter intersection was approved. The city will be reimbursed by the Highway Department for this expenditure.

Amendment to the traffic ordinance was adopted providing for regulation of parking in angle zones, and conforming in other respects to the State traffic code.

Hearing was set for Monday, Jan. 8, to consider creation of a special assessment district to defray cost of sewer on Villa road.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.

Youth Pays \$2 After Automobile Mishap

A car driven by George Baldwin, 18, of 763 Lakeview avenue, crashed into the rear of a machine driven by Mrs. Paul N. Averill, 3465 South Broadway boulevard, last Friday afternoon, while both machines were going east on West Maple avenue.

The Baldwin youth's operator's license had expired and he paid \$2 for violation of the ordinance. Mrs. Averill's car struck another in front of her after the first impact, and the damage to her machine was \$100. None was injured, although young Baldwin received a bump on his head.

All the cars were following a truck which had stopped several times.

Forced Off Road, Car Topples Pole

Fred Coe, 37 years old, of Onyde road, near Pontiac, broke off a Detroit Edison pole at West Main and Baldwin, last Saturday when he was forced off the road by another car. Coe left his car careering, and took a taxi home, not reporting the crash to police, it was said.

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From the Women's Angle

By MYRTLE B. KNOWLTON

When the bells of the New Year ring out the last half hour of 1939, we turn another page in the book of life and stand on the threshold of a new year. What are the thoughts of a great many people during that last 30 minutes? Do they wonder what the new year has in store for them and whether the next 12 months will bring them better fortune? The law of averages will bring greater happiness and satisfaction to many, and perhaps not so great to others, but in the scheme of things, we all share in the inevitable sooner or later, a sort of minimum cover charge that Life speaks for the privilege of a new year's day.

After Christmas thoughts: Nothing can take the place of turkey on Dec. 25, but after three or four days of hot turkey, cold turkey, creamed turkey and turkey hash, what a welcome relief is a thick juicy steak!

Holiday wrappings, paper, ribbons, everything—even boxes which I shall wish I had kept—have been disposed of and only the tree and the stacked presents remain of the traditional Yule display.

After morning, with the children home from school, are a nice break in the winter routine.

For several days now I have been carrying around with me a little black notebook which I will, upon occasion, pull out and scribble in mysteriously. I don't object small sayings of small children nor is the book full of telephone numbers and addresses of Birmingham's eligible bachelors. It simply contains my New Year's resolutions. The resolutions often come to me in strange places and under strange circumstances, hence I always carry the black book with me—the better to write in, you know.

Saturday evening about 9 o'clock I passed as I was finishing my Christmas shopping and made a resolution that I intend to keep next year if it is the last living thing I do. The sentence scribbled in my particularly illegible hieroglyphics says in effect—(Do YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY).

For years now I have become almost submerged in the uncontrollable mobs that begin to shun for a family of 15 a week before Christmas.

I'm tired of trying to find what I want from the remnants of other people's shopping. I'm fed up with starting to wish my packages on Christmas Eve and running out of ribbon before I've more than just begun. I'm sick of having other people smile sickly and excuse me because I'm a working woman and don't have time for inconsequential things like Christmas shopping.

It is the sum total of all these things that flashed through my mind Saturday evening at 9 o'clock as I waited for the clerk to make change for me. Past Christmases, similar in even the smallest detail, passed in retrospect as a dying man sees every detail of his life. Balancing all my bundles and precarious on the edge of the counter I wrote hastily on a page already filled with scribbling handwriting—DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY. In parenthesis the sentence reads "Start September 1."

Two Unbeaten Teams Meet January 4 When YMCA Cage League Resumes

In the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. League, no games will be played on account of the Christmas being closed during the holiday season, but play will be resumed next Thursday night, Jan. 4, with Milks' drawing a bye at seven o'clock, B. A. C. vs. Polygon at eight, and a nine o'clock game between Boys' Club and Peck's.

Seek Opponent A strong out-of-town opponent is being sought to play Milks' to fill out the night's schedule and it is expected a thrilling contest will be staged. The nine o'clock game between Peck's and Boys' Club should provide well worth while as neither of these teams has lost a game and both will be trying hard to maintain their 1000 per cent standing.

Fisher Body Engineers, highly rated basketball quintet from Fisher Body plant located in Detroit, proved no match for Peck's in their match at Baldwin School gym last Thursday night, the local court stars trouncing them 40 to 18. Polygon club fell victim to Boys' Club 20 to 16 and Milks' eked out a win over B. A. C. 30 to 10 in the other two games on the night's program.

