

Fire Department of Franklin Planning Training Program

Much enthusiasm was displayed by the men who turned out for the first organizational meeting of the Franklin Fire Fighters on Thursday, Dec. 2. Plans were made for a series of classes on the most effective fire fighting methods; these classes to start after the first of the year. The men who have been active in organizing this group feel that a well trained fire fighting unit is a necessity. They sincerely hope that there will be an even

better turnout for subsequent meetings, and want every interested man in the community to know that they are not only welcome but needed.

Fidelis Class

The Fidelis class of the First Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas program and exchanging of gifts next Monday evening, Dec. 15 in the home of Mrs. Melvin Middlefich on West 14 Mile road at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Merritt Olsen, Mrs. John Akerley and Mrs. A. J. Thomson will be co-hostess. Mrs. Stewart Smith is in charge of the evening's program.

Station X-M-A-S Calling All Boys and Girls!

North Pole calling Birmingham, Michigan. Come in Birmingham. This is station XMAS with a special message for all boys and girls.

Santa Claus is preparing to visit you, and is anxious to know any special plans you may be making, and any special things you may want. He is very anxious to hear from all of you and promises to do everything he can to give you just exactly the sort of Christmas you want this year. He knows, as you do, that there will be some things he will not be able to get, but he reports that, this year, the selection of toys is better. There are a lot of new ones out, and any number of old favorites which have been almost impossible to get the past few years.

He's planning a different idea this year about his trip, too. He's going to pick up a hitch hiker, and take a flying trip around the world just a few days before Christmas. That hitch hiker is going to tell you all about the trip.

Has a Fast, New Plane

The reindeer won't be used, for Santa has a fast new plane. It will be faster than the reindeer, and will leave them fresh and rested, ready to haul the huge load of toys which will be ready by Christmas Eve.

Finally, Santa wants to say to you boys and girls in Birmingham that he is mighty proud of you. He watches closely your activities during the year and has seen how many nice things you have done for other children. Since he is always trying to make children happy, he is very proud when you take over, too. Keep it up!

And now, Santa must sign off. His time is running short for this broadcast. He just wants to add, don't forget to write, and he'll be seeing you all Christmas Eve.

Junior Choir Leads Service at Franklin Church

"Twas a cherubic looking group of junior choristers that filled into the seats usually reserved for the senior choir at the Franklin Community church last Sunday. Their white robes were sparkling clean, their collars freshly starched, their red ties tied just so and their collective hairs combed to perfection. The service was theirs.

Ann Seymour led the call to worship. The choir led the hymns with much aplomb and handled the two anthems, "Because the Sky is Very Blue" and "Glad that I Live in '48", like professionals. The choir was particularly proud when one of their own members, Don Frazer, left their ranks to accompany them on the organ for the second anthem.

Charge to Chorus The Rev. William Lovejoy gave the charge to the chorus to which they replied with the chorists' dedication, "I will do my best as a member of this choir, to show by my beauty of singing, dignity of conduct, and loveliness of character, the beauty, dignity and loveliness of God". Mrs. Ben Harris, director of the choir, beamed as Mrs. G. G. Wright, organist, made the presentation of their pins. There was a little squirming among the boys which was explained when Mrs. Wright said that she had promised to kiss each one, a promise on which she reneged, much to their obvious relief.

Receiving pins were Don Frazer, Ann Seymour, Jean Ruslander, Sue Sutherland, Sue Roseberry, Judith Mitchell, Martha Hill, Christine Lewis, Sally Bates, Peter Green, Sue Hard, Roger

Violate Bicycle Code, Youngsters Are 'Sentenced'

Another group of 13 went through the mill of the bicycle court at Barham School last week, presided over by Judge William Lockie. The unusual feature of this particular trial, however, was that the "arrestees" include one

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George Moody, court bailiff. Moody was arrested for not having proper lights on his bicycle, along with several others who appeared last week.

Judge Lockie sentenced all to write 500 word themes on bicycle safety, and warned them that repeated offenses would bring stiffer sentences.

Sgt. Henry Timm, officer in charge of the safety campaign in Birmingham, says that he is deeply gratified with the youngsters for the way in which they are taking hold of the idea. He is also pleased in the amount of interest and the manner in which they are backing the police and court officials.

The complete court schedule for the week is: Monday, Adams School; Tuesday, Pierce; Wednesday, Barham; Thursday, Quanton and Friday, Holy Name. Sessions are held immediately after the closing hours of regular classes.

Hard, Bob Hinman, Tom Risk, John Risk, Barbara Nell, Jimmy Woodburn, Barbara Haworth, Judy Weightman, Mary Jo Fisher, Doreen Lovejoy, Bob Tracy, Gayle Bristol, Karen Price and Sharon Byers.

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