



Christmas AND THE SAME OLD WISH TO YOU

• We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

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Local C. of C. Begins Sale of Auto Licenses

Sale of 1948 license plates has begun in Birmingham, at the branch office of the Secretary of State, sponsored by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at its temporary quarters, 772 South Woodward Avenue.

Start of the license plate activity comes as the Chamber is still gaining charter members, and before a permanent organization has been established. The office was opened as a result of efforts by the "interim" officers of the Chamber, assisted by volunteer workers.

"To Get Things Done" "After all the purpose of the Chamber is to get things done," Genaro A. Flores, interim president points out. "We see no reason why convenience to the community such as the license bureau should wait until our organizing job is completed. Therefore, we acted at once."

Active in the work of establishing the new office were Foster Toubacker and Lawrence Nelson, members of the interim Board of Directors, and John M. Hall, interim treasurer of the Chamber. Volunteer workers aiding the Chamber officials spent several days in the Detroit office of the Secretary of State studying legal and operating requirements.

Simultaneously with the issuance of the first plates, leaders of Birmingham civic groups cooperating with the Chamber began a co-ordinated effort to persuade Birmingham residents to buy their plates well in advance of March 1—the date use of 1947 plates becomes illegal.

Convenience to all "This branch office of the Secretary of State is potentially a convenience to all of us," according to Richard Patterson, president of the Birmingham Veterans' Organization. "However, it will be only as convenient as we, the citizens of Birmingham, make it."

"If we wait until the evening of February 29, we'll be standing in line as usual," Patterson warned. "And that's never convenient, no matter where one does the standing."

Plates are issued from 9 to 5 every day except Saturdays, when the office closes at noon.

Services

of Lights and Carols will be conducted. The church will present a lovely setting of candlelight and Christmas greens, and the feature of the service will be the candle-lighting ceremony, which reaches its climax at 12:30. The choir will sing appropriate Christmas music, and the pastor's message for Christmas will be based on "Glimpses of the Christ Child."

At the First Methodist church the service is for 8 o'clock and will be centered around the Communion service of the church. Two choral numbers, "In Excelsis Deo," and "O Holy Night" will be sung by the choir. The pastor, Rev. Arnold Runkle, will conduct a brief Communion meditation.

All churches will feature the traditional seasonal music of their creed, and all will be beautifully decorated for the services. Open invitations have been extended by each participating church to the community to join the congregation in worship.

Amateur Hockey Tickets Available

A supply of hockey tickets for two games in the amateur hockey league next Monday, Dec. 29, await first callers in the YMCA office. Reservations and tickets may be had by calling 124. It is proposed that the group attend in a body and will go under adult supervision. There is a charge, local secretary E. Kirbert said.

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Dr. Deam Receives Award



During the annual "Members Night" at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Mary Super Pope medal was awarded Dr. Charles C. Deam (left) of Bluffton, Ind., in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment in the field of plant science. The presentation was made by Gustavus D. Popp (right), of the Cranbrook Institution's Board of Trustees.

Bits

(Continued from Page 1) phone installed in his office. But the nice part of the whole matter is that three Birmingham business men, already have underwritten his "Caravan" phone bill to the extent of \$400. The three benefactors are Leon de St. Nicholas, who gave \$200, and Dr. Bertram Campbell and Bert Carpenter, each of whom chipped in \$100 apiece.

Their financial contribution evidences the interest they have in seeing that the food donation drive is as successful as possible, that communication between their Chambers is not delayed. It still shows what people will do when a human appeal is made.

Postal officials will probably climb all over this Wanderer for reporting the following instance, and here goes a story about a Florida woman who was a bit late in mailing her Christmas present to a Birmingham family and how she solved her problem of having it arrive in time. She took the package to the post office and requested that it be sent COD. Then she sent a money order by first class mail to the family here which will be used to pay for the package when it arrives. She learned that the U. S. post office doesn't like to handle packages tied up in COD packages, therefore rushes them through. At this time of year, an ordinary parcel post package would be delayed.

