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OLD NEWSBOYS HELP SANTA CLAUS!

Paper Sale Saturday Starts at 6 O'clock

"Wuxtry! Wuxtry! Get your Goodfellow paper!"

Shouts such as these are resounding on Birmingham streets today as the Old Newsboys organization makes its annual newspaper sale to raise money for the year's charitable activity.

Not only is Christmas made happier for needy families, but emergency relief throughout the year is financed by the Goodfellow Fund, placing none of the burden on the taxpayers. Practically every able-bodied Birmingham man is at work, of course, and there is little want, but during the past year, elderly people, widows and large families temporarily in need have been aided and \$1,042.42 was spent. Secretary Treasurer Rice A. Howell has reported. All requests are handled through Mrs. Julia K. Lally, director of the Community House, so that there is no duplication. Starting at 6 a. m. today, Old Newsboys were on the job at the headquarters in the Nixon Building.

Police Chief J. P. Hackett was scheduled to be on the job, brewing coffee for the tired sales event, assisted by William Olson and Ralph W. Bricker.

During the day, Ray A. Palmer will be busy cashing in, and he will be assisted by Joseph A. Byrne and Harold B. Kuder.

A special solicitation committee will be formed of Oscar P. Peterson, Harold Kuder, Don Bell, Robert W. Chissus and Vernon Griffith. The newspaper procurement committee was formed of Haynes Street, between Hunter and Woodward. Sheriff, Constable Calvin Snell, found the currency and turned it in to police.

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BILL HOWTING

Who will be top Goodfellow salesman this year?

Last year, Bill Howting took the honors with sales of \$102.86. Patrolman Henry Timm, who always is to be found in front of the Birmingham National Bank, turned in \$75, while Patrolman Robert Dunn garnered \$70.65.

Other top salesmen were A. C. Mason, \$65.49; and Donald Bell, \$60.

LUCKY!

Vern Colburn, taxi operator, counts himself as pretty lucky. Thursday afternoon he lost \$80 in bills on Haynes street, between Hunter and Woodward. However, Constable Calvin Snell found the currency and turned it in to police.

Fear of Liability Deters City Officials From Warning of Lake Dancer Spots

If the cold weather, continues, ice skating will soon be in full swing on several rinks, according to City Manager Ebert. However, the question of whether the City should warn people where skating is dangerous on Quanton Lake evoked discussion Monday night.

"It seems to me that we should warn skaters of dangerous spots on Quanton," City Commissioner Howard R. Estes declared.

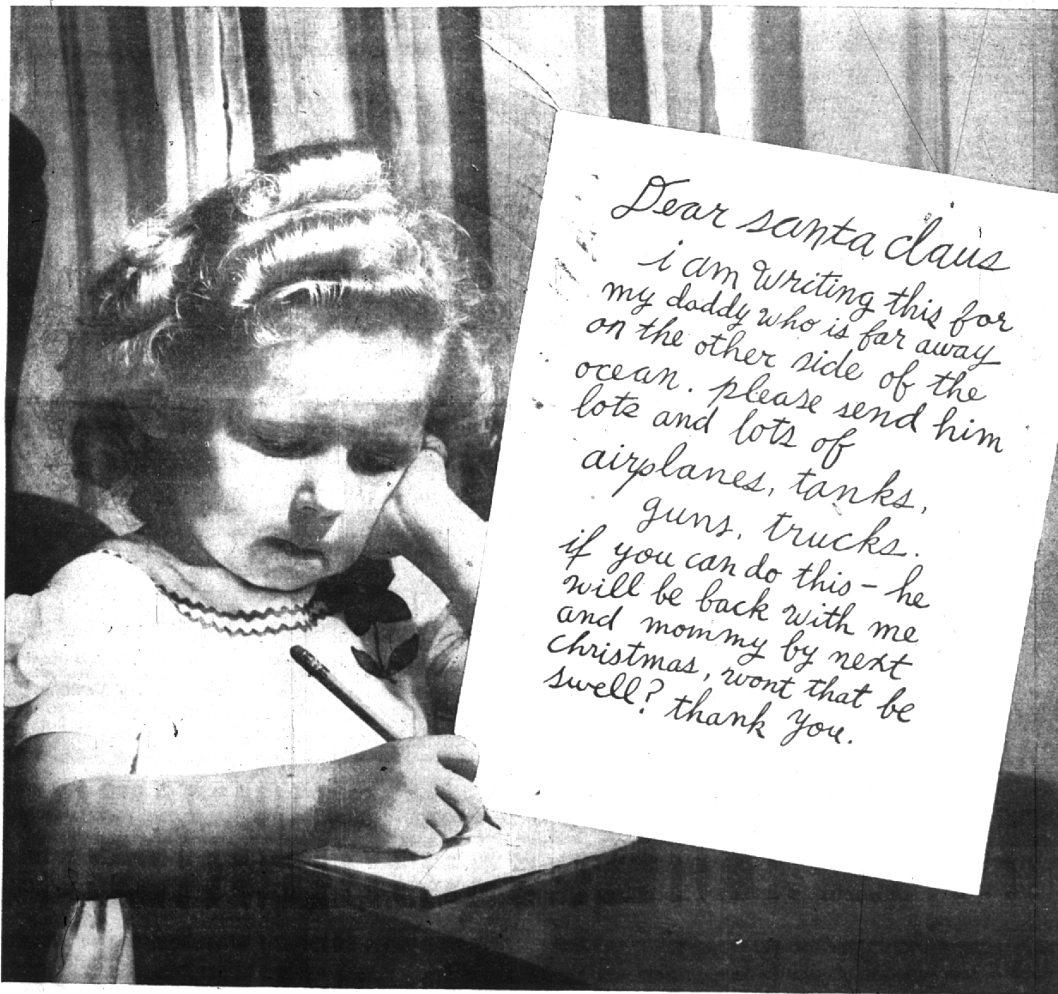
Certain stretches of the west side where there is a current, and also areas near the dam are never covered by thick ice.

