

At Christmastide we mortals are reminded that life is but a dream, and that we are immortal—though we may forget this truth most of each year. Comparatively few people are aware of this truth... enough aware of it to make of their lives beacons of love to make a future and a better world. That's why mankind is so confused, so sad.

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- On the East side, near the Adams School, with a half acre of ground. A brick home with three bedrooms and a tile bath which has both stall shower and tub. Insulated. Owner's illness forces sale and permits early possession. **\$15,500**
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- In Bloomfield Village, near Cranbrook Road and in the Quanton School district. Masonry and siding, first floor bedroom and bath, three large bedrooms and tiled bath on the second floor. New gas furnace. Owner transferred—immediate possession is possible. **\$21,000**
- We have several owners of Bloomfield Hills homes who will consider exchanging for a smaller home in Birmingham. If you need more home than you now have and want a little more land, come in and talk it over.

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Over at the fire department the coming of cold weather is causing considerable worry and has brought out a good suggestion for home owners. Birmingham firemen suggest you get down into the furnace room of your home and make certain that paper boxes and a lot of other stuff, all termed combustible material, be moved back away from the furnace and smoke pipes. Get a dozen feet or more away if you would feel a bit safe. Another good idea, they say, is to look at that smoke pipe and see that it is solid, with no rust holes, and see that the ash containers are kept away from combustibles. Heat ducts should be kept clean. Sounds all right, doesn't it? Why not try it? Maybe it might prevent a fire in your home. And still another idea—don't overheat the furnace or stove.

Charles S. Kinsman, 1428 Northaven, recalled some of those days of long ago, when on Monday he was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club. His topic was "Electric Heat" and he told in an interesting manner all about the discovery and use of the metals which make electric heat possible. But it was his reading of some of his appropriate verse that seemed to please the Rotarians most. Many of the younger Rotarians did not know that the speaker had been a writer of verse, had his own newspaper column and published his own book of verse.

Two more letter carriers have recently been added to the local postoffice staff and other help is to be added at the postoffice in an effort to bring the service back nearer to that of pre-war days.

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according to Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, told the Wanderer today that Birmingham's steady growth was adding more people for whom mail is received and whom mail must be delivered. "Even the staff of the site of pre-war days will not be able to handle this increased business," Postmaster Byrne said. "More people more mail, more work. We do hope to gradually build up our force of workers, both in the office and delivering mail until we can get back to our pre-war service."

Don't worry, there will be plenty of Christmas trees for every Birmingham home. This Wanderer was up in the north country the other day and going and returning it seemed that every other truck was loaded down with trees, all going to some city and many of them to Birmingham. And along the road for nearly three hundred miles there were trees for sale at many gasoline stations, stores and some at private homes. There were big spruce and balsam and some pine too. And little trees for the table and for the little room. And the price? Well, just about any price one cared to pay from \$1 up. "Never saw so many trees in my life," declared one dealer. "Looks like there are going to be twice as many as last year as we have before. We thought the tree business would be overdone last year but this year, well, we just don't know. Maybe all will find a home."

"Well, well, well!" exclaimed a visitor to a Birmingham home. "I really did not recognize you. I have not seen you since you swam the wrong way in that Fourth of July water carnival." She was addressing her remarks to one of Birmingham's well known young women. And of course both the young woman and her parents all remembered the occasion. No, we won't tell her name.

"Just pure luck," declared Tempin Licklider, Jr., a housemaster at Cranbrook School, today in telling of his award of \$1,000 in war bonds for the winning name for a new camera lens. And the winner of the Birmingham Photographic Shop in connection with the same contest has made Fritz Licklider, manager, rather happy today. Mr. Licklider explains his luck. He says he noticed an advertisement in a photographic magazine, conducting a name-lens contest. After filling out one blank, and finally deciding against sending it in, Licklider secured another and sent his entry. He selected the name "Raptor," from the Latin word "raptor" the genus of the eagle or hawk, and

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indicating something with ability to speak, keen vision, sharp mind and claws. He sent the name to the Wollensak Optical company, Rochester, New York, and thought little more about the contest until the other day when the announcement came of being declared first place winner. In his letter he mentioned that his local photographic dealer was the Photographic Shop, and for that bit of thoughtfulness this shop draws the \$300 part of the award. We would say this is a nice lot of luck to come to Birmingham, especially at Christmas time.

Just returned from India is Cpl. Donald G. Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Burnett, 563 Hanna, and the young airman declares he is probably the most happy returned serviceman to be back in the land of freedom and cleanliness. Corporal Burnett served for 18 months in Calcutta and six months in other places in India with the photographic branch of the Air Corps. He has some highly interesting stories to tell of life in India, both country and city, and was able to bring home a number of pictures. He came via the Atlantic, landing at New York and

being sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for his final discharge. From Camp Atterbury a group of 30 chartered a bus for Detroit, but the bus broke down two miles from their destination and taxis had to carry the group on to their point of debarkation. "We were wanted to get home and get there in a hurry. The taxis were too few and too slow so we pooled our cash and hired a bus," Donald said.

The age limit on the Retail Merchants Association Party, down at the Birmingham Theatre last Saturday morning was eight years. Santa was shaking hands with all of the youngsters and being swamped as he was, used both hands. He became a bit doubtful as to the ages of some of the little boys when a few of those who pumped his left hand alleged a Scout handbook by mistake.

The other day a young couple, new to Birmingham, came into the real-estate office of E. S. Jackson on Woodward avenue to close the deal for a residence property. Satisfied when the deal was finished and happy to have a home, the young woman asked the realtor, "Now you have gotten us a home maybe you can find us a baby buggy. We'll be needing one soon. And sure enough this bit of equipment had the new home also was found. The Wanderer was told that the young couple were "all smiles." (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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