

### GIRL SCOUTS

**Christmas in Finland**  
Honor guest at a Christmas tea held Monday, Dec. 20 by Troop 2 at Adams school, was Miss Clara Nordforst, a student at the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Miss Nordforst told the Girl Scouts of this fifth grade intermediate troop about the activities of Finnish school girls throughout the year and especially about the Christmas customs in her native Finland.

Other guests at the tea were troop committee members Mrs. A.

**Localites Attend Dinner Honoring New State Officials**

Several Birmingham persons attended the Democratic Victory dinner held Dec. 17 in Pontiac to honor the governor and lieutenant governor-elect, C. Meares Williams and John W. Connolly.

Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Foster, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Allen, William Loud, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Whelan, Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGregor, Robert Hogan, J. Allen Pampus and Mrs. Voyle Craven.

Several from this group are also planning to attend the inauguration ceremonies and the inaugural ball to be held in Lansing Jan. 1.

**Barbara Fletcher Becomes Bride of Donald C. Reaser**

At an afternoon ceremony in St. James Episcopal Church yesterday, Miss Barbara Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Fletcher of Webster street became the bride of Donald C. Reaser, the son of Mrs. Dan Reaser of Battle Creek.

The bride wore a pale pink afternoon crepe gown, a matching hat and carried an all-white bouquet.

Mrs. J. T. Watson of Owosso served as her sister's matron of honor and Alden Anderson of Battle Creek acted as the best man. Seating the guests were Arthur Robinson of Plymouth and Robert Axford of Grosse Pointe.

Miss Carmen Osborne of Detroit and Mrs. Richard Gibson of Birmingham served at the reception which was held in the Community House following the ceremony.

After the first of the year, the young couple will live in Ann Arbor where he is attending the University of Michigan.

**Merry Christmas**  
to the Citizens of Birmingham, from the Birmingham Fire Department

Make sure the fireplace has a protective screen in front of it. If it is to be burned any time during the holidays.

Exercise extreme caution when placing light cords. Be sure they are out of the way of foot travel and not liable to pull the tree over.

Resist the temptation to use candles, they are pretty, but have no place in a home during Christmas with flammable materials around.

Replace all fuses in the lighting circuit that are greater than 15 amps.

You can reduce the possibility of fire in the home if you remove all excessive wrapping paper, etc. outside as gifts are opened.

Christmas trees should be bought fresh-cut and set up with base extending into a pan of water, to keep tree from drying out.

Have all electrical lights checked for frayed and worn wires and when buying new lights insist on a set approved by "Underwriters".

Resort to using spun glass and asbestos material which is fireproof at base of tree, instead of cotton batting, wool or tissue paper.

In decorating your home for Christmas, avoid the use of flammable decorations as much as possible, and where you do use them, prevent them from coming in contact with electrical lights.

Smoke if you like, but keep cigarettes away from the tree and flammable light wrapping papers.

Take the tree outdoors as soon as needles start to drop, which indicates they are becoming highly flammable.

Make sure no decorative lights are left on when leaving house or going to bed.

A careful examination of the house before going to bed for burning cigarettes, and a check on the furnace and electrically operated toys is a good policy.

Santa Claus and his reindeer will visit you if the above is followed, if not, the Red Wagon of the Fire Department may.

Yours for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
/s/ George G. Scott, Fire Marshal,  
Bureau of Fire Prevention,  
BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Reveals Troth**

**Student Congress Candidates Named**

Petitions to nominate candidates for Student Congress officers were taken out last week by seven students.

Petitions out for president are Ken Babcock and Lee Habensch; nominated for vice-president are Dick Shalberg and Mac Booth; for secretary Gladys Schaffer and Mary Kemp; Bob Hardy has the only petition for treasurer.

Retiring officers are Larry Young, president; Ken Babcock, vice-president; Barbara Hughes, secretary; and Betty Whitelaw, treasurer. Mrs. Carol Darling is the group's adviser.