City Manager D. C. Ebert did not favor the idea. "It has been the City's policy for a number of years to avoid any liability by advising people whether the lake is safe or not. We tried signs and ropes and the children don't pay any attention to them; it's up to the parents," he said.

"Had the parents to know where the dangerous places are," he was asked.

"It's up to them to inquire or find out for themselves," he said. "If we tell people a certain area is safe and then something happens, they will hold us responsible."

It seems to me that we could do something, especially to help



Dear santa claus
i am writing this for
my daddy who is far away
on the other side of the
ocean. please send him
lots and lots of
airplanes, tanks,
guns, trucks.
if you can do this - he
will be back with me
and mommy by next
christmas, wont that be
swell? thank you.

Sailor Back From Africa Tells of Invasion Fight

Petty Officer Jack Dunn, whom readers will remember as a high school boy who liked to write for The Eccentric not so long ago, this week was on the other end of the deal. It was his turn to be interviewed, for he had just come home from a trip to Morocco where he had been under fire and had seen men die. He knows what war is all about now.

Jack is a gunner's mate third class and it is his job to direct the fire of a gun aboard the deck of a merchant vessel. On the morning of Nov. 30, his convoy—one containing 100 ships—arrived off the port of Port Lyautey, in French Morocco, just north of Casablanca and Rabat. You haven't read much about the action there for the newspaper man who planned to write of it was lost in the landing operation. Jack's ship was heavily laden with complete supplies for the air-

OTTO KERN, JR. KILLED
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kern, of Squirrel road, Bloomfield Hills, were notified this week that their son, Otto, Jr., had been killed in action aboard a Maritime Commission ship in the Mediterranean Sea. He was a petty officer—a gunner's mate—in the Navy. The youth, 22 years old, was a Cranbrook student and also attended two eastern prep schools. A brother, Cadet Richard E. Kern, is with the Navy air force.

The merchant vessels cruised off shore while the combat ships prepared to silence the shore batteries established in an ancient fort high above the water. One daring American destroyer slipped into the shallow Sebou river which provides a harbor, while farther away, a big American battleship also blasted the French emplacements, and the fort was soon out of the fight.

Then the merchant vessels came in close and proceeded to unload their cargoes into landing barges, for there was no wharf to approach. However, the French

French Army gave up soon." Meanwhile, the landing operation was pressed at Casablanca, and Dunn's ship went there, finally, to complete the discharge of its cargo in the fine harbor there, after which came the trip home.

Jack, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dunn, leaves the week for the east coast and will soon again be on the sea, probably bound for North Africa, for our forces there will require an ever-increasing supply of all the elements of war.

LIGHT POLE CLIPPED

A truck owned by the Boutell Driveaway Co., Pontiac, skidded into the signal pole at Lone Pine road and Woodward, Tuesday, clipping it off at the base.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK
Others see mere chance, safe-guarding against loss by Fire, Windstorm, Burglaries, Accidents, etc. Call phone 211. **J. B. HOWARTH & SON** National Bank Bldg.

200 People Rush For Sugar Coupons

More than 200 people besieged the rationing office here Monday and Tuesday in a last-minute rush for sugar and coffee coupons. Most of them had not applied before because they had had a supply on hand.

Mrs. R. B. McCutcheon, chief clerk of the office here, said that fuel oil applications are still being processed as they come in, but said that delays of a few days may develop pending the signature of a County board member, who must come here from Pontiac. Protests as to their oil allotments are being received from some people and these are being filed, awaiting the arrival of an appeal board from Pontiac. Mrs. McCutcheon said she had not been advised as to when the board would come here.

About 25 requests are being received daily for supplemental gasoline rationing.

Birmingham Flyer Guest of Potentate

Capt. Walter Jensen, with the Army Air Force in India, will have some interesting stories to tell and pictures to show when he gets home. Recently he wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Jensen—that he was the guest of a maharajah. He was treated to a banquet in the palace, and was permitted to ride one of the elephants in the potentate's herd. The Indian ruler is a young man and a graduate of Cambridge University. It was Capt. Jensen's first meal made a home since he left Birmingham. His parents live at 647 Kenosauk.

Vote cast today, 8 to 14 hrs. for district, Saturday 10 to 12 hrs. for precinct. **Vote and Register Records.** New records weekly. Leonard Fletcher, 142 W. Main.

SERVICE!

Last week, at Rochester, a newspaper reader went to a house to answer a classified ad, and found the place on fire. He turned in an alarm and saved the owner from heavy damage.

No newspaper can guarantee service like that, of course, but we will do our best!

Use **ECCENTRIC CLASSIFIEDS**
• The deadline **NEXT WEEK** is Tuesday, 4 p. m., because of the holiday.