

### Re-Kindling The Light . . .

To minds imbued with Christmas theme  
And hearts attuned to do its deeds  
Of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men"  
There's fertile soil to plant the seeds  
That grew in Bethlehem that night.  
Oh, mankind's world, so filled with fear,  
Where is your strength in troublous times—  
Your vision to see true and clear?  
In many homes, in every land,  
The Hope burns lower . . . unto dark . . .  
When shall the light of His great word  
Be kindled and the ebbing spark  
Renew its brightness for all men?  
We light the candles, trees we trim,  
And give of presents vast and rich;  
But do we fully live in Him?  
There is not, neither can there be  
A world of love to shelter you  
Until the Birth we celebrate  
Reveals itself in what we do.  
Ah, man, arise! reach out thy hands,  
—Open thy mind and heart to see  
The working of His word, here, now,  
Alone can chart Eternity!

—George R. Averill

### Local Scout Earns Religious Award



The above photo was taken when Glenn M. Emery, Jr., received the God and Country award, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America as a recognition for a Scout's work in his church. Shown (left to right) are William Bown, troop committee chairman; Scoutmaster William Ruppert; Explorer-Eagle Scout Emery and William Selmeier, his religious counselor. Emery, who attends the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, is a member of Troop B-1.

By Alice E. Morgan

Sunday morning at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, the God and Country award in Scouting was presented to Glenn M. Emery, Jr., member of Troop B-1, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented to a Scout who has demonstrated exceptional religious and moral character.

Glenn is believed to be the first Scout in District I to win the God and Country medal from the National Protestant committee on Scouting. William Barr, Scout commissioner here, said, "Although this award is approved by the Boy Scouts of America, it is not a Boy Scout advancement award or merit badge. It is purely a religious award, earned through and awarded by the Scout's local church, in addition to daily prayer and Bible study and the desire to live by the Golden Rule, the requirements for this award involve 150 hours of personal service to the boy's church."

The Rev. Emil Konta, pastor of the First Baptist church, speaking for the Birmingham Council of churches, said he believed the requirements were particularly severe.

Proves Himself

"The boy who earns this award has really worked," he said. "His work is difficult, and his examinations are not smoothed over for him. He must really prove himself before he is recommended for the award. The Scout who receives it deserves all the praise that can be given him."

An excerpt from the "Prose Works" of Mary Baker Eddy, read at the special ceremony, said in part: ". . . right thinking, right feeling and right acting—honesty—purity—unselfishness—in youth tends to success in intellectuality and happiness in manhood. To begin rightly enables one to end rightly, and this it is that one accomplishes the Science of Life, demonstrating health, holiness and immortality."

Thanks Aides

Glen has expressed his thanks to the local church for his endorsement for the award. He has also stated he feels grateful to William H. Selmeier, his religious counselor, for his aid in preparing for the award; to his Scoutmaster, William Ruppert and the troop committee chairman, William Bown.

Scout officials said they felt glad to have a local Scout so honored. It is the first time the award has been in what is known as the northern community of District I.

All have expressed the hope that greater interest will be shown among local Scouts in the award and that more will work toward receiving it. Information may be obtained from Scoutmasters, Sunday school superintendents, William Barr or pastors of local churches.

**Library Drama Group Concludes First Term**  
Concluding the first term of the library drama group conducted by Annetta Wonnberger, students produced two small plays and gave a series of pantomimes for parents and invited guests.

In a short play which concerned our Pilgrim forebears and a little lost white girl who became an Indian princess were Susan Tabor, Barbara Ritter, Susanna Moon, Helena Schwimmer and Judy Ickes.

Mary Ellen Budd, Sharon Waterman and Tom Tabor appeared in a scene from "Joan of Lorraine," which involved Joan's dedication to a life of soldiery.

The second term of the library group will begin on Jan. 11 and will run through March 15. Mrs. Wonnberger is co-director of the Cranbrook theatre school.

**We Heard It Said By:**  
Jack Calvert, local Rotary club president in his greetings to visiting Rotarians last year, said: "I admire your courage in coming to Birmingham to attend this meeting."

### All Stars Continue Undeclared in City Basketball League

North Chevrolet All Stars swamped Virginia Market 53-15 last Monday night on the Baldwin high school floor, to remain the only undeclared team in the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. city basketball league.

