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There is no substitute for practical experience in acting out the business of living. Workable ideas, no outside lights, are available in courses. But to strive for an ideal mass objective that most folks cannot understand or want to achieve, is like using a sieve to hold water.

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TALKS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Pious Words Won't Clean Out Democracy's Demerol

It is faithfully recorded in the New Testament that Jesus, walking through a temple one day, became so enraged over the manner in which the money-changers were desecrating that edifice and victimizing the poor people, that he literally drove them from the temple. Although a man of extreme gentleness, yet the Nazarene knew that action to take under certain conditions, and did not hesitate to do so. The mere expression of pious words and noble phrases on that occasion would not suffice; he resorted to action—and that action has left its impact upon the following centuries.

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When it comes to enjoying from rights and freedom, the conditions, Mother Nature need not conform to the desire of human beings. The records of distribution of snow, ice and blowing winds over the middle west and parts of the east prove this.

Victory over Ohio State by the University of Michigan gridlers in the recent winter game will become a topic of football conversation for years to come.

Freedom-loving members of the United Nations, in their conflict with Soviet Russia and its communist satellites, are not only shy, but often apesing. Some times very loudly they profess to democratic nations that allow them to be pushed around as they have been pushed since the close of World War II.

November Building Shows Sharp Decline

November's building permits here reached their second low for 1950 and slid below the figures for the corresponding month last year.

A total of 37 permits were issued with a valuation of \$352,082. February, low month of the past year, showed 34 permits valued at \$339,060. The November totals for 1949 were 32 permits and construction costs of \$303,440.

Single family residences again were the field with 29 permits valued at \$287,400 falling into this classification. Second largest item was a family terrace being constructed for \$46,700.

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Susie the Snowman Sitter



Susan Weddell, putting a jaunty touch to Sammy Snowman's hat, is probably the only Snowman sitter in Birmingham. Susan keeps track of Sammy while his little mistress, Mary-Jo Sweet, is at school. Mary-Jo worked several hours during the Thanksgiving weekend building Sammy and getting him rigged out in all his saturnal splendor. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Weddell and Mary-Jo the daughter of Mrs. H. M. Sweet. The two little girls are next-door neighbors on Holland avenue. (A Joe Wheeler Photo)

Special Postal Christmas Hours Begin Saturday

Special Christmas mailing hours will go into effect at the Birmingham post office Saturday, Dec. 9.

Bernard K. Fowler, acting postmaster stated today that stamp windows will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily except Sunday. Sunday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from now until Christmas.

HE MAKES a special appeal to householders to keep walks and steps free of ice and snow. Carriers are carrying heavier loads and working longer hours, even under the best of conditions, he pointed out. The presence of slippery walks and steps makes their work hazardous as well as creating a hazard to the safety of the men.

Fowler added the usual "Mail Early, Please," stating that his department was happy to note a growing tendency toward this in Birmingham from year to year.

To Prepare Rules For Use of Parks

Frank Whitney, city recreation director, has been directed by the recreation board to draw up a set of rules and regulations to control the use of city parks.

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Skating on Quarton Subject of Hearing Tuesday, Dec. 12

A hearing will be conducted by the city recreation commission next Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. to "reexamine" the pro and cons of ice skating on Quarton lake this winter.

The meeting will take place in the commission room of the city hall.

W. Cole Alley, chairman of the recreation commission, said that several persons appeared before the group Nov. 30 to ask the commission to review its policy concerning skating on Quarton.

ALLEE SAID that these persons were asked to appear at the hearing and give their opinions as to what can be done regarding Quarton lake ice skating.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert and Recreation Director Frank Whitney will also relate their experiences with skating in the past on the lake.

This year Harmon, St. James and Ebor parks have been graded by the city in preparation for ice skating.

Allee said that the "lighting at these rinks will be as thorough as may be done in keeping within the limitations of our budget."

A recommendation as to lighting was given to the commission by Whitney.

MORE LETTERS TO SANTA

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6000-7000 Persons Visit Stores for Christmas Prevue

From 6,000 to 7,000 persons visited Birmingham business places Monday evening during the second annual "Christmas Prevue" sponsored by the business committee of the chamber of commerce.

CHARLES MORTENSEN, manager of the local chamber of commerce, said one merchant told him that more people actually were looking over the merchandise than last year. Mortensen pointed out that many persons were impressed with the fact that visitors could examine the merchandise without having an obligation to buy.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber of commerce manager reported "beautiful cooperation from local businessmen."

Although there were many favorable comments on the evening, some visitors claimed that one of the stores was so crowded that it was difficult to carefully examine the merchandise.

Searchlights at the four intersections of the business district flashed into the sky at the chimes of the First Methodist church played during the evening.

Car Crashes Into Light Pole at North Hunter Intersection

A Pontiac was slightly injured at 3:40 Saturday afternoon when the car he was riding in crashed into and knocked over a street light pole at the north intersection of Hunter and Woodward.

William Sorles was taken to St. Joseph hospital where he was treated for injuries to the right side and ribs. The driver, Merl A. Burge of Royal Oak, was uninjured.

Designing of Oakland Hospital To Be Done by St. Paul Firm

East, West Fire Stations Are Forecast

Population, Traffic To Require Move by 1955, Says Manager

A need for decentralizing the city's fire-lighting response by establishing two fire stations—one on the east side, the other on the west—was predicted by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at Monday's city commission meeting.

The TWO SITES would be at the northeast corner of Chesterfield and W. Maple, which the city has owned for some time and has contemplated using for a fire station, and a second site near Adams and E. Maple.

Series of Robberies Ended with Arrest Of Four Local Boys

A series of five robberies in the past three weeks at the Junior League Bazaar, 579 East Maple, ended Nov. 29 with the apprehension of four local boys.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said a petition was being sought to have the four turned over to Oakland county juvenile authorities.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Paterson cited several accomplishments of the chamber of commerce during the last year. They included efforts to get local merchants to establish uniform business hours; the chamber of commerce sponsored Christmas Prevue; work on off-street parking; cooperation on the annual city Halloween party for children; and the use of the chamber of commerce office as a branch of the Michigan department of state.

Determining Your Blood Type

Mrs. Mary R. Terry (left), director of the Birmingham clinical laboratory, and Mrs. James Keale, laboratory technician, process the blood taken in the city in the blood typing program.

ABOUT 2,700 persons have been typed during the first two weeks of the program. Others have until Dec. 16 to avail themselves of this service.

Teams are working from 9 to 5 daily at the city hall, with evening hours from 6 to 10 o'clock each Monday and Wednesday.

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Second Parking Hearing Dec. 7; Plans Proceed on Special Merchants' Meeting

Second of the city-sponsored discussions on the proposed off-street parking program is to be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Bruce G. Booth, who will act as moderator, explained that persons again will be afforded the opportunity to express their opinions on this matter, as well as ask questions about it.

DURING the dinner-meeting, the election of three members to the board of directors for three year terms was announced. They are William Breech, Ringham Lane, Franklin; Dr. Thomas Watson, 1230 Latham; and Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster.

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Breech, Reese and Watson Are Elected to C of C Board

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An election of new officers, originally scheduled for the meeting, has postponed because of the absence of some of the members of the board of directors.

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Construction To Start in Fall of 1951

Detailed Plans for the \$2,500,000 Oakland Hospital on Adams road will get under way immediately now that the hospital's board of directors has decided upon an architect, hospital president E. A. Tomlinson revealed Tuesday.

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