

Winter Sports Carnival to Be Held in City at 27

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Henry Ford believes that plenty of opportunities exist for the young and alert American youth. I wish that more educators were so convinced as Mr. Ford's conviction; too many people regarding our schools and colleges are afflicted with melancholia and fail to stimulate in their courage...

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Oh, Mr. Harwood—How Cold You Are!
Sixty-one years The Eccentric has gone forth into a weary world each week and never in all that time has Mr. Ford's conviction upon the community it represents. Now cometh John H. Harwood, with a smothering mantle of sympathy, for months ago, to upset this newspaper's record of immaculate journalism in his last week's article about the city's "submarine snow sweeper" that went through the ice on Quarton Lake. Mr. Harwood included this line of verbiage, "The snow sweeper is a machine of terrible, awful, and disgusting design. The driver drove too far out onto the lake and at a point near the dam the ice gave way, and the machine and gurgling, the machine sank into the depths, with only the broom attachment preventing total submersion. Both the fish in the lake were reported badly startled."

Plan Ice Carnival for Quarton Lake; Will Choose Queen

A Winter Sports Carnival, the first of its kind ever held in Birmingham-Birmingham for Saturday, Jan. 27, it was announced Wednesday by Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the YMCA.

HEADS CLUB

Active solicitation by volunteer workers got under way Wednesday morning in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills when a score of prominent women began canvassing in a drive to raise the local quota of the Finnish Relief Fund. During this drive which will continue through Jan. 17, solicitation will be made by house-to-house canvassing and by telephone contacts.

Finnish Relief Program Here Is Given Start

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Pamela Anne Taylor First Baby of 1940 in the Area

Pamela Anne Taylor, whose brief existence in this world has been only six days, was adjudged the winner Wednesday noon of the annual First Baby Contest sponsored by Birmingham merchants and The Eccentric.

Expect to Put Issue Before Voters April 1

A fourth and final vote on the Heights annexation question will be placed before the voters in the April 1 election, according to plans revealed Wednesday by Donald C. Egbert, City Manager.

Courage of Finns May Spread War, Teachers Are Told

The economic war, rather than one of battle, now being fought on the Western Front, is a false indication of what is to come, and sooner or later, perhaps in the spring, there will be real bloodshed, Birmingham's teachers were told Monday afternoon by S. L. Marchand, Detroit newspaperman and military commentator.

Exchange Prexy Names Committees

Dr. James J. Reilly, Jr., beginning a new term as president of the Exchange Club, announced his committees for the year in a meeting held Tuesday at the Community House.

Cab Rivalry Now Before City Fathers

The rivalry between Birmingham's two taxicab companies came before the City Commission meeting Monday night when Mrs. Vern Colburn, whose husband operates the Star Cab Company, complained that the existing ordinance gave them 30 feet behind a stop sign on East Maple, was not a sufficient deterrent.

Believe Ice Skater Stole Four Cars

Two double car thefts in a week may have been perpetrated to secure transportation two and from the skating rink on Quarton Lake, it is a theory which was advanced by the Birmingham Police Department this week. The thief is still at large.

Widow, Mother of 7, Passes Away After Illness of a Week

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home, 1000 North Central Avenue, for Mrs. Gladys Roberts of 218 North Central Avenue, who died in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, at 12:25 a. m. Tuesday morning following a week's illness.

Local Man Tells Rotary of 22,000-Mile Air Voyage

A brief verbal description of a flying trip which took him over 22,000 miles of airway from Detroit to the Hawaiian Islands, was given by O'Connor, executive vice-president of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, at his fellow-Birminghamians in the following address.

"GIVE THEM A PLACE TO PLAY"
Plenty of room for dives and dunks (Glitter and glare and sin)
Plenty of room for prison penitents (Gather the crowd)
Plenty of room for jails and jails (Willie) (Willie) (Willie)
Plenty of room for shops and stores (Mammon must have the best)
Plenty of room for the running shoe (That rot in the city's breast)
Plenty of room for the lures that had (The hearts of our youth astray)
Plenty of room for a playground (No, never a place to play)
Plenty of room for schools and halls (Plenty of room for art)
Plenty of room for seats and balls (Platform, stage, and mart)
Proud is the city—she finds a place (For many a day today)
But she's more than blind if she fails to find (A place for the boys to play)
Give them a chance for innocent sport (Give them a chance for fun—) (Better a playground plot than a court)
And a jail when the harm is done (Give them a chance—if you stint them now)
Tomorrow you'll have to say (A large bill for a dorker bill)
So give them a place to play!

Surprise! City Gets No Complaint On Villa Sewer Project
It was a surprised City Commission which held a hearing on the proposed Villa road sewerage project, Monday night, and received no complaint from any citizen.

Spiritualist Church Organized in City
A spiritualist church is to open in Birmingham; the Aura-Lite Temple, which will have its opening services Sunday at 7:45 p. m. in the Masonic Temple, Woodward avenue, corner of Brown street.

Three Service Clubs Will Meet Feb. 6
A joint meeting of Rotary, Lions and Exchange Clubs will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, with Lewis Komjathy, the speaker, Komjathy was a member of the clubs when he made good. He is now Detroit attorney and prominent in the business world.

Successful Year For National Bank
Henry E. Edwards was re-elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Birmingham National Bank and Trust Co. of Birmingham, which was re-elected president, following the annual meeting of the stockholders held in the bank's quarters Tuesday night.

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FIRE LOSS LOW
Estimated fire loss in Birmingham for the month of December was \$161, the smallest reported shows.

Any Congressman who fails to represent ALL the people cannot be successfully elected.
The people, Congressmen, you see, are PEOPLE.

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Will Turn Off Water If Annexation is Rejected 4th Time

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City Takes Initiative Because Immediate Action is Required to Get the Issue on the April 1 Ballot—and even that is not yet assured—the City Commission authorized Egbert to go ahead and petition for the election on the City's behalf, and not wait for initiative of the residents of the Heights. City employees circulated the petitions and have secured the necessary 100 names in Birmingham.

The petitions are expected to be filed with the Board of Supervisors at their meeting at Pontiac today. Egbert declared that the measure means that action must be taken during the month of February, in February, in the one doubtful thing on the horizon at the present. After the Supervisors OK the election, the City must give 40 days' notice.

Unexpected Angle in Delays Ordinance

An unsuspected angle in the Detroit electrical code halted Monday night the adoption of a new electrical ordinance for Birmingham, a measure which has been on the fire for the past three weeks.

Merchants' Rally Set for Jan. 24

All Birmingham merchants are invited to a dinner meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, at which the Wayne Newton, Managing Director of the Michigan Retail Institute, will be the special speaker.

ECCENTRIC Classified Ads Do Get Results

'Caesar' Is Popular Leader of City's Youthful Legions

When the Community House Saturday Club opens this week for its sixth consecutive year, Theodore Czerkowski, instructor in charge of sports and arithmetic, will again be at the helm.

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