

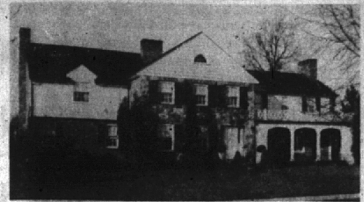
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How many of us await the opportunities of the coming year? With how many of us it is the unuttered hope that tomorrow, next week, next month, things will be better. We hope it may be so. We hope that there is in store for you blessings such as you have not enjoyed before, and that this New Year's holiday will be one of complete joy for all.

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One local man reported to this Wanderer last Thursday that his young son, after opening all his Christmas every day! Can anybody say, "Daddy, let's have Christmas every day!" Can anybody think of a youngster who would like every day to be Christmas? Or a few hundred million adults who would like the same?

Ladies, you don't have to lug those bags of groceries all the way home in your arms if you follow the example of one local woman. This Wanderer observed her wheeling home a week's supply of food items in an old baby buggy. Might see if you could dig Junior's out of the garage or the attic... and put it to use again.

That thrilling but dangerous sport—pulling sleds behind a moving automobile—has made its appearance this winter season. This Wanderer saw, one recent afternoon, a car with four sleds behind it; leading the parade was Dad, with his young son on sled number two, his young daughter on the third sled—and Mamma, with a very young child in her arms, on sled number four.

Commissioners Coit Allen and John Maris have come to the aid of this Wanderer with their statements before the commission last week concerning the timing of the traffic signal at Oakland and Hunter avenues. Both of the gentlemen agreed that the light seems to have it in for the Oakland traffic because of the shortness of the green light compared to the length of the red light. They asked City Manager Don Egbert to contact the State Highway Department to see if some more favorable timing couldn't be worked out. Just to show another example of what happens with Oakland traffic, a local resident Thursday morning admitted crossing Hunter against a red light. "I waited three min-

utes for the thing to change and four or five other cars were waiting behind me. Finally, when they all began honking their horns, I went across against the light, as did one or two behind me. After I got down the street a ways, I looked in my rear-view mirror and saw the light change." This Wanderer hopes satisfactory results will be forthcoming from the City Manager's consultations with the highway department.

Old Man Winter took pity on Yule celebrants, is seen, by tossing around for a few hours Christmas afternoon a pretty heavy snowfall. It all contributed to really making part of Christmas Day "white."

Next time you get a Roosevelt dime in your change, take a good look at the initials which appear midway between the date and the point of the neck of the figurehead. Apparently the designer's initials, nevertheless they are the same as that internationally-known coincidence, in Moscow, "J.S." This Wanderer believes it is quite a coincidence, inasmuch as Russia was loaned some American paper currency engraved plates at one time during the war.

If anyone happened to be driving through downtown Birmingham on the evenings before Christmas, they saw a large number of persons who still hadn't bought their Christmas presents yet. As long as human nature remains as it is, and as long as people still observe certain annual customs with a gift, there will always be those "last-minute shoppers" Birmingham, too, has its share.

Three local girls, Donna Puls, and Fat and Shirley Queen, went a-caroling the Sunday before Christmas and ended up after three hours with fifteen dollars as gifts

of pleased families. Their noblest gesture, however, came when the three girls turned the money over to the national infantile paralysis fund.

Regardless how many Christmas trees this Wanderer may see with many colored lights, we will still thrill to the beauty of a gigantic tree in the center of the community which shines out as the symbol of the city's joyous expression at Yuletide.

One of the City Commission's shortest meetings was their pre-Christmas one which lasted less than a half hour. No doubt, each Commissioner had a few last-minute details to attend to before December 25th, as did practically everyone, including the press.

When are those motorists who park along the rolled curb which parallels the National Bank's Hamilton avenue parking lot going to be ticketed for illegal parking? Or is that a legal parking zone? This Wanderer has seen the police department's "tricycle" pat right past cars parked in that zone without so much as a sideward glance.

Taken a good look at the city's parking meters lately? Then you may have noticed the new plates that have been fastened to them giving all the pertinent information concerning regulation hours, near the singing. Gee, Mom, it was just the last of the plates were fastened in place. According to

city officials, the plates did not come on the meters originally because the meter company didn't have them available at the time. Now, however, motorists can't complain that the paint has been rubbed off so they couldn't tell when the meters were to be used. The new plates are weatherproof, or as near it as can be possible.

"It seems so peculiar," this Wanderer heard a young lady remark the day after Christmas. "I had a wonderful time yesterday—the best Christmas ever—but here it is today and Christmas is all over and I can't quite believe it! Maybe this is an honest-to-goodness indication of adulthood—when Christmas passes and you're still anticipating—but if it is, I'm going to go into my second childhood as soon as possible."

This Wanderer received in the mail this week a letter from a local woman who put in writing an experience her 12-year-old son had this Christmas. A fine and beautiful tribute to a son, the letter which follows also praises the community in which he is growing up. "This is a Christmas letter. About the spirit of Christmas, and the spirit of Birmingham. We have a twelve-year-old son. Just about like any twelve-year-old boy you might see standing beside his bike uptown. Grimy, horny, sniffling, and (to us) lovable. He set out on his bike to do his Christmas shopping after school one day. He came home a little bit after dusk—his face beatific, his eyes starry. He said, 'You know, Mom, on the way home I stopped by the manger scene in the City Park. I stayed as long as I wanted. The tree was like it is every year, and I could hear the singing. Gee, Mom, it was just wonderful. Christmas any (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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