

Local Legion Post Joins Toy Campaign

Charles Edwards Post, 14, will join other American Legion units in the 1950-51 "Tide of Toys" program, according to Jack Emerson, American Legion home, 266 South Woodward.

Over 3,000,000 toys were sent to European children last year. This year's goal is 10,000,000 toys.

Emerson stated, Emerson urged that Birmingham parents ask their children to share their toys with less fortunate boys and girls at Christmas. For those who have no young children in the family he asks that they buy a toy and leave it at the American Legion home, 266 South Woodward.

Toys will be packed by local Legion members and sent to the point of embarkation.

Obituary Notices

NANCY JOSEPHINE WILSON, 67, of 1210 Lakewood, Berkeley, a resident of Birmingham, died Dec. 6 in New Grace hospital, Detroit, after a six months' illness. She was born in Engus, Iowa, on Dec. 8, 1883, and came to this section about 26 years ago.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and its Esther Seater club and the First Methodist church of Berkeley.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Wilson and one son, Julian of Berkeley; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Jean, Fuquay of Kalamazoo; four grandchildren and seven brothers.

Services were held from the Sawyer funeral home Saturday afternoon with burial in Roseland Park cemetery. The Rev. Andrew Butt officiated.

MRS. CHARLOTTE L. BURCH, 92, died Dec. 7 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Woolfenden, 543 Vinewood, after a long illness.

She was born in Dunkirk, N.Y., on Oct. 14, 1858 and came to Birmingham from Detroit in 1931. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Besides her daughter she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Carrie Webster of Buffalo.

Services were Saturday afternoon from the Manley Bailey funeral home with interment in Woodmore cemetery.

WILLIAM JOHN THORNTON, 60, charter member of the Birmingham Volunteer fire department, died suddenly Dec. 7 at his residence, 1472 East Ruffner.

Mr. Thornton was born in Grindstone City on Sept. 2, 1890, and came to Birmingham from Sandusky, Mich., in 1910. He married Alma Loughran here on Aug. 16, 1917.

A garage mechanic, he had been in business here and in Franklin for the past 33 years.

Besides his widow, Mr. Thornton is survived by three children, Mrs. E. G. Ballard of Royal Oak,

Mrs. Earl Stephenson of Great Lakes, Ill., Mrs. C. E. Palmer, Mrs. Ruth Lewis and Mrs. S. F. Killinger of Pontiac, recruit William Thornton, Camp Aterbury, Ind., Donald and Sue, at home.

Five sisters, Mrs. Henry Ruddy, Oakley, Mrs. Lillian Griffith, Port Huron, Mrs. Ethel Snyder, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Robert Nichols, Sandusky and Mrs. Lyle Reynolds, Royal Oak, with one brother, Henry Thornton of Florida, also survive.

Services were held Monday from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Arnold Rankle of the First Methodist church officiated.

Dogs Are Victims Of Unknown Poisoner

Birmingham and Bloomfield township police are investigating the poisoning of several dogs in the area near Quanton school.

The first report was received Dec. 6 and since that time three other dogs have been fed either strychnine or ground glass.

Residents and police are at a loss to determine the reason for the killings or by whom the fatal doses are administered.

Police departments in both Birmingham and the township are urging owners to keep a close watch over their pets, keeping them confined as much as possible.

Frank Couzens, Jr., Heads Exchange Club

At the annual election of officers of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon, Frank Couzens, Jr., was named president; Henry L. Selters, vice-president and Dalton H. Lamb, secretary-treasurer.

Malcolm V. Ferguson, William Wieland, Walter Morgan, Robert S. Clark, William Ritchey and Ralph A. Wilson were named to the board of control. These men will serve with the newly elected officers and the retiring president, W. Carlton Scott, who make up the complete board.

It was announced that Walter Morgan has been named president of the metropolitan council of the Exchange club.

Greyhound Honors Drivers for Safety

Harry Phillips, 1423 Bird, received additional honors for his safety record with the Greyhound bus company Dec. 8. Senior driver for the Birmingham division, Phillips has the outstanding record of 23 years safe driving.

Other local drivers honored by the company are Earl Schmitt, nine years; Gillman West, five years; Clarence Hosler, four years and John Tealor and William Hoyt, two years.

Cagers Lose, 58-6

Birmingham 'Y' boys of the Junior Boys League dropped their second consecutive game to Western 'Y', 58 to 6.

Upsets Feature Basketball Games

If the initial games played in the Birmingham YMCA intramural league are any indication of how the season will be, everyone can expect plenty of upsets and large scores.

C. F. Mulholland's, a young, fast aggregation, defeated the T. B. Rayi quintet.

'Y' Phalanx, faced with the production of its entire team into the armed forces, was determined to set a fast pace and show the league that they will be cup contenders.

Using a fast break on offense, the blue and white quintet led Birmingham Merchants 20 to 9 at the half and finished on the long end of a 52 to 26 score.

Games next week: 'Y' Married Men vs. T. B. Rayi, 7 p.m.; C. F. Mulholland vs. 'Y' Phalanx, 8 p.m.; North Chevrolet vs. Birmingham Merchants. All games are played at Baldwin High School under YMCA supervision with registered officials calling.

Kroger Store to Display 40-Inch Pie This Week-end

A giant 40 inch pie will be displayed in the front window of the Kroger store, 325 North Woodward, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Called the "world's largest pie," it will provide 300 servings. After its display, the delicacy will be given to some charitable institution in this area.

While it was baked, the pie required a special rack with iron bars to support it. In conjunction with the display, the Kroger's store is sponsoring a contest in which an award will be given to the person who comes closest to guessing the weight of the huge pie.

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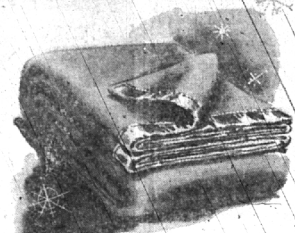
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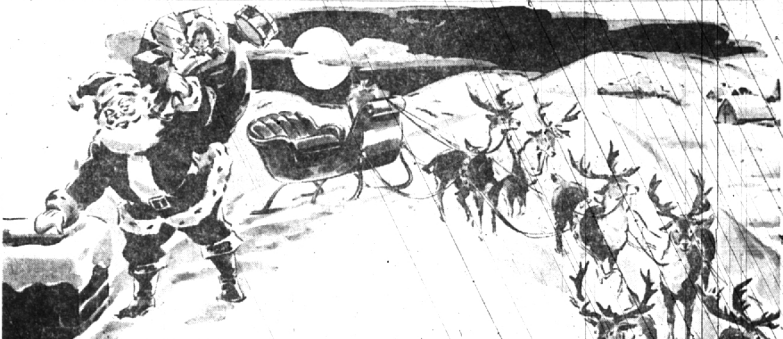
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