**Verdonne Peterson**

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Peterson of Hammond, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Verdonne Gail, to Burton V. Swan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Swan of North Adams road.

The troth was announced recently in the traditional college fashion at Kalamazoo College where both the bride-elect and her fiancé are students. Miss Peterson is a senior majoring in music education and speech and Mr. Swan, a junior, is majoring in business administration. They are affiliated with Alpha Sigma Delta and Phi Lambda respectively.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND TO ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR LITTLE FOLKS SHOP**

141 W. Maple

**Christmas Splendor**

After serving you all in 1948, I should like to take the time to thank the Hoover users in Birmingham and vicinity for their patronage in 1948. May you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

Your Hoover Man  
**A. J. Dubuc**  
**HUSTON HARDWARE COMPANY**  
205 N. Woodward  
Phone 1501

**WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**

**ANDREWS & MARKLEY**  
SELECTED REAL ESTATE  
460 W. Maple Birmingham 5005

**WISHING YOU A MERRY XMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR MARKLEY YARN NOOK**

287 W. Maple

**OUR TRADITIONAL WISH FOR YOU IS ONE OF JOY-FILLED DAYS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.**

You Are Cordially Invited to Inspect **OUR MODERN STORAGE** Built Especially to Store Household Goods

**LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE MOVING GAUKLER STORAGE CO.**  
9 Orchard Lake Ave., Pontiac, Mich.  
Phone Birmingham 10240

**Tips on Touring**  
By Carol Lane  
Women's Travel Authority

An accumulation of milk bottles and newspapers on a door step is a certain sign that the family is away, an unmistakable "open house" invitation to burglars and petty thieves.

Put up those drawn window shades, the note on the door to the ice man, the stuffed mail box and all give-aways.

Before you go on a motor trip of more than two or three days, there are certain precautions you should take to protect your property. First, and foremost, notify the police and fire department of the dates you will be gone, for obvious reasons. And be certain to give your next-door neighbor a key so he can give the house an occasional check or investigate anything suspicious.

You'll avoid the give-away stuffed mail box and the possibility of lost mail if you notify the post office with a request to hold mail until your return. Your newspaper boy will save your papers for you, or, if you're to be gone an appreciable time, the circulation department will forward them to you.

It's a good idea to switch off the master electric switch, double-lock all windows, if possible, notify the gas and electric companies and all other "services" you use. In cold weather, of course, you should make arrangements with a neighbor or relative to keep the furnace or oil burner operating to prevent frozen pipes.

And, to insure maximum comfort on your return, arrange beforehand to have everything re-surfaced on the day you come back.

**Local Y Schedules Birthday Party for Tuesday Afternoon**

The Birmingham branch of the Detroit YMCA will celebrate its second anniversary in Birmingham on Dec. 28 with a party in the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church. Since the date also marks the birthday of the executive secretary, Edwin F. Kirbert, he will join the youngsters in their festivities.

The program will be opened with carol singing, to be followed by sound pictures of the outstanding football games of 1948. There will also be a few shorts which will feature Christmas carols, the story of the Christmas tree and the coming of St. Nick.

A guest musician is scheduled to entertain the boys and girls with 30 minutes of his spellbinding art. After the entertainment period, refreshments will be served.

All members of the Y are invited. Admittance will be gained by presenting a Y membership card at the door. The affair is scheduled for start at 1:30, lasting about three and a half hours.

**Stephens Alumnae**

Mrs. George Bowden, Mrs. Charles Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jane Johnson and Miss Lois Carter are on the decorating committee for the Stephens College alumnae supper dance which is scheduled for Dec. 29 in the Glen Oaks Country Club. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Glenn Waggoner, 666 Lakewood.

