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# Bits of Birmingham

An increase in Oakland County's population, since the declaration of war Dec. 7, 1941, is estimated at 47,000, according to OPA, which bases its facts upon the number of ration books issued. The 1940 federal census showed the County to have 254,068 people living in it.

Lots of folks are happy over the City Commission's decision to lift the municipal Christmas tree this year. The lights will go on next Thursday, lasting until Jan. 2.

More Victory Gardens are asked for next year—so better locate those seed catalogues and put in your order soon.

Birmingham Rotarians held their annual pre-Christmas feature party at the Community House Monday noon. Phil Williams and Ray Cook were in charge.

Mrs. C. C. Wadell, of Birmingham Blvd., is proud of the fact that a brother, the publisher of a newspaper in Harlan, Kentucky, last summer was the winner of an award for excellence of his newspaper. She dropped into the B. C. office and admitted that "it's nice to be related to people who have printer's ink in their blood—they don't ever seem to be able to get it out, do they?"

Residents of Lathrup Township will hold their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in the Annie Lathrup school auditorium, South-11 1/2 Mile road. Big doings are planned, states the committee in charge.

Last Sunday's cold, snowy weather brought a bit of snow—much of which at first froze to the sidewalks and pavements, making walking and driving hazardous. The thermometer stood at five above zero Monday morning. Looks as though winter at last has arrived. (Does anybody in or near Birmingham wear the old-fashioned red underwear?)

Uncle Sam says that the habit of making most of one's groceries and meat purchases each weekend really results in waste; he finds that most people over-stock, and some spoilage results. Do you know that fifty million meals are eaten daily in the nation's eating places, and that enough food is scraped off the plates to feed three million soldiers one meal each?

Apparently, chickens on the wing haven't the ability to get through foliage, as do feathered birds in the woods. Perhaps that's why a chicken was found hanging in a tree at Woodward and Emmons last Sunday. It had made a crash landing, and was dead.

Mrs. John Loftus Stewart, of Orchard Ridge road, reported to local police last week the loss of a pet raccoon, harness and part of its chain still on it. Sgt. Earl Moody reports the presence of a wild raccoon over near Springdale Park, "no tame, almost, that you can nearly catch it."

The Red Cross work rooms closed this week until after the holidays. It was announced by Mrs. E. G. Hatch, Chairman of Red Cross Production, Tuesday. The program will resume again the week of Jan. 3.

The Rev. Joseph Nelson, former pastor of the local Baptist Church, has arrived in Omaha, Neb., with his family.

The C. A. Packards, of Hazelwood, received a wire from their son, Pfc. Hall Packard, who was stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex., stating that he was leaving Camp Wolters, destination unknown, send money (and the usual mess) last week. The next thing they heard was that he had safely arrived at Camp Barclay, Tex., about 100 miles from Wolters! The rest of his unit had left for overseas duty but he was shipped to Barclay.

Your average policeman does many things far removed from strict enforcement of law. Indeed, often he is just a handy man. Wednesday of last week Sgt. Earl Moody was asked to unlock the house door for Mrs. Warner, 835 Oakland, which he did, with her key. Then Mrs. Frank Higley required an officer's aid to get her parked car unlocked; often an officer is called to take away a canine. Not altogether monotonous is a policeman's daily routine.

Nothing like a bit of humor to lighten an austere meeting of public officials. Monday night, when the City Commission was discussing mechanical voting machines, one Commissioner spoke up and said, quietly, that "I never have any trouble—just pull down the handle labeled 'Republican'." The laugh resulted when this Wanderer suggested that perhaps it would be better and easier if the machines had only a Republican handle on them.

Dogs, dogs, and more dogs—these friendly canines seem to require as much of the Birmingham Police Department's time as any other single item. Every week the police blotter is littered with notes of complaints about stray dogs, dogs lost or found, a few that bite people, etc., etc. Doggone shame, isn't it?

Verne Griffith, chief of the fire department, was shown in the City Commission chambers Monday night when the fire alarm sounded—in a few seconds he was on his way to the fire station, located downstairs in the same building, and hardly 20 seconds after the fire trucks went out into the wintry night to the home of Mrs. George Boutwell, 507 Lakeview. Overheated hot air furnace pipes that were cracking a bit had alarmed Mrs. Boutwell—there was no sign of fire, as she feared, in the partitions.

Want to know how to maintain a wood fireplace all night? Just ask City Commissioner Bill Moody. He brags about the fact that his "maintenance engineer" at their home on Chertfield—so that's how they ran out of fuel oil Saturday night of last week. "I fired that fireplace practically all night with wood and hardly got the temperature above 50—then it took hours after the oil came to get the place warm enough for comfort." (This Wanderer forgot to ask him if he still isn't "maintenance engineer".) Bill, you recall, is assistant factory manager at the Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. (at Pontiac.)

St. Peter's Guild of the St. James Church will hold a final clearance on the safe of used toys and ice in the Parish House, on Friday.

Mrs. James A. Porter, of Lathrup Township, reports the theft of all four of the hub caps of her son's car, which she had driven to the Boy Scout meeting at the Lathrup school last Saturday night. Her son, Sgt. Waide Porter, is badly because the car was left in her care. Anybody knowing any and about it, please kindly inform Mrs. Porter.

Members of the Lathrup Township Women's Club have packed 54 boxes for the distribution to soldiers in camps here in the county. This project was undertaken through the cooperation of the Oakland County Red Cross. Mrs. Beatty wishes to thank all of those who helped to pack the boxes and those who made food and cash donations.

Allied Youth is again making plans for its annual New Year's Eve ball, at the Detroit Masonic Temple. Dancing will last from ten to two o'clock, and dress will be semi-formal. Tickets may be secured in Birmingham by telephoning 281.

