Wednesday, December 24, 1947 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

We Gan Do It,
But Will We?

nation recently did not enter the State of Michigan. The citizens of this state were not afforded the opportunity of contributing to its valuable cargo designed for the hungry peoples of Western Europe.

However, we in Birmingham now have the opportunity to share our more fortunate circumstances with the caloricative opened of France. The Michigan Junior Chambers of Commerce are now sponsoring a "Friendship Food Caravan", to consist of canned food donations from Michiganders. This food will be sent to France. sent to France.

The people of this state—the state which did more than any other to provide the war material necessary to win the recent conflict—now have the opportunity to show that we also have a heart of gold, as well as of steel.

Since the "Motor Caravan" idea was originated by the Birmingham Junior Chamber, it would be nice if our local contributions were greater than any Michigan city of comparative size.

Can we in Birmingham do it? Will we do it?

Our Thanks,
Mr. Mailman!

of weeks everyone has been receiving more than the usual amount of mail, consisting primarily of Yuletide greeting cards. Uncle Sam's mail catriers can now look forward to a real "Happy New Year"; that is, until the mail starts pourior in during the 1948 Christmas season into induring the 1948 Christmas season rear; that is, until the mail starts pour-ing in during the 1948 Christmas season. To our mailmen, we say this Christmas, "Thanks for bringing our letters without undue delay, despite the fact that the volume of mail this year reached an all-time high."

Gov. Kim Sigler is opposed to the un-necessary centralization of governmental responsibility for the rendition of pulse services. He believes that the closer gov-ernment is to the people, the better democracy will work. That is why he philests to the assumption by the conobjects to the assumption by the State, or the federal government in Washington, of the solution of purely local problems.

This grand little city of Birmingham has, indeed, a fine future ahead of it—provided there is planning and vision by its leaders. It seems to us that the newly created Chamber of Commerce, working with leadership among public officials and other organizations, can bring into focus a few desired objectives. oring into focus a few desired objectives toward which this area can develop. The Eccentric pledges its support to every worthwhile plan developed to those ends.

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Waiting for Some of our local businessmen ask if the city is now figuring out how much of an assessment the business section will have to bear in the development of any new city-owned parking lots. We do not believe the matter has progressed to this point, yet. City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been instructed by the city commission to report on the various means of financing such lots. Egbert may come up with an assessment formula in his recommendation on parking lot financing. He may discover another means to pay for them; he has given no indication of what his report may include. However, municipal parking lots appear to be quite some way off; when the city finally decides to buy a lot, and develop it, that will be the time the financial angle will have to be thrashed out.

Quarton School's
Safety Program
from the Michigan Automobile Club for
the school's traffic safety program. Quarton teachers and children are to be congratulated on its success; it is to be hoped
that the other schools in the Birmingham
district—or in the nation, for that matter
—achieve such glorious results with traffic safety education that these youngsters
will carry with them for the rest of their
lives the advantages of such training.

Secretary of State Marshall recently told his countrymen that Soviet Russia apparently doesn't want world peace. That should put every American on the alert to the fact that the issue from now on is: Democracy versus Totalitarianism. War does, now, exist between these two idealologies; it could end in bloodshed for certainly thus far the conference table has been fruitless in bringing together the leaders of Russia and the United States.

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December 21, 1927
"I have been in a lot of jails, but never in one with wallpaper before," was the comment of the vagrant escorted to the temporary quarters of the Birmingham Police Department Thursday might.

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Place a candle in your window from 7 to 9 viclock Christmas Eve for the work of the community single ground the

Many persons have the mis-taken idea that there is a reduc-tion in price if they buy their dog tags early. This is true, only in that it will save them the penaity fee, assessed if they do not buy their tags before the closing date.

The Election Year Dawn Comes Up Like Thunder



#### Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
December 24, 1897
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20 YEARS AGO December 21, 1927

night.

The memory of Martha Baldwin was revered at the opening of the new library last week, when a special program of her favorite special program of the favorite is proud of the new building, and proud of the woman whose memory will be always held dear.

striking the other cars. No one On College Paper

was injured.

Police Sgt. Grant Springstead asks all parents to warn their children about using their sleds in the street. There have been no such accidents here, and all would certainly like to see this record maintained throughout the winter.

Complinents are being offered Miss Ruth Poucher for the pretty decorations she has arranged in the juvenile section of Esidewin Library. She explained that the children are due credit, too, for story hour the survey of the story hour the way to the story hour the

A sterilized, collapsible, disposable nursing bottle for babies is being turned out by a Chicago manufacturer, using plastic film. Baby feeders will cut bottles from long tube of film, fit open end around metal fixture containing apple, toss away after one use. Cost, 31 for 100 "bottles."

Bruce Randall has been named to the news writing staff of the Denisonian, official paper of Deni-son University at Granville, Ohio. Bruce, who is a senior at Deni-

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
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Woodward Avenue Sundavirum, Odubind County, Girmingham, Odkiand County, Michigan.

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## Camera Corner



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