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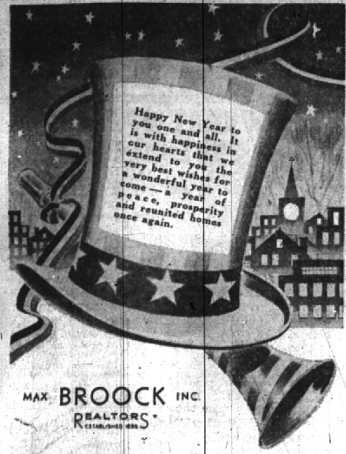
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Winter came in like a polar bear Saturday morning with quite a covering of new-fallen snow to give substance to the calendar's calculations. "Old Man Autumn" walked off the set at 12:04 a.m. Saturday after having had quite some trouble to keep Winter out of the picture as long as he did. Winter's chill breath had been creeping in everywhere and he gave the Birmingham area no let up over the week end and into Christmas Day. But Birmingham did not have nearly as much snow as did other places—Buffalo for instance, or the snow belt up in the far tip of the lower peninsula. Birmingham folks just hibernated from the East; really Buffalo and much of the East really has been snowed under.

Here's a plea to Birmingham hunters. The Wanderer learns that all Birmingham hunters who have not already sent in their cards, are asked by the Conservation Department at Lansing to get those cards back to the East by the middle of February. Quite a few such cards should be in the mails for Birmingham nimrods were quite successful in their quest for deer, and small game hunters had fair luck. The cards were furnished with both deer and small-game hunting licenses. This is the only means to count the various game bags each year and upon which to base future hunting regulations. Last year only 17 per cent of the hunters returned their cards, although a state law makes this mandatory. So send in that card, Mr. Hunter.

People all over the world have a habit of wandering into far places to live, and Birmingham folks seem no different from the rest. Anyway today there came to the desk of this Wanderer a letter

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from Mrs. A. L. Harvey, who formerly lived in Birmingham, and who has lived in Pennsylvania and in Tennessee. She now lives in Detroit—about 100 miles far away. Her father was William Hanna for whom the Hanna building, corner of Maple and Woodward, was named. She asks for a copy of the Golden Anniversary number of the Bee, from which to gather facts for a part of a family history.

Bloomfield Hills section had a rather bad fire last Thursday when flames destroyed the building used for a groom's boarding house out at the Open Hunt club. There were plenty of firemen on the scene but soon they ran out of water and had to stand by and watch the building destroyed. Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Cranbrook departments responded, each with a tank of water and Cranbrook even brought along an extra tank. But that was not enough. The pump at the building apparently was the only water supply at hand.

Even the cold winter weather we've been having lately could not keep those enthusiastic flyers out at the Berr Airport on the ground. They were up in dry suits, men, women and young folks. Quite a number have been doing solo flying. Every now and then a strange plane alights on one of the runways, bringing home Birmingham folks for the holiday season.

Valney P. Bayley, one of the partners of the new Bayley and Caldrider automobile concern in Birmingham, is a nationally known polo player and enjoys a number one rating among the polo players of the Midwest. He has a five goal rating in the United States Polo Association and he judges there is no other player in the nation that outrank him. He owns three polo ponies.

Down at Olsen's Market things have gone military since Cornell Stanger, late of the United States Coast Guard came to work there. Cornell is new on the job and frequently has to inquire the price of merchandise. He calls out to Bill Olsen, the boss, "Hey, Bill, how much does pickled bologna sell for?" Bill answers with the correct price and Cornell yells heck, Roger, over and out." Then when he's stuck on another item the dialogue is repeated. Cornell served

with the Coast Guard overseas for 2 1/2 months. He is a store keeper, third class. "In the Coast Guard you are referred to as a fighting store keeper," he says.

Birmingham has had its cigaret lines, its meat lines, sugar and butter lines but until Christmas time came we had not heard of a candy line. But that is just what we saw at the candy store down South Woodward a short way Friday morning. Folks were lined up at the counter taking their turn to get at some of the fine Christmas candies manufactured and sold there, while others waited outside in the winter cold for their chance. This Wanderer was there, too; just happened by, and received a cheery greeting from those in line. All seemed happy that there was candy for them in these days of sugar shortage.

The Selective Service office over in the Municipal Building is to be closed Dec. 30, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holidays. However, the office will be open on Saturday, Dec. 29 and on Saturday, January 5.

That little runway-like structure between the telephone office building on Pierce street and the rear of the Shain drug store building, is really a passage way to allow workers at the telephone office to reach the new restrooms being installed for them in the Shain building. Work on this improvement to the telephone building is reported to be nearing completion.

In Birmingham last week and Santa Claus was seen busy gliding around town in an Army Jeep. In the car were Mrs. Carol Pumphrey, president of the Community House; Jack Thomas, veteran counselor and Sgt. Byron Doyle, army recruit. They were on their way to Santa, and delivered some of Santa's good things to homes in the city where children might not otherwise have such a Merry Christmas. The gifts were made possible through the activities of the Birmingham Goodfellows. And Santa sure was welcome in many homes.

Among the unusual reports on the police department books the past week were two instances where persons had placed their packages of goods purchased in Birmingham stores in the wrong automobile. One might say, "know your own car when hitting it," or might call attention to the need for exercising considerable care after once one's good money has been spent for some wanted article. Anyway Ruth McCullough phoned that she apparently had left her purchases in the wrong car and asked that police keep her own car safe. Someone reported the fact to the department. Mrs. Charles Carey, of Lahser road, phoned that someone had placed a number of packages in her car by mistake.

"You certainly have some unusual experiences when you travel about the country and world as a soldier," declared Bill Rosso, just out of the service and back home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rosso, 412 Pierce

street. Bill was seated in a thumper in a California city recently when a woman sitting next to him asked: "Aren't you Bill Rosso, of Birmingham?" and of course Bill admitted he was the man in question. It was all the woman and her husband went on to get acquainted and Bill found that they were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Strate, now of Cleveland, Ohio, and that Mrs. Strate, the former Jane Poole, attended school in Birmingham with Bill's father, John M. Rosso, and his mother, who is the former Beryl McColligan. The Strates took Bill out for a dinner party and trips about the area during their stay in the western city.

Bill Schwilke says funny things happen to cars especially in these days of cars long in use. Anyway the other day the speedometer cable to Bill's car broke just at the time when two readings, the car carries, read the same forward and backward. One was 70897 and the other 4224.

Perry A. Vaughan out at the Southfield Township office on Telegraph road, says he has heard that the heavy fall of snow in the deer country around Lincoln, where he usually does his hunting, broke the branches of cedar and hardwood trees. However, the tree damage is going to be offset he says, by the food these branches are providing for the deer colony. Vaughan says the fallen branches will supply the best kind of browse for the deer.

Men, of course, are generally interested in "dough"—another name for money. Some of them also are interested in the kind of dough that turns into cakes and pies. For example, one of the 178 Henrietta, is his ability to bake cakes and pies. He also likes to cook other things, especially when he is up north at a deer hunting camp. For proof of Harry's culinary talents, ask Russell McBride and Joe Mowry. They have survived a number of seasons of Harry's cooking.

A generation ago, the letters used by teachers to mark the cards, of students was different from today. "A" is better, "B" is fair, "C" is excellent; "P" poor, etc. Now letters are keyed to certain ratios of 100. "A" still topping the list. Norman Lyle, 1347 Yorkshire, ad-

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