

### Teachers' Library To Be Opened Soon

Library facilities over at Baldwin High School are to be still further improved. It has been decided by the Board of Education. In addition a special research library for use of teachers and other school officials will shortly be installed in connection with the school library.

Furnishings for the teachers' room will be acquired as soon as a room can be made ready, the large list of books, magazines and other periodicals, already on hand at the several school libraries about the city, will be moved to the new room.

"We want to make the library and also the new teachers' library just an attractive and comfortable place," declared President Lee E. Josly, Jr., as the Board approved the project.

The Eccentric Classified Ads Will Get Results!

### LOSSES

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Following are some of the fires where the heaviest losses were involved:

3-3-45 John Ross, 920 Henrietta, \$72,000.00.  
2-1-45 Earl Moody, 847 Purdy, \$1,150.00.

1-2-45 R. E. Anderson, 675 Park St., \$1,300.00.  
6-30-45 Briggs Development Corp., Woodward at Merrill St., \$1,000.

These fires, together with all other minor fires and their losses, represent an estimated total fire loss of \$8,717.00.

This loss figure on an estimated population of 14,000 very approximately \$62 per capita loss for the year, which is one of the lowest losses in the history of the department. This can be attributed we believe to the war restrictions and the thought that people were conservative of property as much as possible.

Causes for the fires range all the way from carelessness of tenants to defective construction and the lack of available services men for adjusting and maintenance of mechanical devices.

#### Fire Causes Listed

Automobile and truck fires, 25; carelessness, 20; careless smoking, 17; careless disposal of hot ashes, 3; electrical wiring, 1; defective chimneys, 23; defective stoves and furnaces, 12; defective gas pipe or smoke pipe, 8; defective electrical appliances, 15; defective wiring, 1; explosions, 1; false alarms, 1; grass fires, 28; incendiary fires, 0; overheated stoves and furnaces, etc., 7; rubbish fires in the open, 30; sparks from chimney on composition roof, 0; sparks from chimney on wood roof, 0; spontaneous ignition, 0; unknown, 0; investigations (no loss) 125; first aid runs, 9; electric starting and high winds, 2; number of lives lost by fire during 1945, 0.

NOTE: There were no lives lost due to fire for the year of 1945. However, one fireman was seriously injured and confined to the hospital.

#### Water Supply Report

Month	Gals. of water pumped per day	Feet Cast
Jan.	44,516,300	463.15
Feb.	40,590,400	426.03
March	44,288,300	474.39
April	44,923,100	455.73
May	37,802,300	409.75
June	44,212,400	404.87
July	57,570,900	417.40
Aug.	58,634,400	639.50
Sept.	52,634,700	507.43
Oct.	42,185,400	490.27
Nov.	43,496,800	461.01
Dec.	42,190,200	450.01

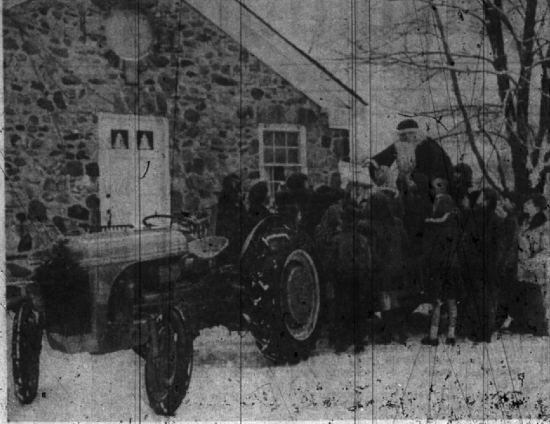
Totals 552,246,000 6,035.74  
Monthly average 46,020,500 \$602.98

It is believed that more water was pumped this year during an average year where precipitation was normal, although about 5 per cent more water was pumped during the years of 1938 and 1939 when we experienced two years of drought or dry seasons.

#### TWO MORE BOYS HOME

Harry Smith Connell, AOM 3/c, 419 Wallace street, and Stewart Scott, R.M. 2/c, 444 Frank street, received their discharges on December 20, at the Great Lakes Naval Personnel Separation Center, Ill.

### Tractor Replaces Reindeer As Santa Visits Wing Lake School



Wing Lake School, an 8-year-old, one-room schoolhouse, four miles west of Birmingham, Michigan, was visited by Santa Claus last week, in a new fashion, aboard a Ford-Ferguson tractor pulling a two-wheeled wagon loaded with Christmas presents for the twenty-six students and the teacher, Mrs. Geneva Faussting. They gave St. Nick a party at which a magician entertained with his bag of tricks, then went on a modern hayrack ride pulled by Santa on his tractor through snow covered hills and valleys surrounding the school. Shown in pictures with Santa are Shirley Binley, Howard Boardman, Donna Case, Teddy Leaf, Dick Shinn, Paula Albertson, Mary Ellen Beusman, Bobby Deeds, Michael Pool, Kitty Proctor, Bill Shannon, Tommy Deane, Sue Reese, James Case, William Service, William Stockinger, Gene Reese, John Rhodes, Judith Rice, Barbara Hestekel.

**SERVE AT DETROIT USO**  
Down at the Detroit U.S.O. Canten on Christmas Day were these Birmingham folks representing the MOBS Club: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Minting and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cole. Baked ham, coffee, cake and fruit were set by the club and served at breakfast and lunch. In the afternoon, with Mrs. H. D. Harris as chairman, members of the Women's Union of the First Presbyterian Church served roast turkey and all the fixings, gifts of the members.

