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True, one may in a moment of anger or impetuosity or vanity do and say things that are un-Christian...

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THIS and THAT

England, old, proud, brave, but economically impoverished, soon will find its new Prime Minister...

It is reported that the Chinese Reds have killed off more than 8,000 of the 13,000 United Nations (mostly Americans) war prisoners they have captured...

Detroit newspapers, as well as lawyers and judges, have agreed that the courts need better supervision, and the application of higher ethics on the part of some of the judges.

Naive, indeed, would one be to expect the eight-weeks-ago marriage of Franchot Tene and Barbara Payne to endure.

"He is a Republican" ... "He is a Democrat" ... back and forth go the political labels, depending on what partisan is talking.

The present confused situation in both major parties (both of whom have members who want Ike as Presidential candidate) only reveals an inept, lacking in courageous leadership.

Local Woman Loses Person in Assault

L. William Green and Merlin Holmquist, Birmingham detectives are investigating the assault and robbery of Mrs. Elizabeth Colmar, 787 Oaklawn.

Hold Holiday Date Changes

City commission meeting dates to close out the current year and open 1952, have been changed to avoid the necessity of meeting on Christmas and New Year's days.

Repeated failure of this light has caused motorists to run the red light.

The STATE HIGHWAY department's planning and traffic division approved the inter-converted traffic control system along Hunter two years ago.

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TRACY MAKES HIS LAST SPECTACULAR HIGH SCHOOL TOUCHDOWN RUN

All-state star eludes Royal Oak players, goes 65 yards for six points.

(Joe Wheeler Photo)

Maples Take RO for 2nd Straight Year

By DICK EMERY

Sparked by the brilliant running of Captain Tom Tracy, the Birmingham football team walloped Royal Oak 27-0 last Thursday in the fortieth renewal of the annual Thanksgiving rivalry.

The victory was Birmingham's eighth as against one loss, climaxed the Maples' most successful season since 1939. Royal Oak's defeat was the worst suffered by either team since 1941, when Birmingham lost by an identical score.

Attempt Correction of US-10 Traffic Signals

By RAY DENNIS

State Highway department workers are attempting to determine the trouble with the Hunter boulevard traffic signal system.

However, he said he doesn't know when the representatives will arrive.

The ECCENTRIC contacted J. C. McMonagle, director of the state planning and traffic division last Wednesday.

He stated, "Evidently the timing system is not working properly. We have men working on it and studying the situation and hope to have it fixed soon. I don't know how soon the factory representative will get there."

BREAKDOWNS HAVE averaged approximately two a week during that time. However, according to the blotter, failures occurred in streaks.

Next breakdown took place Oct. 15 when there were two reports. Those were followed by failures Nov. 18 and 19.

Repaired failure of this light has caused motorists to run the red light.

When the signals fail, Oakland County road commission crews are called.

Signals now are set for 32 MPH and the speed limit is 45. However, Moxley cautions that driving at the maximum speed allowed on Hunter boulevard could prove to be dangerous because of the frequency of intersections.

Red Cross Blood Unit Returned for Burial Here Dec. 5

Services will be held Saturday for Birmingham and Big Beaver servicemen, killed in action in Korea. These are the first area men to be sent home for burial.

With about 200 persons expected to donate blood in Birmingham on Dec. 5, plans are nearing completion for the visitation of the Red Cross mobile blood bank at the Community House, from 2:30 to 8 p.m.

The local campaign is being sponsored jointly by the women of Holy Name parish and the Birmingham Council of Church Women.

A behind-the-scenes check also was made by the Red Cross chapter regularly work with these mobile units on a purely local basis.

Two men are recruited locally, usually from police or fire departments to help carry cases and beds and set them properly.

"IT HAS to be done with great care, in order to be sure no contained germs or broken. The blood is so precious, so badly needed, that the greatest care is exercised."

Persons who have signed for donations are again reminded that this week that he hoped to have Birmingham's radar unit in operation by Dec. 1.

Radar Unit May Go Into Service This Weekend

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said this week that he hoped to have Birmingham's radar unit in operation by Dec. 1.

"We will operate on a 'courtesy' basis until residents have had a chance to become acquainted with the radar speed control," Moxley said.

"THE CITY officials and myself have great hopes for the unit," he remarked. "In cities which have adopted this method speeding has been cut sharply, with a lot less accidents. We all know that speeding is too common in Birmingham and sincerely hope radar will help us toward greater control."

Annual election of the Birmingham Real Estate board will be held Dec. 6 at a luncheon at the Birmingham Country Club.

Also making of inner spring mattresses. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, 518 E. ENTERPRISE, 6318.

Let for Monday's 'Christmas Parade'

Stores Open from 7-10 P. M.

By ALICE E. MORGAN

It will be a gay and festive evening in Birmingham on Dec. 3 when local merchants play host at the city's third annual Open House.

Started in 1949, the idea was to socialize with residents and businessmen alike that it has become a part of the Christmas season here.

AS IN THE past, the streets will be made gayer with special Christmas music from churches and stores and, weather permitting, by wandering groups of musicians.

Stores are planning special entertainments, refreshments and gifts for the thousands who will visit them next Monday night.

Searchlights at the north and south ends of Woodward and east and west ends of Maple will point out the business district and will answer all calls received at their offices.

"WE ESTIMATED between six and seven thousand people thronged the downtown area last year for the event and we have every hope that this number will be increased next Monday night."

"This year the merchants are cutting down on the number of novelty gifts for youngsters. The noise of the whistles and two prizes lent too much of a Halloween air to the night."

"We have only one post in Birmingham, the city hall tower," Dewey said, "and doubt that additional ones will be needed."

Dewey announced that Arthur Reinhold, 314 Hamilton, had been appointed assistant chief officer, to serve with James Fitzsimmons, chief, and Carl Bronson, assistant.

Birmingham, Ferndale Kiwanis to Meet Dec. 4

John Hoch, vice president of the Amphex division of Chrysler corporation, will speak Dec. 4 at a joint meeting of the Birmingham and Ferndale Kiwanis clubs.

On Dec. 11, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley will present a demonstration of the new radar speed control unit which has been purchased by the City of Birmingham.

A. EARL JONES, 1575 Woodward, Bloomfield Township, proudly shows the head of the huge 12-point buck he shot north of Rapid River in the Upper Peninsula the opening day of hunting season.

(Joe Wheeler Photo)