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Yule Service Revealed By City Churches

The Power of Light From a Single Candle... Do you think this a strange Christmas message?

Observances Begin Friday With City's Community Sing... Christmas observances in Birmingham will open with the Community Carol sing at 5:30 o'clock Christmas Eve in Municipal Park, and will be announced by the ringing of church bells throughout the community.

Being Discredited... Stories of the misuse of our contributions to China are widespread. China's leading Communist, Kai-Shek, is being discredited far and wide.

At Christ Church Cranbrook there will be special services Christmas Eve and Christmas. Parish Open House... Open house will be held for the children of the parish and their parents Christmas Eve from 6:45 to 7:15.

Scattered Resources... As we thus drift, our nation's natural resources are being squandered, both at home and abroad.

The services of St. James Episcopal church are to include a caroling at 11 o'clock Christmas Eve, followed by the Communion service at 10 o'clock Christmas morning.

It has always been so, and will continue to be so... It is a greater flowering within the consciousness of mankind of the deep and living belief that the world is more secure than falsehood; that selfishness is a better ally than self-interest.

Holy Name church will observe their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day... The church will open at 11:30 Christmas Eve, with carols by the boys' choir at 11:30.

"Greatest of Lights"... In selecting a Christmas card for myself and family this year I reflect upon the idea of the light from a single candle.

St. Hubert Services... A special midnight mass is also planned for St. Hugo of the Hills church. The children's choir will sing Christmas carols from 11:30 to midnight.

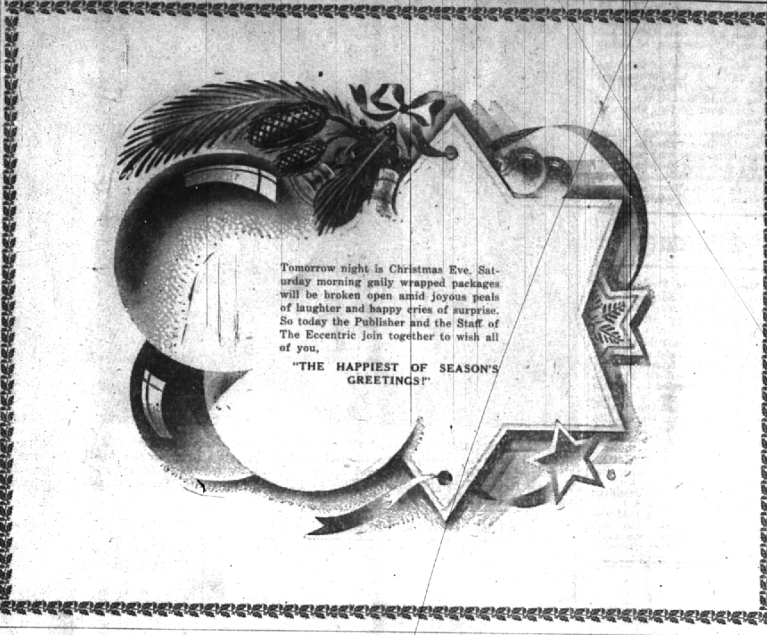
West Bloomfield May Alter Zoning Rules... A proposed amendment to allow industrial use of property in West Bloomfield township was referred to the planning board and town board at their regular meeting last week.

Shoppers Warned of Store Hours... Last-minute Christmas shoppers were reminded today by Charles Mortenson, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, that most Birmingham stores will be open till 9 p. m. this evening but will close at regular hours tomorrow night.

Warden Bitten As He Nabs Stray Dog... Ralph Riley, dog warden, has a share of dangers in "capturing criminals" too. Friday he suffered painful bites on his hand as he attempted to take a stray dog into custody.

Warden Bitten As He Nabs Stray Dog... Riley reported that he had followed the dog some distance and finally cornered it. His risk for catching such animals was in his truck and he knew that if he returned for it the dog would again get away.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS... On Pages 4 and 5 Part 2



New Hospital to Cost \$20,000 Per Bed

By George Wm. Averill... Why will the new South Oakland county hospital, as proposed by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund several days ago, provide only 200 beds at an estimated cost of \$4,300,000, when county residents had before them two plans for two hospitals which would have provided 450 beds at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000?

ness with which a hospital is equipped with medical and surgical facilities, it will mean a higher or lower per-bed cost. This week a spokesman for the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund GDFH informed The Eclectic that the proposed new hospital and complete ambulatory clinic would cost about \$4,300,000.

Cost Has Doubled... Cost of hospital construction today, compared to two years ago when plans for the Bloomfield Hills Medical Center and Woodward General Hospital were announced, has almost doubled.

Police are investigating the theft of \$950 in cash from the Clobash and McClellan automobile sales room, 820 South Woodward. The theft was discovered early last Thursday morning by patrolmen making their regular inspection.

This Is Just A Sample of What Was to Come



44 Merchants Protest Idea of Service Drives

Forty-four Hunter Boulevard and South Woodward Avenue property owners do not want the state or the city to interfere with the present parking arrangement along these two stretches of federal highway, they declared in a petition presented to the city commission Monday night.

Harold Kalbfleisch, owner of the Pioneer Automatic Car Wash, 1253 S. Woodward, submitted the petition which argued against the proposed city-state plan, announced two weeks ago, that would provide a service drive paralleling both sides of this trunkline from 14 Mile road to Quarton road.

The petition declared that such a plan was detrimental to the business interests already established along this route, would mean too heavy an assessment, and would not eliminate parking hazards.

K-F Executive Killed As Car Rams Truck

Funeral Held Monday for Jack Ackerman... John Russell Ackerman, 58, who was merchandising manager for the Kaiser-Fraser Corp., was killed Saturday night when the car he was driving rammed into the rear of an auto transport truck on Telegraph road, near W. Maple.

Another Birmingham resident figured in an accident late Saturday night. He was William E. Saunders, 17, of 815 Puritan road, son of Mrs. Robert Woodruff.

It was also learned that the entire \$10,720,000 fund does not have to be collected or pledged before any proposed construction will be undertaken. Although no official announcement has been made to the effect, it appears that areas of greater need will find construction beginning before areas of lesser need.

In Automobile Business... Ackerman was born Dec. 29, 1919 in Passaic, N. J. He attended Stephens Preparatory School and Stephens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N. J., where he was a member of Chi Psi.

Thursday's Rubbish Pickup Changed to Friday; Vice Versa... If you have been placing your ash and other rubbish for city collection on Thursday, after Jan. 1 you will do it on Friday.

Plastic-Covered Bulbs Dangerous, Warns Fire Chief... Local residents who have equipped their Christmas trees with novel plastic covered bulbs were warned this week to replace them with innately with regular uncovered glass bulbs to prevent possible disastrous home fires.

Chief Steals Purse From City Employee... Mrs. Fern Thatcher, purchasing secretary for Griffith, explained that she had reported the theft of her purse to local police Friday afternoon.

Which mail sack shall he start on first? is the question John Wall, Birmingham postal clerk, is pondering. This as Christmas approached. Mail carriers made a special Sunday delivery in an attempt to relieve this week's staggering last-minute mail.