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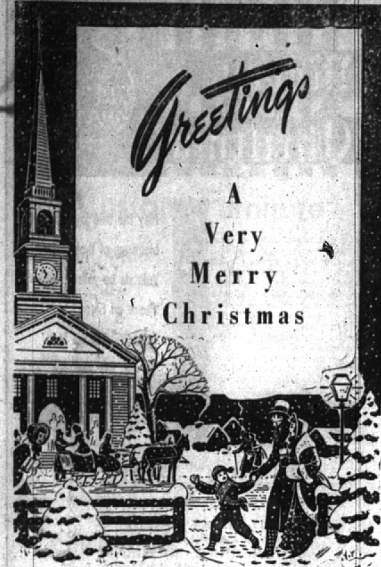
PART TWO

There are times, my friend, when perhaps it seems that the sunlight of FRIENDSHIP has gone into eclipse for you; in reality, though, this sun is always shining somewhere—you have but to catch its kindly rays. The best way to catch it is to REFLECT it yourself. It comes back!

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Merry Christmas 1948

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Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer is sorry the letter from Marilyn Clayton did not reach us in time to go to Santa with the rest. It's been sent, though, never fear. Marilyn wants some nice new silk undies, curtains for her room, a riddle doll, dishes, pots and pans, rolling pins, and "pretend boxes of make believe food." She'd also like it a lot if Santa could bring Dickie a train and some cars and a set of blue and yellow truck.

Shades of election—and shades of embarrassment! This Wanderer has heard about young Terry Stinson 1411 E. Humphrey, who last Sunday evening upset the whole Methodist congregation at a special Christmas church service. During the heat of election, Terry's father was enjoying him-

self by occasionally exclaiming "Hurray Dewey" or "Hurray Truman." Apparently his son caught that one and kept it for future reference because after the minister had remarked that he was delighted with the capacity of the church that evening and how happy it made him to see so many turn out for the special services, young Terry stood up and gave out with a hearty "Hurray Truman!" We asked the father involved if he'd done anything about the interruption—but pop said he couldn't look up for five minutes—and by that time junior had edged out of reach.

This Wanderer's attention was drawn to the unusual decorations made by Mrs. Agnes Crane in the A. C. Utter home on the corner

Merry - Xmas

(And a home to enjoy it)

The most intriguing new home in picturesque Birmingham. It has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, breakfast nook, and porch, all on the main floor level. The lower level, open to the valley, has 2-car garage, recreation room with fireplace, maid's quarters, and spacious grounds. \$43,000.00.

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Seaman Hierholzer On Aircraft Carrier In Western Pacific

Donald Frederick Hierholzer, seaman apprentice, USN, of 2114 East Wattle rd., Birmingham, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area, the Navy reported this week.

Ensign Paul Arthur Peck, USN, son of Arthur C. Peck, 584 Hanley, is aboard the carrier USS Princeton, also on maneuvers in this area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.

Ports of call between training maneuvers include Honolulu, Peking, China, Yokosuka, Japan, and Guam.

Man Pays Fine on Intoxication Charge

Gustave Osterman, arrested last Wednesday, was fined \$10, with \$10 costs and ordered to make restitution for property destroyed, in justice court Monday morning.

Osterman was charged with being drunk and disorderly, according to local police, and removed to the Oakland County jail in Pontiac. There, the report continued, he removed a chain from the bunk, and damaged sanitary equipment in the cell.

Like amateur boxing matches?

This Wanderer has heard of over grapevine that local Junior Chamber of Commerce members are organizing a "Good Night" program. The program collected them all, he passed out the ones intended for Rotarians. The program presented Monday evening before the Hi-12 Club.

Birmingham's best-known Christmas tree

is more than 60 years old that stands in the center of the Municipal Park—"is not long for this world," according to City Forester John Johnson. Just before erecting the gay Christmas tree last week, Johnson's crew had cut off about eight feet of the dead top. Lower branches are showing signs of decay, he pointed out. "I wouldn't guarantee the tree for more than another four or five years of use," Johnson stated. This Wanderer believes the city committee had better get a ground for another similar tree to replace the old plant when it has to come down. The old fellow is too much of a pride and joy to too many townspeople not to be replaced.

We Heard It Said By:

Mrs. R. H. Ruebenstahl, 1886 Graceland, a newcomer to Birmingham: "I think this is just the nicest town ever! I'm from Nashville, and never once have I been the least bit homesick. I just haven't had time. And now, well, all that Christmas music we hear, and all the Christmas spirit in this town has, I think it's just wonderful!"

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and that the coming year may be one of uplift and progress.



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Holiday Greetings 1948

Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

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1948 Christmas Greetings

Pine and birch logs with their pungent tangy scent from glowing firesides is part of the magic spell of Christmas everywhere, and the manifold attractions of this wonderful community are never lovelier than at the Holiday Season.

To all of you—from all of us—good cheer, great joy and happiness!

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