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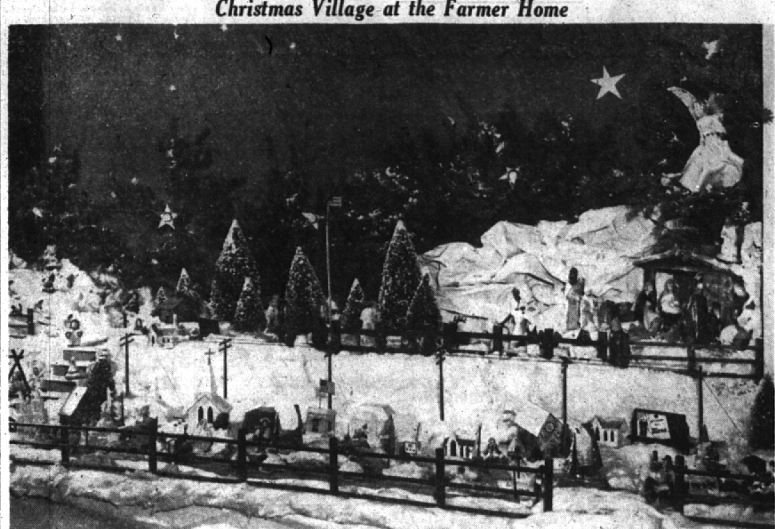
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Mrs. Farmer began with a simple table piece some 10 years ago and has been constantly adding to her collection since. The residents of the village and farms are not more than two inches-high, as are the skaters and others enjoying winter sports. Each, however, wears a hand-knitted costume made by Mrs. Farmer.

The fence in the foreground is between two and three

inches high, giving an excellent comparison to the size of the figures and the exacting work of dressing them all.

Among the more unusual things which are displayed in the village are two baby buggies—one made from a plum pit, the other from a walnut shell. Each occupant wears a knitted robe and each buggy is mounted on tiny wheels that turn.

Mrs. Farmer has had so many inquiries from neighbors who have heard of her hobby that she is holding open house each afternoon from 2 to 4 of the week beginning January 2.

(Joe Wheeler Photo)

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

John S. O'Gorman, Jr., who recently resigned from the city commission on the advice of his physician, believes Birmingham will have to find some method other than a city commission type of government to administer to municipal affairs. "The city even now is too big to expect seven men to do the best job when they can only devote two hours a week to the task," he told this Wanderer Friday afternoon. He said he didn't know the answer for this particular community, but feels the hunt should be started soon.

Birmingham last week got two new traffic signals—one at Hunter and Hazel, the other at E. Maple and Eton. All the Hunter signals will be interconnected for a traffic flow of 32 mph, sometime next Spring. This Wanderer has noticed that already quite a bit of east-west traffic has found the signalized corner and is using it.

A noticeable lack of outside Christmas decorations on homes in Birmingham has been noticed by this Wanderer. A small minority of the homes were lighted on the outside. A few homes in town usually noted for their Yuletide displays were not decorated. Maybe the current world situation had a great deal to do with this condition. In addition, there was no city-wide home lighting contest this year.

A splendid job of traffic warning was done during the Christmas rush by Police Sgt. Henry Tim. However, he often advised pedestrians to cross the streets only at cross walks. This wanderer believes this was almost a physical impossibility for there were nearly always one or two cars stuck there. The traffic behind was so dense that they could not back out of the crosswalk area and the cross

traffic fast enough and heavy enough that the drivers were unable to complete the turns they had just started as the light changed.

The new \$650,000 nurses home for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, started last week, is the sixth to reach the construction stage of the 14 building program sponsored by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund. The new building will release 65 beds for patients in the hospital proper. Birmingham's new \$3,600,000 hospital is one of the eight projects yet to be started.

This Wanderer will not be surprised to enter the city hall lobby any day now and find a thriving tobacco stand going. A glimpse at the stack of Christmas gifts in the office of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley Saturday morning leads us to believe that the very excellent officer may start such a business, strictly as a sideline from his law enforcement duties. Otherwise, he will certainly need some outside help if he is to dispose of all the cigars and cigarettes before this time next year.

There are a few basic rules about reporting a fire which every adult and child should memorize. Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith emphasizes, "In case of fire in the home," he said, "get everyone out quickly. Never take a chance on a fire being a little one—always treat it as a maximum of danger. Call the fire department immediately, Midwest 4-1616. If unable to dial this number or get through to the station, dial the operator and report it to her to give the proper house number and street address. If possible, tell the nature of the fire at least its location. If in a public building when fire breaks out, keep calm and try to influence others to do the same. Leave the building quickly and call the fire department. Do not depend on someone else doing it. It is better for you to have five reports of a fire than none. Once outside, get clear of the building and out of the path of traffic. Move your car if it is near the fire and there is time.

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