

Local News Highlights as City Welcomes in 1949

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Walter B. Fausner, area manager of Michigan Bell Telephone Company has announced that the newly created Longacre exchange is now in operation.

Charles Frederick Van Dusen, who was Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Van Dusen, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Van Dusen, is the first "new arrival to Birmingham in 1948."

Twenty persons escaped serious injury last week when a car, traveling on the wrong side of the road, crashed into a hayride party near Northdale.

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Ten tons of food for Birmingham Monday night as our contribution to the "Friendship Food Caravan," destined for the poor

of France. During the brief ceremonies which launched the caravan on its way to France, Mayor A. Main expressed the city's appreciation for being given the opportunity to participate in this drive.

A course in retelling being given at Baldwin High school is designed to give practical experience to boys and girls in what this great part of our American business involves.

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Outwardly, Birmingham passed through the year 1948 about the same as it did the previous years. There was nothing of too unusual a nature that would stick the past 365 days in the memories of its citizens.

However, there were some forward strides the community took which in future years will have its effect on the area. Perhaps most outstanding of these was the construction of more than 300 new residences, a good share of them already occupied.

This year also saw work started on the new \$300,000 Michigan Bell telephone exchange which, in early 1950, will see the city cut over to automatic dial equipment.

In municipal affairs, the city was given an overhauling by a management consultant firm that resulted in numerous departmental changes and consolidations that should prove beneficial to townspeople as the city grows.

Most significant was the realization by city officials and many citizens that Birmingham more and more is being considered as a fine place in which to do business and to live.

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the sections' most highly respected members, her passing will long be remembered.

At a PTA meeting held at Pierce school Thursday evening, a panel discussion was held to instruct parents on how to develop reading habits in their children.

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Quarton school will note its 20th anniversary with a party Feb. 20.

The current Washington controversy, the oleo tax, took a slant this week with the Birmingham League of Women Voters registered a protest against it.

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Mable Cagers Romp Over Royal Oak, 64-18, to Win Their Initial Home Game

By clearly outplaying, outshooting and outscoring the Royal Oak hardwooders, Birmingham's cagers thoroughly demolished the visitors in their initial home game performance Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Even with the second quarter playing more than half the time the Maples held complete control of the game.

The Maples' first quarter blanked the Aces in the first quarter while tossing in seven buckets of points.

Royal Oak finally came through its losing effort in the second quarter in two free throws while another charity toss by Shader and a field goal by Devon Gables.

The second half saw the Birmingham cagers continue to dominate the Maples.

Although the entire Maple road saw action and figured in the game.

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Greater Safety for Skaters at Quarton Sought

In their efforts to improve skating conditions at Quarton Lake and at the same time provide every possible safety precaution, members of the recreation board and city officials began their most extensive work last week.

The first step was the erection of a barrier to prevent children of skating out over the change at the end of the rink.

John Johnson, city forester, said it could not be the work of small children who had completed the barrier.

That cable is heavy. It would take a heavy cutter or hacksaw to get through it, and would have to be done by a pretty heavy engine or grown man.

This section of Quarton Lake will be kept in excellent condition throughout the skating season.

In the case of emergency, a telephone has been installed with a line to police headquarters.

Neighborhood Links Johnnot said that while there would be no supervision at the lake, it has been arranged for a police car to visit the scene frequently.

Christmas wasn't quite as happy for ten-year-old Carl Polz as he had hoped. He had bought a Christmas present, he received a bright red bike. Last Friday evening he rode his bike to the rear of his home at 1489 Webster.

Heads BREB Rescuers' Toil to Free Ducks Frozen Into Walnut Lake

A rescue party worked four hours to free 146 ducks trapped in ice in the middle of Walnut Lake.

The bay of the lake was frozen smooth and the ducks were in the small fry were out trying out their new skates left by Santa Claus.

Four persons died and two were seriously injured Tuesday afternoon in a car-truck collision at Livonia and 18 Mile road, Troy Township.

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Funeral Today For R. W. Essig

Robert W. Essig, 1348 Buckingham, died Tuesday morning in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac.

He was born in Detroit on Oct. 8, 1895, and attended the public schools of that city, later studying at Michigan State College.

Surviving besides his widow are two daughters, Mrs. William Conroy of Birmingham and Miss Judy Essig, at home.

Funeral services are to be held from the Bell Funeral Home this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial in Woodlawn cemetery, Detroit.

Fire Causes \$600 Damage to Home A fire at the home of A. F. Owens, 551 Bates, caused an estimated \$600 damage to the dwelling Tuesday afternoon.

Firemen confined the blaze to a corner of the house. Fire Chief Vern Griffith attributed the fire to a hot poker placed too close to a box of papers, which caught fire and in the process flames got away to a wooden partition.

About \$500 damage was done to the house while another \$100 damage to contents.

All makes of lower motor motorcycles are covered. RAYNOR MATTRESS COMPANY, 1078.

Holiday Traffic Here Kills Two; Five Are Hurt

Christmas holiday traffic in Birmingham and vicinity claimed two lives, while six persons from Sandusky, Ohio, en route here to spend the holidays, were killed in a 3-car crash at Port Clinton, Ohio.

Robert A. Rhodes, 28, 1348 Ruffner, died in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac, a few hours after his car was struck at West Maple and Telegraph roads early Sunday evening.

Birmingham's first traffic fatality of the year also happened Sunday evening, after Lincoln in which no persons were injured.

Maner of Detroit, died in a frontal crash of a heart attack believed to have been brought on by the excitement of the two-car crash in which she and her husband were involved.

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