

During this national war emergency, folks, pray for two things: first, for the national unity to work; second, for the inspiration and ability to set up such a program of peace that is bound to come. Hate people, only the real enemy.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## THE GOODFELLOW

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#### Hail to the Goodfellows!

Santa Claus is personification of the Christmas Spirit, and the Christmas Spirit is more than buying gifts for ones own for a from one's time and energy. The real Christmas spirit is self-sacrificing something that is not for one's own benefit to help the less fortunate.

#### William E. Dove Masonic Master

William E. Dove, 410 Wallace street, was elected master of the Birmingham Lodge No. 44, Free and Accepted Masons, in the annual election held last week.

#### 1940's Best Birmingham Changes Outlook Over Night as War's Hand Takes Grip

Birmingham, like every other town of whom are Frankly the length and breadth of the nation, really warms up on Monday when Congress declared war on Japan.

#### Technicality May Delay Final Payoff

Laurel of the assets of the former First National Bank of Birmingham, which closed in February 1932, were sold yesterday afternoon at a Receiver's Sale in Pontiac by Murray D. Albaugh receiver.

#### Will Give \$125 in Prizes for Best Decorated Homes in This Area

Cash prizes totalling \$125 will be given to the homes with the best decorated Christmas trees in the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association announced this week.

#### Free and Driveway Problems Debated

Mr. Albaugh in a statement to the Receiver yesterday afternoon explained that the final payoff of the bank's assets will amount to 10 per cent of the claims against the bank.

#### E. T. Atherton Funeral Is Held

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon for Edward Thomas Atherton, 444 Baldwin avenue at the Bell Funeral Home.

#### Our New School Superintendent Has Some Practical Ideas

One evening last week, a company with 50 other local citizens met at the City Hall to hear a "welcome" address by the Board of Education for the new superintendent of public schools, Dr. H. L. Shiber, and Mrs. Shiber.

#### South Intersection Lighting Studied

A study of street lighting on South Woodward avenue at Hunter boulevard is being conducted by the City Manager in connection with the Commission on this intersection.

#### Contest Winner

Barbara Jane Pratt, 23 year old, of 387 Hanna street, was judged the second week's winner in connection with the Christmas Retail Merchants Association contest sponsored by the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association.

#### Some People Believe Luck

Some people believe in luck. They believe that a certain number will bring them good fortune. This is the case with the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association contest.

#### May Be Last Year For Colored Lights On Big City Tree

This may be the last year of the colored Christmas tree lights on the Big spruce tree at the center park. The lights have been on for several years, but the City Manager D. C. Egbert told the Commission Monday night that the tree is being dismantled.

#### OK Assessment For Lincoln Ave.

Assessments for the short East Lincoln avenue sidewalk paving were confirmed by the City Commission Monday night. There are three taxpayers involved; Evans Products company, \$205; Higgins Construction & Development Co., \$251; and Mrs. Flora Parsons of Detroit, \$142.

#### Car And Truck Crash At Intersection

A car and truck were involved in a crash at the intersection of Hunter boulevard and Oakland avenue, Harry E. Starr, Bloomfield Hills City manager, said Sunday. The car, a Buick, was on the east on Oakland, was in collision with a truck going north on Hunter, driven by H. O. Hamby, 18 Channing Place, St. Mary's ward. An affidavit charging that Hamby went through a red light.

#### Old Newsboys on Job Today to Help Needy

#### Funds To Be Used During Entire Year For Aid To Needy

With the slogan "No child without a Christmas" on their lips, Birmingham's Goodfellows Club went into action at 6 a. m. this morning for the 14th annual drive, selling newspapers which will bring an estimated \$1,500 into the club's treasury.

#### Special Committee

This afternoon a special committee will meet at the rooms of stores, soliciting special contributions. Every year some novel method is employed and this year will be no different. Last year the men dressed as pickets; the year before it was the "Reds" and the year before that it was the "Blacks".

#### Robert Dunn

Robert Dunn, Birmingham, \$59.06; William Howling, \$48.05; Robert Dunn, \$48.05; A. C. Mason, \$50.07; Robert Appell, \$46.30; Ralph Bell, \$45.65.