

Every morning the sun comes up over the eastern horizon, chasing away the darkness of each night. Dwellings upon idealistic, spiritual thoughts help to cheer the one mind the day doubts, the negative fears.

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# THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

### Christmas Is In Giving—

How wonderful if, all the year, the spirit of Christmas-tide would bind the heads and hearts of everyone to do his best for humankind! The life, the rhythm, most of all that now make up our earthly strife would largely vanish from our world, more tranquil, peaceful would be life.

Like ships whose sails do gather winds to send them on their journey's far, whose masters faithfully depend upon the compass and the star To guide them safely past the reefs, the shoals and rocks to harbor's good— Ah, friends, if like these ships we, too, would reach the Land of Brotherhood!

For the grandeur of Christ's living found its strength in selfless deeds... Christmas is not merely giving gifts of things—but in our deeds... Deeds of kindness, deeds in friendship, good we do the whole year through... "Go to school, and man His likeness," that's Christ's word for me and you! —G. R. A.

### Getting Publicity

Men high in public officialdom never "make a name" for themselves to the level of decent average human beings, and write them various types of "inspiring" notices.

A President, or a Governor, who writes a friendly note to some sick little boy or girl, or to some grieving mother, or to someone who has performed heroically, almost always gets his name into the newspapers.

Our Harry, of course, has often done these things—generally under the urging or suggestion of some one in his official life. But our Harry has gotten himself some publicity by writing people in a not-so-friendly vein.

### HIS LATEST blast at the music critics

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### Political Weather

An Arizona U. S. Senator has introduced a bill in Congress intended to give the federal government complete authority to make anti-flood endeavors to control rainfall and other climatic conditions. Even Democrats seem to think that is going a trifle too far.

Imagine a candidate running for federal office who made up his mind to vote for me and I'll guarantee to see that you get sufficient rain to grow your crops, to keep your lawns and gardens green, fill your drinking water with fresh water, and to give you fair weather for all your outdoor events!

### THEN IMAGINE

what would happen if a powerful politician were to make a speech in the raincoat and snow-shovel manufacturers. Why, he could bring on serious floods from the heavens in the summer, and snow in the winter!

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### Organized baseball has served notice on its high commissioner.

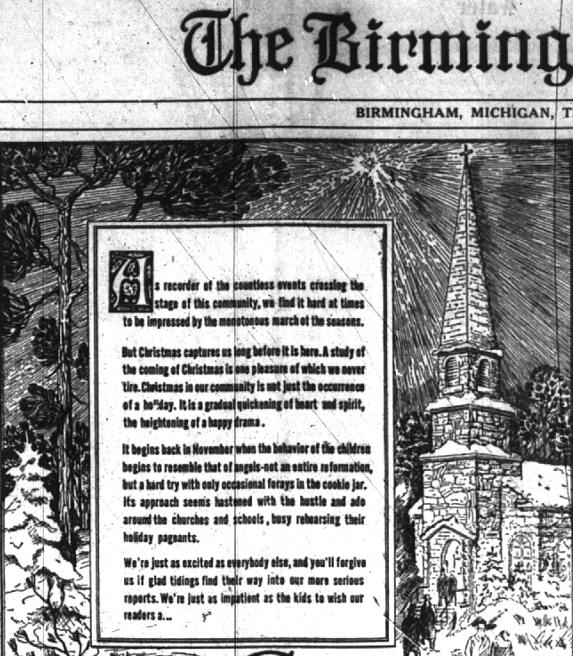
Chandler says that he's no longer will be needed after May, 1952. Chandler, a former Kentucky U. S. Senator, proves that your average career politician is a poor businessman. Trying to run professional baseball on the same lines that generally elect and keep a man in high office says worse and does more disastrously for any business venture. Which is but one reason why we expect success for business men, when it lives and thrives by using the policies of deceit and the double-cross.

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### Meet One Day Later

Because both Christmas and New Year's days fall on the same day, the city commission meetings for the next two weeks will be held Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. at the municipal building.



## CHRISTMAS 1950

### Flooding of Rinks Awaits Better Weather; Will Retain Quarton Lake Safety Measures

Four neighborhood ice skating rinks will be developed for skating this season, according to Frank Whitney, Birmingham recreation director.

