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Members of the Soroptimist Club of Birmingham presented a Christmas gift of \$50.00 to those

at the Oakland County Infirmary who are without relatives or friends. These gifts are Christmas cards personally addressed to each one with a brand new one dollar bill enclosed.



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BY DORIS E. KUS

... and to each and every one of the very Merry Christmasers. For the youngsters, a hope that Santa will bring you what your hearts desire and may you keep within you for the years of adulthood to come, the joy and cherishing excitement of Christmas and all it stands for in goodness, kindness and remembrance. And if your childhood beliefs in the jolly, red-suited man and his handsome, feet-footed reindeer are soon belied, then remember that each person in his own heart and spirit can create a Santa Claus who is not a fable but who is a good and enviable part of one's character—expressed in good will towards

Believe me, kids, most of us adults wish we could get away with believing in a real Santa Claus and not seem slightly "unusual." Probably if we went beneath the layers of 20th century practicality and got down inside each individual's heart, there'd be a lot of childhood dreams still nurtured there in a self-conscious sort of way. But to admit that we'd at least still like to have a hunch about Mr. Claus' authenticity would perhaps make us the objects of humorous ridicule, so we bury it deep, yet it is there.

Because of this we go along keeping up the front for the younger generations, often diligently crawling about into the realm of fancy and vague "truths" to preserve that which is the finest, most memorable day and night of childhood. We try to protect our youngsters from disillusionment until it is no longer possible. Sometimes parents get to listening so intently for the sleigh bells with you that they are sure they hear them too. And many a Dad, as he sipped the hot soup you left on the mantel for Santa has felt a twinge of conscience at de-vouring the good old boys' snack.

So when the day comes that you are holding this precious secret for your children, think back over the years to your own childhood and remember how your parents so faithfully kept this myth alive. Help keep the warmth that is Christmas Eve, the joy, the music, the belief of the most wonderful story ever told, alive and nourished. Fight to preserve all that this stands for and teach your children that it is worth the preserving. Think of Christmas as it was meant to be thought of—joy to the world, peace on earth, good will towards men. And though Christmas will soon be over, try to capture a little of its spirit and lock it in your hearts for every day of the year.

Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fenner of Beach road entertained their friends at an open house last Sunday.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farrell will be hosts to a group of friends at an elegant party in their Wellesley drive residence.

Mrs. E. C. Theonen of Washington, D. C., is expected to arrive today to spend the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Walker of Fortshire road. Mrs. Walker will entertain at a tea in honor of her mother tomorrow.

The day after Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Morse, Jr., of Leona Fine road will hold their annual holiday open house.

On Dec. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart W. Nunnaley will be hosts at an open house in their home on Hamilton street.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Babson of Cambridge, Mass., arrived in Birmingham yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Babson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Austin of Riverchase avenue. The visitors plan to return home on the 27th.

The day after Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gossett and their children, Tom and Elizabeth will leave their Goodhue road home for New York where they will remain through the New Year.

Dick Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cliff Roberts of Newton, Woodward avenue arrived home yesterday for the holiday season from Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rossetter of Peoria, Ill., are expected tomorrow to spend Christmas with Mrs. Rossetter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark of North Adams road.

On January 2, Mr. and Mrs. C. LeRoy Austin of Westwood drive will set off for Kenyon Ranch in Tucson, Ariz., where they will vacation for a month.

Mrs. Nora Stinson of East Humphrey street will be hostess at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Birmingham AAUW Branch Forms Discussion Groups

Concern for the status of women on the faculties and in the administration of American colleges was expressed in resolutions passed by the national status of women committee of the AAUW and forwarded to Mrs. Milton F. Hallender, president of the Birmingham branch.

Since institutions of higher learning must meet certain standards with regard to women students and faculty members before their graduates can qualify for AAUW membership, the Association exerts considerable influence in the direction of this resolution.

"The committee shall work for the wider employment of qualified women faculty members," says one resolution, "without discrimination as to sex and marital status and without differentials as to rank, salary, departmental chairmanships and appointments."

This resolution also stressed the importance of having in the top policy-making body of an institution a dean of women or other woman officer concerned with the affairs of women students.

It further states that: "The committee shall continue to concentrate its efforts in securing equality for women in admission policies and practices of graduate professional and technical schools and shall continue its endorsement of equal opportunity for training and placement after admission."

The AAUW status of women committee, long interested in the placement of women in important administrative and policy making

Announce Troth



MARION TATE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Tate of Bird street announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion to William G. Houts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy J. Houts of Westfield, N. J.

Miss Tate is a student at Wayne University where she is completing work for her masters degree on a teaching fellowship. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. Mr. Houts is a graduate of Rutgers in New Jersey.

The couple have chosen June 2 for their marriage which will be solemnized by the Rev. Harold E. Towne at St. James Episcopal Church.

Allied Youth Dance

Ann McRay, 715 Wimbeldon, has charge of tickets for this year for the Allied Youth "Silver Lining Ball" on New Year Eve. The party will be held in the Masonic Temple from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Couple to Reside in Boston, Mass.

Wearing a white gabardine suit, a small flowered hat and carrying a bouquet of white orchids and orange blossoms, Miss Joyce Watkins became the bride of Robert Lasserin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lasserin of Sturbridge, Vhings, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Watkins of Knox street are the bride's parents.

Mrs. Charles Bay served her sister as matron of honor in a navy suit with a pink hat and a small carnation bouquet while Miss

Constance Turner of Harmony, R. I., was bridesmaid in a wine toned suit and white carnation bouquet. Young Marjorie Ray, the flower girl, carried a basket of rose petals and was dressed in a navy and white suit.

The Rev. Harold E. Towne officiated at the nuptials which were read at four o'clock in St. James Church last Saturday.

Max Underwood of Maine acted as the best man and ushering the guests were Edward Watkins, a brother of the bride; Jay Okers of Southbridge, Mass., and Ross Pierce.

A reception followed at the Watkins' residence. The couple will reside in Boston, Mass.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

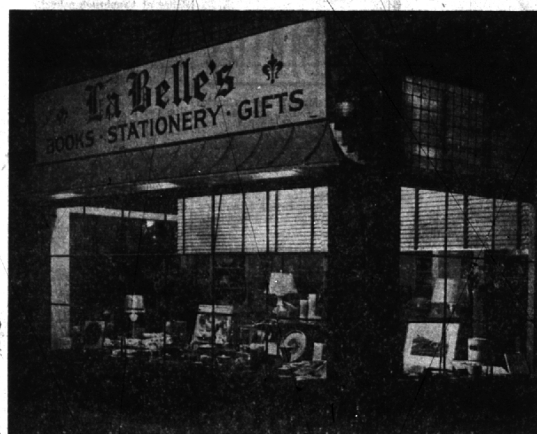
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