

Holiday Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Boles had as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bradly from Grand Rapids.

The Hugh C. Whites had a family dinner Christmas, including his mother and relatives of Mrs. White.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison joined a family dinner Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Kolodick, Jr., in Detroit.

The Franklin Collins spent Christmas with Mrs. Collins' parents in Urbana, Ill., then went on to visit Franklin's parents in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Hinman

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and children spent Christmas in Kentucky.

Marian and Irwin White have invited many of the villagers to celebrate the New Year with them at a square dance party to be held at the Community Hall.

The Vernon Fishers of Welling-ton Road are starting the New Year by inviting residents of Woodcrest to meet all of the newcomers at a tea from 4 to 7 o'clock on New Year's Day.

Schoolmates Are Guests

At a luncheon on Tuesday, Karen Gavic entertained 12 of her Barnum schoolmates. Those joining Karen for lunch and games were Linda Hunt, Kay Kitle, Patty Jackson, Karen Grovins, Mariene Crawford, Charles Koehler and Joan Gassaway.

Weekend Items

Erma Lu Moore has as her guest Jim Stribling from Ashland, Ill. Jim will remain until after New Year's Day.

Mrs. Joyce Deal from Toledo,

Re-Elected

Ohio, spent Christmas with the Harold Roseberry.

Julie Spillman, home from New York for the holidays, held an open house Monday at her home on Old Colony road.

The College Crowd

The college crowd gathered at the home of Kay Nichols on Monday evening. Members of the party included Marge Fisher, Mary Gilchrist, Barb Hughes, Sally Roseberry, Deedee Weaver, Joan and John Larson, Chuck Brown, Jim Cole, Jim Coybette, Dave Jahaman, Eric Matus, Johnny Robinson and Tom Roseberry.

Top Scholar in AAF Mechanics' Course

CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, Ill., Dec. 24

Private First Class Edgar R. Clapper, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, is a member of the graduating class in the airplane hydraulic mechanic course at the technical training school here.

He has been designated as the honor student of the class for maintaining the highest scholastic average during the nine weeks of advanced instruction in the normal and emergency operation of aircraft hydraulic systems. He has been awarded a certificate of achievement for this outstanding record.

ELLIOTT S. KINNEY

Re-elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board at its annual meeting last week was Elliott S. Kinney, who is also president of Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, Inc. Robert F. Walsh of Max Broock, Inc., was named vice-president. Whiting W. Raymond of Walsh, James & Wasley, Inc., was elected secretary, and Ray Levinson was named treasurer.

Director were Jerome F. Benjamin, John F. Bowman and Mrs. Muriel W. Lane.

The latter two directors mark a significant departure from previous Board practice. Formerly only five officers and directors were charged with the responsibility of conducting board affairs.

Through a recent by-law adopted by President Kinney, it is now possible to elect two sales representatives to board directorships. It has been felt for some time that the board as a whole could secure much benefit from a closer working relationship with staff members as well as only broker members.

'Strongest Alumni Squad in Years' Meets Maple Regulars in Annual Game

Birmingham basketball fans will be afforded their annual holiday treat tomorrow night when the Baldwin High School hoopers, replete with reserve players, meet teams made up of alumni stars. The games will be played at the Baldwin gym with the reserve game starting at seven o'clock. The varsity tilt will begin about 8:30.

Coach Cooper's boys have been inactive since their successful conquest of Royal in Dec. 20 when they administered a drubbing to the Acorn quintet.

Practice has been carried on throughout the vacation period and Cooper has stated that the squad will be ready to meet when he terms the strongest alumni squad to represent the graduates in a number of years.

Dauntful Starter

Big Howard Liverance has not been able to work out at his regular pivot position due to illness and it is doubtful if he will be ready to play Friday evening, according to Cooper.

If Liverance does not appear in the game it is probable that Barry Wall, a tall forward with limited experience, will move over to the center slot and Pete Plumstead will move into the lineup again at forward.

Art Fairbanks, a lanky junior, will hold down the other front-line position while Bob Hardy, a junior, and Tom Tracy, a sophomore starter, will be at their regular guard positions.

Five of Last Year's Regulars

In the alumni camp will be all of last year's regulars, including Bob Folin, Duke Layland, Pat Wall, Skip Halpin and Clay Joyce. Besides this classy combination, there will be Bollie McCluskin and Lucius Jackson, also of last year's squad and Jim Anderson and Dick Murray of the 1947 Maple quintet. Keith McIntyre will fill out the varsity squad of 10 players.

Coach Cooper believes this year's alumni squad will be exceptionally tough because seven of the squad members played at a unit as recently as last season and several of them have continued to court on the courts of their chosen colleges.