Led by Harold Kelley and Earl Mudge with 16 points each, the Red, White and Blue was never headed as it racked up an 18-4 first quarter lead and pulled away as the game progressed. Bob Helms, playing his first game of the season for Virginia Market, paced the Gold and Blue with six points and played well defensively to hold the score down.

W. A. Caltrider's quintet overcame a third quarter lead to edge out Exchange Club 32 to 28. Paced by Andy Leffler, Exchange club sported a 10-2 first quarter lead, but were tied at 12 points each at the half. Caltrider's five potted 14 of 23 attempted foul shots which proved to be the margin of their victory as the Exchange club netted 10 baskets to the Blue and White's 9.

Harry Suggden led the Caltrider scoring with 10 points, the majority of those being set shots from the side of the court. One feature of the game was the fact that all the Caltrider players figured in the scoring while only the starting five for Exchange found the hoop.

Fred's Barber shop battled Craig Sporting Goods store on even terms for the first half but succumbed to a fast breaking offense in the second half and went down to a 43-13 defeat. Craig's were led by Dick Ernst and Dick Blauman who scored 23 points between them. Les Stouffer contributed nine to this total and played the best floor game for the Red and White, Fred Oliver again

led the scoring for Fred's Barber Shop.

The Y.M.C.A. league will recess for two weeks as the school holidays will be closed for the Christmas holidays.

Next games are North Chevrolet and Fred's Barber Shop at 7:00; Craig's Sporting Goods vs. W. A. Caltrider at 8:00 and Virginia Market vs. Exchange Club at 9:00, on Jan. 9.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. The "early bird" usually gets the spade.

**We Heard It Said By:**  
City Commissioner Milton F. Mailender: "The Eccentric is to be highly commended for its excellent, straightforward presentation of the Dec. 11 explosion and fire. I've heard more favorable comments from people on the excellence of last week's issue. The story was factually presented so that when you finished it, you had the entire account of what had happened and what was being done about it—which you didn't find anywhere else."

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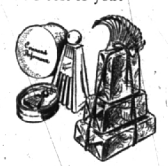
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### Heating Request Postponed Again

This time at the request of representatives of the Harrison Floor Covering store, the city commission Monday night postponed for another week consideration of a request for the temporary use of liquefied petroleum to heat the new Harrison store on S. Hunter.

Classified ad deadline is 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

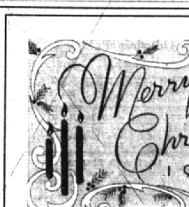
### LEGAL NOTICES

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**  
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 16, 1950, at 10:00 A.M., in the City of Birmingham, Alabama, the Commission of the Municipal Building in the City of Birmingham, Ala., will consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 351, known as the Zoning Ordinance, for the purpose of considering an amendment to Section 303 of said Ordinance, re-zoning property bounded by Lincoln, Edgewood, St. James Park and Grant from its present classification of Business-A to Single Residence, to an Income Business-Residence Classification.  
HERNÉ F. HANLEY  
City Clerk

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.  
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of December A. D. 1949.  
Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Frances McPharlin, Deceased.  
William H. McPharlin, Administrator of said estate having filed in said Court his Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said estate, assignment of the residue of said estate, and discharge of said administrator.  
It is Ordered, that the 16th day of January A. D. 1950 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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### Y Sons and Fathers to See Hockey Games at Olympia Stadium

The annual dad-dad trek to Olympia stadium to see amateur hockey teams in action will take place next Monday evening, Dec. 26, when a charter bus will leave Birmingham 'Y' offices at 6:30 p.m. A block of 60 reserved seats have been obtained to accommodate the group.

Matches will feature the Wind-

son Ryancrater against Detroit Hetsche and Chatham Maroons opposing Detroit Auto club.  
Play starts at 7:30 p.m., and the return trip to Birmingham will be made about midnight. The all expense price of the trip includes reserved seat ticket and transportation.  
Several places remain open and 'Y' members can make reservations by telephoning the 'Y' office. Guests are invited.

Although this is billed as a "Lad-Dad" excursion, the fairer sex is also invited.



Greetings of the SEASON  
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