Saturday afternoon we watched with considerable amusement and sympathy a boy and his dog, who had suffered out with dog and sleigh to get the family Christmas tree. He had the tree securely tied to a sleigh—but there the Christmas spirit died from Fido. The lad would coax and call and tug, while the dog—a friendly sort—would wag his tail and he held no hard feelings. The boy would run a few feet down the road, and the dog would sit and watch. Finally, the boy began to throw chunks of snow and ice in an effort to get the dog to chase them in the general direction of home. This worked fine, until Fido stopped and nick the first one up, then the sled coasted forward, and the dog received an abrupt bump from tree and sled. This led him to get tangled up in his harness. We wonder if the poor lad ever did get the tree home!

Folks who are driving around our town to look at Christmas decorations which Birmingham residents have so skillfully placed on or around their homes, should note the work of Howard Holah, manager of the Birmingham Theatre, who has drawn on the professional skills of his basement workshop facilities to really decorate his home at the corner of Park and Euclid. Howard has been decorating in this fashion for years and this year the results are better than ever. Because he has this year been able to draw from the resources of an equipped theatrical shop, he thinks it would be unfair to enter competition in the local home decorating contest, but invites everyone to come and see his display. Incidentally, the Retail Merchants contest committee officially eliminated Howard from this year's competition by making him a judge for the current contest, which didn't bother Howard one bit.

Now that their big brothers and sisters in Baldwin high school have donated several thousand cans of foodstuffs for the "Friendship Food Caravan" at last Friday's Christmas assembly, the grade school children are being given the opportunity to participate in the "Caravan" Saturday, Jan. 2nd, when the ticket of admission to the Kiddies Cartoon Show at the Birmingham Theatre will be one or more cans of food. Howard Holah, theatre manager, is arranging the party for the benefit of the drive.

Confirm District

City commissioners Monday night confirmed the assessment roll for the construction of curb, gutter, gravel and asphaltic concrete on Bensenville, between Grant and Edgewood.

Although used in natural alloys even in ancient times, nickel was unknown as an element until 1751, when its discovery came about through experiments of the Swedish scientist Cronstedt.

Plan Town Hall Discussion on School Taxes

Whether the state or the local community should contribute more or less to the support of public schools will be debated in a Town Hall meeting at Adams School Monday, Jan. 12.

The Town Hall is being sponsored by the Adams School Parent Teacher Association and the Oakland Citizens League.

Appearing on the panel of speakers will be Mrs. Bernice M. Watson of Flat, the only woman member of the State Legislature; J. C. Covert of schools there, superintendent of schools there, and an expert on school taxation; Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools in Birmingham; and Elliott S. Kinney, local real estate man, representing the Birmingham Real Estate Board.

Frank J. McGinnis, Birmingham promotion manager of Ford Motor Company, will act as moderator. The topic for discussion will be "State Versus Local Support of Schools." It is expected that the panel will bring out salient features of school tax problems, including the sales tax diversion amendment and state and federal aid to schools. An opportunity will be given the audience to question speakers in true Town Hall fashion.

Mrs. Watson is a member of the House of Representatives committee on education and of the governor's committee on the sales tax diversion amendment. She is regarded as an authority on school problems, having been a Flint school teacher for several years prior to her election to the legislature.

The Town Hall is part of a series being sponsored throughout Oakland County by the Oakland Citizens League, in cooperation with local groups. Besides members of the Adams PTA the meeting will be open to the general public.

Requirement Upped

Floor requirements for single family residences under the city's zoning ordinance was raised from 500 to 700 sq. ft. by an amendment of the city commission Monday night.

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Worker Recovering From Stomach Injury

Willis Baldwin, 20, of East Alice street, Royal Oak, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital Friday after he had been injured in an accident at the Field Detroit plant on East Maple road. Baldwin was operating a rip saw when a piece of lumber broke and kicked back through the saw, striking him in the stomach. Company officials reported Monday that his condition was fair.

GREETINGS

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