The most interesting contest of the evening was the B. A. C. Milks' game in which B. A. C. kept the fast Milks' team hustling to hold their lead throughout the game. K. McBride's five field goals and two free shots led the scoring for Milks, while Herb McBride, B. A. C. guard, rang up four field goals and one free shot for the losers. Although B. A. C. outplayed the victors in the second half, they were unable to overcome the ten-point lead Milks' piled up in the first period. The final score was 36 to 30.

McBride Sets Pace Don McBride set the pace for the Boys' Club in their 36-16 win over Polygon Club by sinking seven field goals, coming within two points of tying the Polygon score single-handed.

Tom Miller and Forester shared scoring honors with 12 and 13 points respectively, while the team to an easy victory over the Fisher Body Engineers. At the half, Peck's led 28 to 3, with the final score being 40 to 18.

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Bits of Birmingham

Still no snow.

Nice for kids with new bikes and well. I suppose this column has license to turn trickies into trikes! Bad for kids with new sleds.

Fred, the editor's m'v'e-up man, has sore knees. His wife gave him an electric train for Christmas. Bert, our advertising manager, sports a new dark green bomber hat. The young lady who answers the phone when you ring The Eccentric wears a new bracelet, given her by a certain young man. Ubiquitous Santa Claus!

Two parishioners of the Rev. Theodore Wuggegar gave him a new car for Christmas.

Some weeks ago, this newspaper ran a brief story about a goat.

carrying on the lawn of Mrs. Frank P. O'Keefe, 412 South Adams avenue. Although a thorough reader of The Eccentric, she missed the item, and knew not of it until a friend who lives in Utica, N. Y., also reader of The Eccentric, wrote her about it.

Here's hoping that the new year will bring a bigger and better Bits of Birmingham column. That means that you readers must pass along the bits which come your way.

Royall Frye, of 1023 Floyd street, a student at Michigan State College, spent Christmas in bed; in fact, he will be there New Year's. Christmas Eve he underwent an appendectomy at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

A Birmingham matron received a surprise Christmas Day when she told her maid she was sending her to the local theatre for the afternoon. "O. K.," said the maid, "but I haven't been in a long time—since the War when it was 5 cents. On her return, the woman was thrilled with taking pictures.

Among the many groups which aided with Goodfellows at Christmas time were the Fellowship Club and the Cornet Club.

Tuesday, the Exchange Club had a light program for the day after Christmas. It was a contest to see who knew the most telephone numbers. Dave Levinson took first prize; Ken Bingham, second. There still be no meeting the day after New Year's.

Chief Hackett headed off toward Quanton Lake, Tuesday, to see if the ice were OK for the youngsters who were already skating there. Our advice on his departure was for him to walk over the entire lake, and if he did not fall through, the ice would be OK for all. He did not seem to warm up to the idea, for some reason.

The police station had an unusual group of customers, as this bit gatherer was at his work. First, two little girls came in for a bicycle license. Then a woman arrived to settle a traffic ticket, and she brought along four other girls, making six youngsters in all. Officer Henry Timm, on duty, thought it was OK, too.

Mr. Campbell, 788 Ann street (whose first name the police did not obtain) complained to officers Sunday that a colly dog tore his trousers as he walked on Purdy street across from the Barnum school. An officer told the owner, Ernest Teichman, 796 Purdy, to keep his dog tied.

Ruth Adams, of 560 Woodland, told police Saturday that her red and white Iver Johnson bicycle had been stolen from the garage.

Last Saturday, when ice was pretty thin on Quanton Lake, a nearby child also went through as he tried to rescue the dog. The water at that point was but a foot deep. The child's name was not reported to police.

Grant Caplin, of 560 Watkins street, told police Saturday that a BB pellet had been shot through his dog's head. Two boys were believed by officers.

Professor Slosson amused the crowd at the Community House Tuesday night with his remarks that he was surprised to see such a large gathering the day after Christmas, especially as Christmas comes only once a year, unlike Thanksgiving.

NO HITCHING POST PORTLAND (MPA)—When Tom Barker parked his car and went into the post office he probably didn't even think about a hitching post. But when a few minutes later someone rushed into the post office and exclaimed that a car had just smashed a big show window in a main street store, Tom had misgivings. He was right; his car had rolled a block from where he parked it, ending up in the store window.

SKUNK RULES HOUSEHOLD FREMONT (MPA)—A skunk wandered into the basement of a local house and was caught in a rat trap. For five days, the family living in the house avoided the basement. Finally an experienced skunk exterminator took the skunk in hand. He wrapped the animal in a heavy rug and took it outside to be disposed of.

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