As soon as weather conditions permit, the four neighborhood rinks will be flooded.

Whitney said he has studied weather maps of conditions during many years in the past, but they only emphasize the unpredictable weather in this section.

Although safety measures will be continued at Quarton lake, the recreation board will not have an organized program there. Such safety precautions as roping, warning signs, lighting and an emergency telephone will be kept, he pointed out.

### 8,450 Residents Take Advantage Of Blood Typing

Civilian defense authorities report a total of 8,450 persons were blood-typed between Nov. 16 and Dec. 16, or approximately 50 per cent of the city's population.

Bruce C. Booth said Monday that he was pleased with the response received in Birmingham.

"It was our aim," he said, "when we brought the typing tent to Birmingham, to have as many of our residents typed as possible. Considering the fact that this was a purely voluntary program with no pressure exerted, I feel that we have had a very good showing."

### Annual Christmas Sing to Be Held Sunday Evening

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Ringing of the First Methodist church chimes at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon will once more announce in Birmingham the traditional community celebration of Christmas. Since 1924 local residents have listened for the call to gather at the Civic Park at 5:30 to sing the well-loved Christmas carols.

Again this year, everyone, young and old, is asked to take a few minutes on Christmas Eve to join their neighbors and friends in commemorating the Birth of Jesus.

### ARNOLD BERNDT

again will lead a brass choir from Baldwin high school in the musical background of these old, familiar carols. The group will be made up of Ronnie Phillips, Bill Berndt, Charles Dare, cornets; Bill Mallender, French horn; Charles Tyson and Ralph Crawford, baritone; and Bill Thompson, tuba.

Majel Bressette will direct a mixed chorus while the community singing will be under the direction of William Spence.

### C. N. Blunt Heads Roll Call Committee

At a special committee meeting Dec. 17, Charles N. Blunt was named chairman of the 1951 annual roll call for the Community House. He will be assisted by Mrs. Bertie C. Ketchum as co-chairman. Fred C. Pew will head the drive among the local businessmen.

The roll call will open on Monday, Feb. 19, continuing through March 5.

### Blood Bank Quota Passed Here Tuesday

Sheldon Noble, chairman of the Red Cross drive for blood for Korean troops, reported 100 gallons of blood were donated Tuesday.

## Will Spend \$250,000 on Water Mains

### Distribution System To Benefit Greatly, Manager Emphasizes

Barring unsettled world conditions which would limit all municipal construction programs, the second phase of Birmingham's arterial water main improvement program will be completed next summer, City Manager Donald C. Egbert predicted this week.

City commissioners Monday night approved preliminary steps in creating a new \$250,000 revenue bond issue to pay for the new water storage tank on Derby road and 12-inch arterial mains along eight streets.

Next year's program will call for construction of the 600,000-gallon tank and 12-inch arterial mains.

On W. Maple, Bates to Chester; Main to Chester; W. Maple and W. Maple to Lake Park (estimated cost, \$31,000); W. Maple, 14 Mile to Lincoln; Adams, Knox to Winton (estimated cost, \$20,500).

CHESTER, Lincoln to Maple (\$23,200); Hunter, Hayes to Maple (\$8,270); W. Maple, Lake Park to Chester (\$16,400); Woodward to Chester (\$9,180); and W. Maple, Lincoln to Midvale (\$10,700).

"These mains are vital to our water distribution system," emphasizing Egbert said. "If we had post-war population increases, plus increased use of water, necessitate these arterial main improvements."

### Shoplifters Rob Two Local Stores

Recent activities of shoplifters have cost two local stores over \$400 in merchandise, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

The Bloody shop reported the theft of a purse, lighter set and shaving kit valued at \$45.

The manager of the local Himehloch store Saturday reported the loss of two dresses valued at \$115 each and a third at \$163. Police were informed that none of these garments had ever been shown in stock.

### Birmingham Schools Close December 21

Students from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills public schools start their Christmas vacations at the close of the school Thursday, Dec. 21 and resume classes Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Troy township and Southfield township schools close Friday, Dec. 22 and open again Jan. 2.

### THIS YEAR'S

has found his colorful costume for the Birmingham Women's club, Birmingham chamber of commerce children's theater party, Plum Hollow golf club party, Franklin Community association and Bachelor boys club Children's party.