That public drinking fountain in front of the local Liquor Store was so cold Tuesday morning that a miniature iceberg had formed on the east side of the trickle of water coming up. Now it can't be said that the City doesn't serve ice with its drinks.

Milton F. Mallerder, City Commissioner, last week had an unusual experience. For years he has searched various city directories throughout the nation for the name "Mallerder," as a sort of hobby. His father, Fred Mallerder, of Chertfield road, came to the U.S. from Yorkshire, England, in 1886, followed in 1925 by an older brother. Milt believed that these two families were the only Mallerders in the U.S. Some weeks ago, an Army Colonel, from Shelby, Montana, whose name is Mallerder, was in Detroit, he, too, was looking for the same family name and came upon Milt's in the Detroit telephone directory; he was in a hurry at the time, but later wrote Milt a note from Fort Custer—result: Milt invited him to his home at the first opportunity, which was over last weekend. Then Milt, his father, and the Colonel sat up until four a. m. Sunday morning talking about their family history. They finally agreed that Milt and the Colonel are fourth cousins.

It's a small world. One day last week Lt. Kirk Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin, 815 Oakland, who has flown on 50 missions in North Africa and Italy as a combat pilot, went to the Army Air Field at Millville, N. J., to get in an hour or two of regulation flying. (He is stationed for a while at Atlantic City.) He walked over to a hangar, saw an Air Corps soldier and said, "If this plane ready to go up?" Whereupon the soldier replied: "Yes, Sir—by the way you are Kirk Martin, aren't you?" To which Kirk gave the affirmative. The soldier gave the affirmative, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Averill, of Riverdale. The two families live in the same blocks of each other. So Kirk and Johnny had a "talk-fest" that lasted an hour.

Note from Stars Commonwealth for Boys suggests we inform you that its annual Christmas Seal campaign is going on, proceeds from which support this fine institution at Albion, Michigan, where many a boy has been reclaimed. Your check may be mailed directly to them, if you wish. And be sure buy the Tuberculosis Association's Christmas Seal.

The Presbyterian Players will present their annual Christmas play in the church Sunday evening Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. The play will be "The Dust of the Road" by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman. The cast includes: Virginia Balfour, as Prudence Steele; William Hovine, as the Old Man; Don Plumstead, the tramp; and Isaac Robertson, as Peter Steele. The play is being directed by Mrs. W. M. Milligan.

"Fats Drive" Ends  
Today ends the Junior Defense Council's fat drive in a series of Birmingham put on in the same way as the recent paper drive, leaving the method of collection and the form of competition up to each school.

In Baldwin the drive has been going on for the last three days. Students bring the waste kitchen fats to room 1, where the fats are weighed.

The fats will be sold and all the money from the sale will go to the homeroom which contributes the greatest amount, but who will not stampede the other per pound of fats to each contributor.

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## Famed Ballet To Appear In Detroit

An outstanding highlight of the current season will be the visit of the world-renowned Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo to Detroit, on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, when it will be seen at the Masonic Auditorium.

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, in its eleven years of consecutive appearances before the American public, has become a veritable national institution and its coming is an event eagerly anticipated. The oldest of all existing ballet companies and possessing the most extensive repertoire of modern and classical ballets of any company in existence, the local engagement will bring such established favorites as Alexandra Danilova, the leading prima ballerina of our times; Yuri Nemtsov, hailed by critics as the finest living male dancer of strength in his wide variety of roles; and Nathalie Krassavina, Russian ballerina of glamorous charm and impeccable technique. In addition, there will be a company of fifty dancers, together with a symphony orchestra, presided over by Franz Alleng, conductor for the company for several seasons. Eight ballets will be presented, four each night. Among them will be: "Red Poppy," "Ballet," "Etoile," "Scherezade," "Circus," "Fairy," and "Bluebird."

## Teachers' Club Christmas Party

The annual Birmingham Teachers' Club Christmas party was held last night at six o'clock at the Community House. Mrs. Virginia Williams was general chairman of the event, while others who headed committees were Miss Lucille Dewar, in charge of the program; Mrs. Josephine Albert, decorations; and Miss Joyce Olson, hostess for the evening. Group singing was led by Victor Ulrich.

## ARRESTED FOR "D. W. U. I."

Carleton M. Higbie, Kensington road, Bloomfield Hills, is scheduled to appear before Forbes S. Hascall, Municipal Judge, tomorrow night at six o'clock on charges of driving while under the influence of liquor. He was arrested early Thursday evening of last week by officers Dunn and Carlson, when he is reported to have turned north from the 14-Mile road onto the southbound lane of Woodward avenue. Mr. Higbie was lodged in the local police station over night, and released the next morning.

Want Ads Cost Little

## At Pine Lake -- \$8950

White Colonial design and situated on a 60 x 125 wooded site makes this remodeled home more than usually interesting. J.M. insulation. Storm windows. C-E oil air conditioned heat and an electric hot water heater. Year round living is a certainty here. 3 bedrooms, modern bath and large copper screened porch. If you like swimming, sailing and skating, this is it!

## Commuter's Ideal -- \$12,000

Modern brick and stone exterior and built in 1936 means economy and comfort. Oil air conditioned, insulated, etc. Spacious rooms, nicely proportioned. 3 bedrooms, 2-car attached garage. Site size 80 x 120. Adams School only a few blocks away, also the rapid transit station. Appointments required—possession by Spring.

## Ranch House -- New

1941 CONSTRUCTION with an acre of ground for freedom and fun isn't easy to find these days. But—this home is vacant now—you could move in for Christmas! Living room 15 x 22—dining room with bay. Library with fireplace and a fine first floor bedroom and bath. Upstairs two bedrooms and two more baths. Space for others also provided. With downstairs carpeting, it's a "buy" at \$25,000.

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