

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Only the trees whose roots go deep into the earth, whose trunk and branches bravely stand up against the storm, whose leaves and sturdy. The same environmental conditions for men, make them strong, too.

Localities Will Sing with Royal Oak Group in Handel's Messiah

The following Birmingham people will be heard when the Royal Oak Choral Union presents Handel's Messiah Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, 1950, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Royal Oak high school. According to William H. Baer, the program will be recorded for broadcast over WJW Dec. 12. The program may be heard from 10 to 11 p.m.

J. D. Campbell, Jim Zawodni is in charge of public relations with Carl T. Ambrust as social chairman. The free concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Royal Oak high school. According to William H. Baer, the program will be recorded for broadcast over WJW Dec. 12. The program may be heard from 10 to 11 p.m.

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It was quite an experience Monday evening wandering through the crowds as they wended their way in and out of the various local stores looking over the varied merchandise. Many of the out-of-townners probably marvelled at the friendly atmosphere which prevailed, and which is summed up in this comment which this Wanderer overheard: About 7:30 p.m., a maid was apparently waiting on the corner for a bus home. She turned to a friend, also waiting with her, and exclaimed, "My, this is the friendliest town! Everybody greets every one else! Everybody knows everybody! That friendliness must be what makes Birmingham such a grand place to live."

Crime seems headed for the dump in Birmingham. One gentleman called the police last week to report that someone had dumped his ashes on the lawn and stolen the cans. While the officers pondered on this one, a lady phoned and said a flock of strange ash cans had appeared at her house, and would the police please call and collect same. The mystery is as deep and dark as ever, and the only official comment available on the case is, "Well, if the coal strike stays with us, we won't need ash cans." However, the men who work at the police garage would appreciate the owners coming to claim their property.

Police were notified last week that some children were playing on the ice at Quanton lake. The youngsters were warned that the ice was extremely thin and not safe for them. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said that parents should warn all children against using the lake until city officials have declared it ready for use. He pointed out that while youngsters are there at their own risk, no one wants to see tragedy occur there.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy M. Crater, former residents of Waddington road, will be pleased to learn of the success of their 12-year-old son, Tommy, who appeared here with the Village Players and was active in the affair of Quanton school, has been given the leading role for children with

the Pittsburgh Playhouse. He will play the role of the little mute boy in "This Is My Valley".

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham Young Mallard-Drake are spending the winter on the northeast branch of the River Rouge. Mr. Mallard-Drake brought his wives to the location several weeks ago, and apparently satisfied with the menu provided by Mrs. Harold J. Chadwick with whom they take their meals, are showing every intention of settling in Birmingham. Mallard-Drake bids them a hearty welcome.

This Wanderer had at found out what magic charm, if any, is contained in the "first" new license plate issued at any Secretary of the State's branch office, but there must be some. Charles Mortensen, local C manager, reports that half a dozen people waited half an hour for his office to open last Thursday morning when the new 1950 auto tags went on sale. "There wasn't any line," Mortensen recalls. "We play no favorites when it comes to special numbers, either. First come, first served."

It's nice to have a brand new local telephone directory, isn't it? This Wanderer received his Friday morning. The next one, so Michigan Bell tells us, will be handed out early next summer when the phone company begins work on the new dial system. So the book we received Friday won't be as dear and dark as was our December 1948 model.

So far during 1949, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has handled 350 calls, 50 letters, and 250 "walk-in" requests per month for various types of information regarding Birmingham, C of C President Robert J. Mason revealed at last Thursday's annual chamber meeting.

Birmingham Chorus Winter Concert Will Be Dec. 14

The Birmingham Male Chorus will present its annual winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Community House main auditorium, starting at 8:30 p.m.

The chorus has been under the direction of Otto Brown, director of music for Ferndale schools. He has done much choral work and has sung with the Ford Sunday Evening Hour chorus. He also sang under the direction of Fred Waring.

As an added attraction, Charles E. Grinyer will appear as guest soloist. Grinyer is president of the Orpheus Club and tenor soloist at Christ Church, Grose Pointe. This is the announced program:

First Group	Bullied Old Red Van Merry	Traditional
	God Rest Ye Merry	Traditional
	Jesus, Joy of My Endeavor	Traditional
	White Christmas	Traditional
	Mallette	Traditional
Second Group	Charles Grinyer, Soloist	
	Ah, Moon of My Delight	Lehmann
	Who's taking from the Robbery of Omar	Traditional
	Khayyam	Traditional
	Horner	Traditional
Third Group	Murphy	Traditional
	I'd Love to Live in Laredo	Williams
	I've been in Battle	Coogan
	Jericho	Negro Spiritual
Fourth Group	The Star of Bethlehem	Adam
	Dedication	Fifth
	Here We Come A-Wassailing	Letlove
	Carol of the Bells	Robert Erwin
	Melody of Christmas Carols	Traditional

Fickets may be obtained at the Community House office or from any member of the chorus.

Charles Savage, president of the chorus, announces that the chorus will resume rehearsals Tuesday, Jan. 10, meeting from 8 to 10 p.m. at Saint James Episcopal Church basement. Any men interested in singing for the joy of musical expression will be welcome.

"Either come to rehearsal at that time, or call me for information," Savage said.

News and society copy must be in The Eccentric editorial office by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon. Deadline for society club news is noon each Monday.

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FRANKLIN NEWS

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Garden Club Elects

Garden Club members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hyland on Telegraph road last Thursday evening. The program topic was winter protection and Christmas decorations.

Christmas Party Plans

Members of the Discussion group were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodburn on Sunday. Movies of the Woodburn's western vacation trip were shown and plans were discussed for the annual Christmas party to be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Devon Gables. Reservations will be taken by Mrs. W. C. Hinman or Mrs. F. Collins until Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Plan Tea for Dec 21

The afternoon circle has extended invitations to members of the Evening Circle and friends for a tea on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Hinman on Wellington road. The committee chairmen, Mrs. R. B. Nichols, Mrs. Arthur Thuesen, Mrs. Ralph Woodburn, Mrs. C. H. Harrison and Mrs. John Hill.

Little Music Club

Mrs. William Haworth will hostess to the Little Musical Club on Thursday, Dec. 1. The club, which was formed by music lovers

in this area back in 1942, consists of 24 members who contribute the musical selections at each meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Social Briefs

The Glen Shoemaker entertained a few friends at dinner and bridge Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodburn are off to New York on a combined business and pleasure trip.

William Haworth is attending the public relations association of America convention at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison were hosts to the Charles A. Wagners on Saturday evening at dinner.

Wagner showed movies of their European trip.

On Sunday the Harrisons entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durbin for dinner at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziegelaar had a few friends in for a noshie party on Saturday evening.

Franklinites who turned out Saturday evening to see Flocks of Penance, a University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan production, were Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Ensign, Dr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and Kay and Mrs. Faye Hawk.

Barbara Scaver of Wellington road has returned home from an extensive tour with the Page and Stage Ballet Company. Barbara has resumed teaching at her dancing studio in Birmingham.

The Live Wire club held its annual Christmas dinner party at the Colonial tea room in Birmingham on Monday evening.

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