Each Christmas eve, he also visits children in various homes in Franklin, Pontiac and Epsom Ridge.

The hair and whiskers for his costume are made out of genuine Yak fur.

White first started his career as a Santa Claus four years ago after a friend jokingly stated that he would make a good one. He pointed out that each year he becomes busier with this hobby.

He operates the Hugh C. White Insurance agency, 217 Pierce, and is also a member of the Southfield township board.

### Break Ground Sunday New Church

Members and friends of the First Methodist church will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at the site of their new \$480,000 church, the southeast corner of W. Maple and Pleasant, for a ground breaking ceremony.

The service will be conducted by Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Bishop of the Detroit area of the Methodist church, and Dr. W. E. Harrison, superintendent of the Detroit district.

Other participating in the service will be William A. Dalee, chairman of the building council; Roger Emmert, chairman of the committee on construction; Everett Allen, president of the board of trustees; Willie Groves, chairman of the official board and the two ministers, Dr. Arnold P. Runkel and the Rev. Robert A. Lawson.

"The shovel will be applied at the place of the main entrance to the new building which symbolizes the opening of the church, and also the fact that all who shall enter there are equal," Rev. Runkel explained.

### Check Voting Machine In Election Recount

Birmingham's voting machines in the recent recount here Dec. 13.

Each gubernatorial candidate lost one vote during the check here.



HUGH C. WHITE AS SANTA CLAUS  
Franklin residents bring cheer to youngsters (Joe Wheeler Photo)

## Santa Claus Role Keeps Hugh C. White Busy During the Christmas Season

For the past four years, the month of December has been an especially busy one for Hugh C. White, 27200 Scenic road, Franklin.

White has become a much sought-after Santa Claus for various groups and individuals in this area. He estimates that he will have met approximately 1,200 children by Christmas time in his capacity as St. Nick.

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## City Churches Announce Yule Services

Sunday, Dec. 24, will feature many special church observances in Birmingham, honoring the birth of Jesus.

At Chest Church Community an open house will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in order that small children and their parents may visit the crèche and hold family prayers in the church.

A 15-minute organ recital will precede the 11 p.m. service. This session will feature music by the full choir under the direction of Dr. Maurice Garbrandt, organist and director.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY a communion service will be held at 10 a.m., with special Christmas carols and hymns for the church and congregation.

The Sunday services at St. James Episcopal church will include those at 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and the Little Church school Christmas program at 11 a.m. At 4 p.m. a church school pageant will be presented.

An organ recital and special Christmas music is scheduled to begin at 10:30 p.m., followed by a half-hour later. A communion and sermon service to be held Christmas Day at 10 p.m.

"The Babe of Bethlehem" will be the special sermon topic for the 11 a.m. service at First Hills church. A candlelight communion service at 7:30 p.m. will be held at the church and in place of the regular vespers service.

AT THE First Presbyterian church the Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris will preach duplicate sermons on the special Christmas topic will be "God Makes Christmas Possible."

Whitney said he has studied weather maps of conditions during many years in the past, but they only emphasize the unpredictable weather in this section.

Highlights at the Baptist church will include the special choral music with Miss Nancy Chelms accompanied by the choir which is directed by Richard Burns. The Rev. Emil Kuntz has chosen to speak on "How to Keep Christmas."

THE TRADITIONAL Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will include the formal lighting of candles in an impressive ceremony.

The choir will sing several selections from Beethoven's "Christmas Oratorio." Special Bible readings and seasonal literature will fill the remainder of the service.

Duplicate morning services are also planned at the Redeemer Lutheran church when the Rev. Theodore Wagzner will speak on "The Quiet in the Land." The morning worship will be at 8 and 11 a.m.

The 7 p.m. service for children will be highlighted by the telling of the Christmas story in song, recitation and pageant.

THE MIDNIGHT service, traditional to the church, will feature carols and candlelight and start at 11:30 p.m. Music by the choir, piano and organ will also be featured. A special Christmas message by the pastor.

The service will culminate with the candle ceremony in the congregation signs "Silent Night."

Soloists for the day's services will include 12-year-old David Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Heard and Vilma Nissenman.

Henry Eiling and Dr. Theodore Wagzner will preside at the organ and piano during the special midnight service.

At Holy Name church a solemn (See CHURCHES, Page 2)

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