

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU?

When Should We Start Thinking About Christmas?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week The Birmingham Eccentric begins publication of a new weekly column, being written especially for The Eccentric, by Mrs. Irma M. Devaney, a mother, housewife and former woman's editor of several Canadian national magazines. This combination of mother, housewife and writer will permit her to discuss in familiar and understandable terms subjects which other women would like to bring to the public's attention.

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"Will you join us for Thanksgiving dinner—right after the Santa Claus Parade?"

This could be the conversation in many American homes today. And how ridiculous the whole thing has become!

By "thing" I mean the business of forcing us to think about Christmas shopping, Christmas decorations—and Christmas BILLS—all before the leaves have dropped from the trees!

Several people have recently become vocal on this subject but I feel it is my bounden duty to add my sentiments.

Because it is infuriating what is happening! It's not only making a mockery of a festive date on our calendar.

It's really disturbing to have to sort your Halloween candy from the Christmas cookies on the counter!

AND WHAT about Thanksgiving? I wonder how many children wondered just what day they were celebrating when they looked at the Santa Claus Parade on Thanksgiving Day? I know mine were more than quite some perplexed.

And while we're on the subject of the Santa Claus Parade, what has happened to the piece de resistance? Santa, I mean.

For my money he has become a second place to Hopalong Cassidy and the boys. His appearance in the parade has become somewhat of an anti-climax.

But I guess it's just as well, on account of it would be a bit difficult to explain to the small fry how Santa got to Philadelphia and New York so soon after he appeared on our own streets.

GETTING BACK to Christmas and what has happened to it—'ve

always been one who loved Christmas—what it stood for and all the fuss and fanfare that preceded it. I refused to listen to the cynics who bleated that it was commercialized out of all reason.

I was grateful to the merchants and stores for enticing us with their gaily-decorated counters—enticing us into spending more money than we could afford. And I didn't hold it against them, either, when I ended the season hopefully financially.

But I don't feel that way now! I'm annoyed at the shops and shopkeepers who have tried to coerce me into experiencing a feeling long before it seems even decent.

I WANT to be allowed to enjoy Halloween at its right time and to savor my Thanksgiving dinner without feeling hurried at the idea that all too soon I would be eating my Christmas turkey.

In short, I don't want life to move so fast. At my stage of the game, the years race by all too quickly as it is.

Mind you, we've always appreciated the timely hints we have had on the number of "shopping days" available to us before Christmas. They served to jock up the more procrastinating of us—and that was good.

But this bit of jacking-up used to happen "after" we had digested our Thanksgiving Dinner—not before! In other words, we do want to be encouraged to do our Christmas shopping early—just not "too" early!

WHERE DOES the blame lie for this unfortunate state of affairs? I suppose, rationally, one must blame the whole, dastardly, economic system, with its inflationary prices and decreasing dollar value.

And I suppose if the buying public didn't succumb to the dealers' wiles, shop-keepers would come back to earth and the calendar, and leave us be, 'till a right and fitting time.

So, what do we do about it? Could we refuse to do our Christmas shopping until we're good and ready? But, of course, if we wait too long we might not get the bargain—or there won't be anything left worth buying—or something.

SOME DEFINITE action is called for, however. We can't let this really wonderful time of the year become tedious long before we get a chance to enjoy it!

I think we must hold off our shopping, enthusiasms or find some way to get it across that we don't like what's going on.

With Army in Pusan
Pvt. Robert T. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Miller, 2401 Watline road, is serving with the U. S. Army Quartermasters Corps in Pusan, Korea. Pvt. Miller arrived in the Far East during the early part of November.

LEGAL NOTICES
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1952:

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of ERICK BERGISHAGEN, Deceased.

Beula Bergishagen having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 9th day of February, A. D. 1953 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice hereof be given to each of the three successive weeks, commencing the 1st day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known abode of address, at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

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