**Business Women's Club Holds Annual Christmas Party**

Members of the Birmingham Business Women's Club met for their annual Christmas tea at Mayans on Dec. 19 from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Miss Audrey Kemp was chairman of the arrangements committee and working with her were Miss Sally Alta, Frances Curtis, Marie Stouffer, Irene Hanley, Martha Costa and Bea Olson.

**Hot Shot**

Clarence Picou, sensational 17-year-old apprentice jockey from Texas, sprung up after winning another race at the Bowie, Md., Race Track. He has averaged two winners a day so far this season and is well on the way to riding 250 winners in his first year on the circuits.

**Grace Glassford**  
122 W. Maple Phone 4068

**City Plants Trees in Front of 200 New Residences**

Removal of four more city trees, as recommended by the city forester, has been approved by the city commission.

These trees are a four-inch soft maple at 1653 Taunton which blocks a new driveway, a 12-inch cypress at 340 Ferndale, a 10-inch sugar maple at 839 Kenneway, and a 12-inch Moline elm at 189 Brown.

The removal of the four-inch maple on Taunton is a typical condition in this subdivision, commented City Manager Donald C. Egbert. "They were planted and given little or no care, and due to fire and damage by construction, they have not properly developed. For the most part they represent sucker growth from the roots."

Egbert recommended that the city forester be permitted to remove unsatisfactory soft maples from this area, replacing with hard maples or other hardy variety immediately following the construction of homes in the area.

"It is a policy of the forestry department to plant trees in front of each newly constructed home as soon as construction is completed. As a result, 200 such trees have been planted this fall," the manager explained.

**Ground Meat Is Convertable in to 'Chicken Legs'**

If you haven't served mock chicken legs to your family for awhile, now is the time to do it. They provide an interesting way to serve favorite ground meat that are easy on the budget, and they capture the imagination of young and old alike.

Make your "drumsticks" of ground beef, pork, veal, lamb or ham, or any combination of these meats. Add seasonings and an egg for binding, then shape on skewers to resemble chicken legs. Cook with pineapple cubes and green pepper rings for a summery touch.

Another version is called "city chicken." This is usually made with cubes of meat which are dipped in egg-and-milk, then in cracker crumbs, browned until golden, then covered and cooked slowly until tender. Either version will add new flavor to your summer cooking.

**Hollywood Hannah**  
by THELMA AND EDNA

"Christmas," observes Hannah, "is a holiday on which neither the past nor the future is of so much interest as the present."

**GAA Swimmers Hold Wednesday Practice**

G. A. A. swimming is now underway with practices every Wednesday afternoon at the Barnum pool under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Henderson.

Approximately 40 girls have reported for practice. They must first pass a test to become a member of Sharks activities of whom are synchronized swimming and diving.

The girls are looking forward to a playday with Royal Oak at Royal Oak, Jan. 23.

Officers of Sharks are Sherrill Williams, president; and Adelia Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

In one wartime year, Navy food supplies cost \$500,000,000, yet the per capita per day cost of feeding Navy men was only 64 cents.

**Maple Beauty Salon**  
225 EAST MAPLE  
BIRMINGHAM MICH. PHONE BIRMINGHAM 2253

**Seasons Greetings**

Light up that tree and flood your home with joy! It's Christmastime again! A happy Holiday to all!

**RB SHOPS**  
142 W. MAPLE - BIRMINGHAM

**HOLIDAY BEVERAGES**  
COMPLETE SELECTION  
IMPORTED - - BEER - - ALE - - STOUT  
WINE - - CHAMPAGNE - - MIXERS

**DELIVERY - PH. 1818**

**RITTERS**  
EVENINGS TILL 9  
Dec. 20th. to Dec. 24th

**The friendly scent of the cedar is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.**

**The Kincaids**  
for JEWELRY  
213 E. Maple

**1948**

**Seasons Greetings**

Light up that tree and flood your home with joy! It's Christmastime again! A happy Holiday to all!

**RB SHOPS**  
142 W. MAPLE - BIRMINGHAM