

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Stamp Honoring U. S. Bankers to Be Issued

Stamp collectors of Birmingham have an opportunity to secure the new American Bankers Association commemorative stamp which will be put on sale on January 2, 1950, at Saratoga Springs, New York, it has been announced here by The Birmingham National Bank. The stamp will be sold at the local post office on January 4. It is being issued in honor of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the American Bankers Association, which occurred at Saratoga Springs at a national meeting of bankers in 1875.

The ABA commemorative stamp has an attractive central design depicting a coin on which are shown some of the fields in which banks give service—a home symbolizes family life; a farm, raw products; a train, transportation; and a skyline, manufacturing.

3-Cent Denomination

Around the border is the wording, "American Bankers Association" with the lettering, "U. S. Postage" below the central portion in a dark panel. The dates, "1875" and "1950," appear in the upper corners with the "3c" denomination of the stamp is shown in the lower corners.

The idea of the stamp is shown in the lower corners. The stamp was designed by Saratoga Springs in July, 1875, at a convention of about 350 bankers from 22 states and territories. The idea of the association was that of two St. Louis bank cashiers who enlisted the support of other bankers through extensive correspondence. The invitations to the Saratoga Convention were signed by the cashiers of 43 banks.

These men became members of the committee on permanent organization, which later became the executive council of the association. The association's permanent form of organization was adopted at the second annual convention in Philadelphia in 1876. The first president of the ABA was Charles B. Hall of Boston, Mass.

The American Bankers Association is one of the oldest trade associations in the entire country.

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Two Players Hurt in Y League Games on Monday Night

Playing before a crowd of 100 spectators, North Chevrolet All Stars led by high scorer Don Little, 28, to a 28-17 in a savagely contested game, replete with thrills.

In the third quarter of play, Paul Kelley was injured going after a free ball and had to have three stitches over his right eye to close a bad cut.

North Chevrolet bounded into a 4 to 0 lead before Roger Reynolds and Harry Sugden sank foul shots for Caltrider's. Play moved rapidly and the half ended with North Chevrolet sporting a 19 to 11 advantage.

In the third quarter, Caltrider outscored the Red, White and Blue but could not stop Little who scored three times. Little, Mike Sutton, Harry Sugden and Jim Kotie figured in the scoring for Caltriders, while Don Little, Harold Kelley and Earl Mudge played good offensive for North Chevrolet.

Tie Game

Exchange Club and Craig's Sporting Goods Store finished their game in a 23-point tie, in the overtime. Dick Steffer made a basket from mid-court but Ken McBride sank a long shot. Moody missed his foul shot, but with Exchange in control of the ball, Ken McBride sank a long shot tying the score. Moody's basket in the closing moments of play gave Exchange a 25 to 23 victory.

Carl Blauman tossed in nine points for Craig's while Tom Mason duplicated this total for Exchange.

Ted Herbst received a slight scalp wound requiring first aid attention in the rough game that saw Blauman and Steffer ejected because of personal fouls.

Virginia Market managed to free their men repeatedly from the basket and ran up a 34 to 15 victory over Fred's Barber Shop. Jim O'Brien, Fred Nichols, Bob Curry and Franz Fugmann scored six points each for the Market.

Play in this department by Jack Tobin won netted 10 for the Blue and Gold.

Games at Baldwin high school next Monday night W. A. Caltrider against Exchange Club at 7 p.m.; Craig's Sporting Goods Store against Fred's Barber Shop at 8 p.m.; and Virginia Market against North Chevrolet All-Stars in the finale at 9 p.m.

Play in the supervision of the Birmingham YMCA.

Library Plans Yule Program for Children

Christmas is coming to the Baldwin public library this Saturday morning, Dec. 17 at 10:30. Miss Audrey Kennedy, children's librarian, will tell the stories, "In the Great Wall Country," and "The Little Paper Fan." Honor guest will be Santa Claus himself.

A blinker light that reduces the hazards of fire-changing at night is available for motorists. When a flat occurs, the safety light, which operates on the car's battery, is placed on the highway.