**LIBERTY CLEANERS & HATTERS**  
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The response by my friends and customers has been most gratifying to me.

May you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year

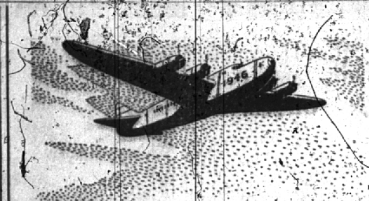
**SPECIAL**  
I have wanted Orchids for New Year's, and must be in this week.

**H. P. DOYING**  
1975 PIERCE STREET  
Near Pierce School

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in "THE HEIGHTS"  
BIRMINGHAM'S NEWEST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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REALTORS  
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**HEALTH-HAPPINESS-PROSPERITY**

**When Grandpa Was a Boy**  
He spent most of a Saturday going to town and back in a buggy. We can pretty nearly span the continent in that time now.

The horse and buggy are gone; the rail fence is gone, but human nature is still much the same. In these days, as in those, friendships count in business.

We are proud of our long list of friends on this New Year of 1946—a list that has been growing steadily with the years—and want to express this word of thanks as we send you our New Year greetings.

**McBRIDE HARDWARE**  
130 S. Woodward

### Health Champs



4-H Club health champions, chosen at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, are Ednae Chapman, 17, left; Centerberg, 0; Louise Hale, 17; Randlett, Okla.; John H. Savoy, 17; Cameroff, La.; Harris Reinbolt, 16; Marshall, Minn.

### OPENING

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of Directors and the Youth Council wish to express their appreciation for these generous gifts.

Equipment gifts:  
The design and plan for the room was a gift of the local architect firm of Saarinen & Swanson. The equipment for the snack bar includes the ice-cream cabinet and soda fountain presented by William Little of the Detroit Creamery Company; a Kelvinator refrigerator presented by Charles T. Lawson of the Nash Refrigerator Corporation; a bottle cooler presented by H. G. Little of the Campbell-Ewald company; a complete three-burner Silex set presented by Harold Hill of the Detroit Edison company; a grill presented by Walter O. Briggs of the Detroit Baseball company; a fan presented by Rowen Valle of the American Blower company; and membership tickets printed by the Birmingham Eccentric.

The committee that has worked to make this room possible includes Mr. and Mrs. Theron Van Dusen, Edward Anderson, Hal Mahley, Mrs. Hugh McLesser, R. H. Whitlock and Percy Barnett.

#### Youth Council in Charge

Beginning Jan. 2 the governing of the room will be the responsibility of the Youth Council with the co-operative guidance of the Adult Youth Committee, the continued assistance of the Community House Board of Directors and the supervision of the Community House executive director.

The Ranch Room will be open for the youth every afternoon after school from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock and on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 12:30. On Saturday afternoons it will be open from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock for the Barium Junior High youth. The room will also be open one night a week for the Veterans of this war under the Veterans Council Board.

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### BEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

The deadline for classified advertisements for the issue of The Eccentric for January 3 will be Monday afternoon, December 18, at 5 o'clock. This is made necessary because of New Year's Day falling on Tuesday, which makes it impossible to accept classified advertising copy any later. We must still go to press the usual time and make the mails Thursday morning.

A soldier was experiencing his first trip as sea aboard an Atlantic convoy.

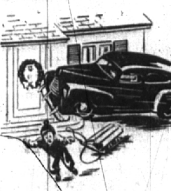
"Sarge," he said, "I'm beginning to feel seasick. What can I do?"

"Don't worry son," he hardened sergeant answered. "You'll do it."

### Fast Driving Can Spoil a Christmas

Christmas is the Holiday of Homecomings and Happiness.

Yet Christmas for many homes in past years has been a day of tragedy and sorrow. Auto accidents have wrecked the homecoming.



**SPEED, THE KILLER**, has taken his toll. The cheery holiday season has faded into a somber scene; the gay green and blue and orange lights by flickering candles. These drivers' mistakes have wrecked the holiday.

Last December, 84 persons were killed and 2,428 others were injured in traffic accidents in Michigan. Since V-J Day, crowded highways and excessive speed have accelerated the accident rate.

Don't risk death for yourself and sorrow for those who love you.

Drive with care; avoid speed.

Keep for a Safe Holiday.

**AUTOMOBILE INSURERS SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

Again glad bells are ringing out. Their message loud and clear: Best wishes, friends, to all of you, To all a bright New Year!

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FINE FURNITURE  
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**HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS**

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Living Room - Dining Room - Library  
Bedrooms - Kitchen - Laundry

Draperies, Curtains, Mirrors, Books, Pictures, Garden Furniture, Glass, Crystal, China, Silver, Sporting Goods, Garden Tools.

**Sunday, December 30th, from 10 A.M.**

**SALE CONDUCTED BY:**  
**H. O. McNierney**  
Appraiser CH 9072

**We, at Shain's Drug Store, extend to you, our greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous**

**1946**

We rededicate our efforts to that pledge made forty years ago, to place community service first.

**SHAIN'S DRUG STORE**  
West Maple at Pierce St.  
1906 Forty Years of Community Service 1946

**PEACE** has come to the world again, and at this holiday time our hearts are filled with gratitude for the brighter prospects of years ahead.

With firm adherence to our traditional ideals of liberty and justice \* \* strong in our united aims \* \* let us go forward together on the new road to happiness and prosperity \* \* \*

**Birmingham Fruit Co.**  
124 N. Woodward

**SPEED the KILLER**

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