Stars at Kiski

Bob Folin has not yet entered college, but has been a star during the early games at Kiski Prep in Pennsylvania. In the first two

Local Traffic Signal Will Be Introduced Soon in City Schools

Sgt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham traffic safety division will shortly introduce his latest "gadgets" to the youngsters of the city's public school system.

The affair is a traffic signal in "youngster" size. The three-colored light is mounted on a standard about four feet high, where small children can view it straight on, rather than at a sharp over-head angle.

The lights are the standard red, amber and green, and operate by remote control at approximately 30-second intervals.

Timm expressed the hope that he would be able to erect two of the signals in every city school attended by the smaller children.

"This brings the lights down to their level," he said. "They can see them clearly, and they can walk up close for a real examination."

"I'll conduct classes on how the lights work and what they mean, along with how they should affect traffic. Our accident rate has already been cut quite a bit here in Birmingham, but I hope this will make it even lower."

"I know one thing it will do—it will teach these real small children all about lights and mother and daddy had better to be on hand whenever they go out with the family. They'll get hawled out if they don't."

Seek Temporary Use of City Property for Fuel Storage

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been authorized by the city commission to negotiate with the Harrison Floor Covering store for the latter's temporary use of city-owned property on Worth Street for the location of liquidated petroleum to heat Harrison's new S. Hunter store.

Egbert will report the final agreement back to the commission for confirmation.

Local Woman Proves There Is a Santa by Telling of Dearborn Lad's Christmas

By Alice E. Morgan

Mrs. Opal Murdock, 1144 Smith street, will argue with anyone who says there is no Santa Claus, for, as "The Story Lady" of WJAB, she knows better.

Her proof began a short time ago when a little boy visited Santa Claus in a Dearborn store and asked for a puppy for Christmas. The boy's mother, five-year-old George Woodrow of Dearborn had left Santa's station that the old gentleman realized was just like other little boys. George is blind.

Employees of the store became interested in his request, and called upon others of the company for their support. All rallied around and waiting until the work of Mrs. Murdock's husband Charles, it was arranged to have George as her program-guest Sunday afternoon.

Leader Dog Awaits Him

George has received his puppy, a fine young boxer. More than that, he is assured that when he reaches 15, a Leader Dog will be trained and waiting prior to his broadcast, showered him with gifts of every kind.

Along with Mrs. Murdock's small son, Denny, George had a wonderful time opening packages and testing every toy that came along.

Mrs. Murdock admits, freely, that she broke down at the happiness of the boy, and claims she was not alone. Of the program she says, "It was my thirteenth broadcast."

"I've never been so happy in my life. To watch that little boy's face as he opened the packages, and to see the wonder in his eyes which he gets around did my heart good. I couldn't help but feel sorry for him, of course, but far greater was my admiration for him."

"His mother told me how he gets around and does things for himself. I feel so proud of him, and so proud that I could have such a wonderful little boy appear on my program."

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After a lapse of two weeks, due to the Christmas holiday closing of schools, the Birmingham YMCA will resume its winter schedule with swimming at the Barnum Junior high school Tuesday evening.

The Barnum Junior Hi-Y club will meet with Tiny Forester in the school gym. The Flensie Gray-Y clubs for girls will meet with their leaders, Doris Harris and Shirley Cloutier.

Conservation will be the discussion topic of the groups for the first week in January. These talks will be supplemented by sound movies on Michigan moose and wild birds.

Local Man at Meeting

A Birmingham man, Irving Segal, 4725 Beverly road, RFD 2, will be among regional representatives of Elgin National Watch Company attending a 1950 sales planning conference at St. Charles, Ill., December 28 and 29.

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Captain of Peddie Swim Team Home for Yule Holidays

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.—A Birmingham boy, John P. Burleigh, 5th of Dunwoody in Burleigh, 1001 Brookwood Court, is captain and top performer on Peddie School's varsity swimming team this winter.

A senior at Peddie, Burleigh is a versatile swimmer, particularly strong in the free style and relay events. In addition, he is secretary for the '41 Lounge, a member of the Hall Council and a student cheerleader.

The Old Gold and Blue swimmers open a thirteen meet schedule against the Horace Mann School in New York on January 1. Burleigh is one of four returning lettermen who are expected to give Coach Clinton I. Sprout his strongest team in recent years at Peddie.

Burleigh is spending the Christmas vacation with his family in Birmingham, but will return to Peddie Jan. 3 to resume his studies. His brother, Davie, was graduated from Peddie last year.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1950

May the grand sense of freshness that accompanies the arrival of a New Year stay with you right on through the decade that is opening before us. We wish for you not only a Happy New Year, but a happy 1950 to 1960.

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