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Bits of Birmingham

The folks out Randall court way were a bit amazed a few days ago to find a sign posted at the intersection of the street that Randall court was dangerous to drive on. A report to the police department brought official action. It was revealed that the sign was erected by a teen-ager, for reasons apparently his own. His mother hastened to assure the officers that the deed was done against her wishes. Son has been informed that the sign must come down, since it is not an official one and therefore is a violation of a city ordinance.

The Birmingham Civic park is once again wearing its special holiday garb. Long strings of lights reach from the ground to the top of the evergreen trees and the half dozen or so municipal festivities, since it is around its weathered bulk that carols are sung each year. Again, the Manger and Nativity Scene causes passersby to pause a moment. Thursday, adding just that "certain" touch which human beings can never supply, a dozen or so little brown sparrows, apparently through the straw which thatches the roof. One, a little more curious than his mates, clung to a wire at the front of the little building and, to all appearances, carried on an earnest conversation with those within.

How about shovelling your sidewalks? That is the request of an elderly Birmingham man and his wife. "We're not as young as we used to be, and we have quite a time trying to negotiate these slippery sidewalks where residents leave them covered with snow which turns glassy with ice," he said to this Wanderer. "Even though I am 66, the snow which I got out at midnight and shoveled my walk clean. Why can't the rest of the town do the same?"

One sure Christmas-coming sign: already this Wanderer has observed a few car trunks containing Christmas trees apparently on their way to someone's living room to be decorated early with tinsel, ornaments and "snow."

Mrs. S. James Duncan, 638 Westwood, one day last week observed two acts of unusual human kindness, both of which are definitely "above and beyond the line of duty." At Woodward and Nine Mile in Ferndale, she saw the woman driver of a suburban bus stop the vehicle, then accompany a blind man all the way across the superhighway. She returned to the bus, then continued on her way with the passenger. Then, that evening, a Pittsburgh operator called her house and said there was a long distance call for her husband. "I told the operator he was at a Washington, D. C., hotel, but it was a different one than that where he usually stayed while there. The new name had slipped my mind," Mrs. Duncan related. "A while later, this same operator called me back and said she had located my husband, the call had gone through, and she gave me the name of the hotel so I could write it down in case I

1903 Stamps Will Be at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

The stamps will be at Kitty Hawk, N. C., where the flight was made. On Jan. 1, 1950, the 75th anniversary of the American Bankers Association will be noted with the sale of a special three-cent stamp.

What's in a name? A lot of confusion, at times. Birmingham is, of course, quite used to mail which strays off to warmer climes and ends up in Birmingham, Ala. One such did it last week, and came back with even greater confusion. A check paying for a parking violation went there, and finally came back to Police Chief Ralph Moxley. With it was a note from DAVID MOXLEY, member of the Birmingham, Ala., traffic bureau. No relation, says Chief Moxley.

More news for stamp collectors. A new six-cent air mail stamp goes on sale Dec. 17, commemorating the anniversary of the Wright brothers flight on Dec. 17,

Last Bell Directory Has Left Post Office

The last copy of the current Bell Telephone directory left the local postoffice Monday, according to postal officials.

Subscribers will use this directory until the new dial system installations are complete for Birmingham, when a corrected edition will come out.

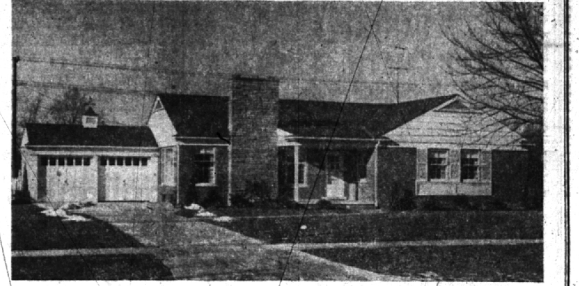
The present book includes the Mayfair exchange, which until a short time ago was Longacre-5. Nearly 11,000 books were distributed, listing some 10,000 telephone users. There has been an increase of about 2,500 over previous listings.

W. Maple Bridge Foundations In

Foundations for the new W. Maple Bridge over the River Rouge have been completed, the DPW announced this week.

The superstructure and new approaches will await the 1950 construction season.

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