

Birmingham Has A Merry Christmas

Birmingham's beautiful Christmas tree in the park between the Municipal building and Baldwin library, was the scene of the annual Christmas carol sing at dusk on Sunday, Dec. 25. Groups of people from all over the city gathered there to assist in and enjoy the program.

The tree was beautifully lighted, lights having been strung by city workers from the department of public works, who also arranged the beautiful manger scene. Flood lights were arranged by the Edison company and the Birmingham fire department for the occasion.

Churches on Sunday were filled with people for the programs and sermons appropriate for the Christmas season, and for the carol singing and other activities of the season.

In hundreds of homes the return of service men and women brought added happiness; some having seen home after an absence of many years.

Betrothed



Jayne E. North

At a Christmas party, held in their home on Purdy street, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee North announced the engagement of their daughter, Jayne, to Duke Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Howe of Petoskey and Indian River, Mich.

The news was made known with placed cards, which carried the names, "Jayne" and "Duke" on them.

The bride-elect and her fiancé attended high school in Petoskey and the University of Michigan. They are now students at Ypsilanti Normal college.

The wedding is to be an event of June.

Pictorial Jasper Stones Exhibited At Art Institute

Currently being exhibited at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Dr. Claude H. Barlow's collection of pictorial jasper stones range in size from half-inch ovals to twelve square inch plaques. The hand-cut flat-cut and tab-chop pieces depict landscapes naturally simulated in miniature, and no two are ever alike.

For the past twelve years, Dr. Barlow has collected these stones from the terrain in the vicinity of Cairo. Some two million stones have been cracked to find the hundred which constitute this collection. Jasper, also called "Egyptian Pebbles" are opaque stones of the quartz family sometimes confused with agates, which, when cracked or split open, reveal jasper landscape pictorials resembling the scenic beauty of the territory in which they are found.

Dr. Barlow does his grinding, polishing and mounting of stones in the lapidary workshop of his Cairo home. The most recent comparable lapidary was an eleventh century artisan who cut stones without regard for their pictorial value to decorate jewel-box lids. Fine jasper pictorials are rare and Dr. Barlow is the only known present day artisan in these stones.

Engagement Told At An Open House

At an open house which was given last night by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Guest at their home on Larehale drive, guests learned



Jean Marjory Guest

of the engagement of Jean Marjory Guest to Donald Arthur Cabral, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cabral of Westchester Way, Napkins with the names "Jean" and "Donald" printed on them told friends of the news.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Baldwin High School and of Michigan State College. She also attended the University of Toledo, Ohio. Her fiancé has recently returned from 28 months with the AAF in the Pacific theater of operations. He will resume his studies at the University of Michigan where he is affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity.

There are no immediate plans for the wedding.

Others Are Not Being Forgotten

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools and president of the Birmingham Rotary Club, told his club Monday noon at its annual Christmas program that Birmingham residents are not forgetting others at the happy Christmas time.

At both Barnum and Baldwin schools, Friday, at the closing assembly at each school before the Christmas vacation, children and young folks brought hundreds of cans of food for shipment overseas to homes where the pinch of hunger is being felt this winter.

The spirit of helpfulness, he said, had led to the sermon at the First Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, by Dr. H. Milligan, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Arvon, Pa. Because of illness Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor, was unable to fill his Sunday engagements, and Dr. Milligan kindly filled in for him.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
The sacred cantata for Christmas, "Glory to God," is to be presented by the regular church choir at the First Methodist church on Sunday morning, Dec. 30, at 11 o'clock. The soloists will be Mrs. John Bellamy, alto; Mrs. Rex McReynolds, soprano; Victor Peck, baritone; and Daniel Robins, tenor. Oscar Schmidt is to be the organist, and Victor Ulrich, the director.

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