

### Young Boys and Girls of Birmingham Enjoy Annual Christmas Theater Party



A special hour and a half program of movie cartoons were enjoyed Saturday morning at the Birmingham theater by hundreds of local boys and girls who attended the annual children's theater party sponsored by

the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. This Yuletide affair has become a tradition for the youngsters.

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### Experts Warn Of Yule Tree Fire Hazards

F. M. Scott, Birmingham fire marshal, asks residents to use a few simple precautions which can prevent Christmas gaiety and joy from turning into tragedy. Fire hazards increase in the home during the winter months, and to a far greater extent through the holiday season. Some of the things Scott advises are:

Cut the base of your tree as soon as possible after buying it, and keep it submerged in water constantly.

Keep the tree in the house as short a time as possible, with the cut always under water. Increase the humidity of the room to keep the tree from drying out.

Keep Away from Fireplace

It is not practical for the average user to flameproof his tree. Consult the fire department before using any chemical or homemade solutions. Be wary of trees which are sold as "proof."

Don't place the tree near the fireplace, radiator, stove, register or other source of heat and keep it away from powerful electric lights. Don't ever use candles. A tree and be sure to keep tinsel and other metallic decorations in a good distance from light sockets. As soon as gifts are opened,

dispose of the wrappings and packings in a safe place. Use only lights, wires and fixtures which bear the label of approval from the Underwriters' Laboratories. Check the wires for defects and loose sockets.

Don't Overload Outlets

When you are to be out of the room for any length of time, turn tree lights off. Also, avoid overloading an outlet. Distribute your tree lights over several outlets and never use a penny or oversized fuse.

In places where crowds will gather, be sure the tree does not block doors or stairs. Appoint reliable watchers and equip them with extinguishers or pails of water. Keep the latter handy in your home, too.

After Christmas, don't burn the tree in your furnace, stove or fireplace, just because it smells nice. They burn with explosive violence and are extremely dangerous. Be sure you are a safe distance from any buildings when you burn them out of doors.

Have You Met . . . Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. John Hincley and Brooks and John P. Jr., who are now in their new home at 466 Berwyn? Mr. Hincley is with the Hincley Hincley Agency, Inc.

Fire each year kills 2,000 children under five—ten times as many children as die from infantile paralysis.

### Kresge Company Awards Employees

Thirty-five S. S. Kresge Company employees in Birmingham in accordance with a long established custom, will receive cash remembrances at Christmas. Announcement of the 1948 Christmas Remembrance was made by H. L. Sellers, manager of Kresge's local store at 183 N. Woodward.

All full or part-time employees employed before a December first will participate. Length of service in the Kresge Company employ determines the individual amounts of the gifts.

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## WALNUT LAKE NEWS

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Ted Karuss has consented to take the Christmas packages at the Walnut Lake store this year. Patrons on Route 1, Birmingham, who wish to have packages, that are too large for their mail boxes, left at the Walnut Lake grocery store, will have to sign the consent paper which is at the store. Otherwise, packages will be left at the Post Office and the addressee will have to call for them in Birmingham.

The postman reminds patrons to keep their boxes clear of snow. This is required by postal regulations.

The Christmas party of the Walnut Lake Women's club was held Saturday evening at the West Bloomfield town hall. Mrs. John Parkins and Mrs. Parker Rockwell were co-hostesses.

The hall was decorated with lighted Christmas trees, evergreen boughs and the wreaths made by the gardening group.

Otis Zahn called the square dances and Virginia reel. Dance music was provided through a record player and public address system installed by Don Harrison and Bob Fitzgerald.

At the refreshment table, Mrs. R. C. Banker and Mrs. Edward Sintz paired. Mrs. Don Harrison was program chairman. Mrs. John Woodman headed the refreshment committee. The decorating and the making and serving of refreshments was handled by a committee of eight: Mrs. Walter Carey, Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Hatfield, Mrs. W. E. Kendall, Mrs. M. R. Sutton, Mrs. R. C. Banker, Mrs. Frank Sweet and Mrs. Edward Sintz.

Although the husbands were guests, they proved to be very helpful. Johnny Hatfield and George Osterbeck wielded brooms, Ross Banker played a stepladder and retrieved the high decorations. Eudora Kendall made many trips from the kitchen assuming the roll of waiter. Don Harrison and Bob Fitzgerald dismantled the stage setup and Frank Sweet played strong man by carrying the heavy items. Johnny Woodman and Ed Sintz played "handyandy" on the cleanup squad.

Brownies with the assistance of their leaders, Mrs. Martha Wade

and Mrs. Jean McDougall, made trip favors at their meeting on Monday afternoon. These favors will be given to some hospital for use on their food trays on Christmas day. Hostess for the day was Barbara Shank. The flag bearers were Karen Weaver and Anne Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Schultz of Walnut Lake road entertained 14 couples at a cocktail party Saturday evening. The party was given in honor of Stewart's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shultz of Joliet, Ill.

Mrs. Martin Wade of Deering entertained the contract bridge club on Wednesday evening.

The couple bridge club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kendall, Friday evening. High team score was won by Page and Bob Fitzgerald of Wyckoff.

During their Monday meeting, Girl Scouts of Troop 9 finished the choir robes to be worn the school play December 16. They were helped by leaders Mrs. Helen King and Mrs. Alice Anderson. Names were drawn for the exchange of gifts at their Christmas party, which will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Sundstrom on Edgewood, December 20.

Walnut Lake PTA had a social evening Monday. A program of dancing and games was led by Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrison, program chairman for the evening. Otis Zahn called the square dances. The public address system was loaned and installed by Robert Fitzgerald.

Refreshments were served by the fifth and sixth grade mothers. Mrs. Stewart Schultz and Mrs. Walter Carey, the room mothers for these grades, decorated the table.

James B. Jelley of London, England, was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Anderson of Lakewood. They reviewed their friendship formed several years ago during the Anderson's stay in England.

One hundred and five children will take part in the Walnut Lake school Christmas program this evening at 8 p.m. at the school. Pupils portraying the part of delegates to the United Nations will discuss Christmas as it is celebrated in their various countries. The first grade will do a pantomime of the nativity scene. The other grades will show Christmas as celebrated in the United States, Mexico, England, Holland and Italy.

Christmas parties in the school rooms will be held December 22, the last day before the holiday vacation.

The Glen Richards family will leave this Saturday to spend the holiday season at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Daughter, Bea, will attend a swimming meet in that city and later the family will go on to Miami.

A group of 20 enrollees from Royal Oak and Huntington Woods will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Stevens of Walnut Lake road this Sunday. They will enroll in this community during the evening.

Navy underwater demolition teams lost 40% of their personnel in the first half hour of the assault on Omaha Beach, Normandy.

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