

Threshold Of The Future

May the bells, horns and whistles that clamor in that hairbreadth of time dividing the New Year from the old re-echo in your heart with

happiness and hope throughout all of 1953.

As the past year fades, we recall quietly the accomplishments and aspirations of the past 12 months. During those even dozen divisions of time, we remember many instances in which our friends have demonstrated their consideration and sincere desire to help in our efforts to keep our readers informed about the affairs of this fine community.

Now, at the threshold of a New Year, The Birmingham Eccentric pauses to wish each and every one of you

Happy New Year

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While it is not given to each of us to become a genius, it is not quite true that we can become better, more intelligent, than we are at the moment. Can one honestly say that he ever reaches the fullest in his ability to learn and do more?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

HERE IS THE WAY THAT GEN. IKE LOOKS AT PROBLEMS

Here is an interesting illustration of the high ethics and business standards of the man who, after Jan. 20, will be the next President of the United States.

Contrast, for example, Gen. Eisenhower's attitude in this respect with President Truman. The difference is that between intelligence and "propaganda politics."

Let us quote part of a speech recently made by Donald F. Carpenter, an executive of du Pont & Co. in Boston. Mr. Carpenter was emphasizing the basic character of "Ike," and told the following story:

"One day when General Ike was president of Columbia, Secretary Forrestal asked him to come to Washington. It happened that in the middle of the morning there was a meeting of an agency which required Forrestal's attendance, so he suggested that Ike sit in on the meeting. This he did, sitting not at the table, but at one side.

"IN THE COURSE of the meeting a matter came up for discussion which was quite controversial but after a while there seemed to be a fair meeting of minds upon a possible course of action. At this point Forrestal turned to Ike and asked if he had any views he cared to express.

"Now it would have been quite natural for Ike to make some comment as he was not a member of the group, or perhaps because he was out of touch or for many other reasons, but not like.

"He looked around the table, and with a famous grin, and stated very clearly that the man under discussion was based upon expediency rather than upon principle. He suggested a fundamental principle that he thought should be the guiding principle in the selection of steps that might be taken to reach it.

"THE RESULT was amazing. The action previously considered was abandoned, Ike's proposal was adopted unanimously, and after the meeting everyone was saying, 'Isn't he a great guy?'

That, gentlemen, represents General Ike—a man of high principle, clear vision and an amazing leader. What more could we say?

All Previous Records Of Holiday Phone Calls Broken, Manager Says

A record number of long distance calls were made by telephone users throughout the country during the holidays according to W. B. Fauser, manager.

He stated that 50 percent more long distance calls were placed during Christmas week this year than in any previous year.

The expanded use of operator toll dialing expedited the completion of this record volume of calls. Although many of the long distance calls were completed when the customer waited on the line, others were required to wait until long distance lines were cleared to complete their call.

Many customers helped to speed up the long distance service by placing their holiday calls by telephone number thereby eliminating the necessity of the operators referring to information records to obtain the telephone number of the distant telephone.

Here's Wishing You

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Revised Oakland Hospital Plans Near Completed

Will Receive Bids in Spring

Hospital architects are completing working drawings for the new \$5,000,000 Oakland Hospital to be erected at Woodward, Coolidge and Thirteen Mile road, and it is expected plans will be put out for contractors bids by spring.

This was disclosed in a statement today by E. A. Tomlinson, Oakland Hospital president, who said revised plans for the hospital, incorporating a modern emergency and outpatient department instead of the originally planned ambulant clinic, have been completed and approved by the board of trustees and its medical advisory committee of Oakland county doctors.

The revisions involved substantial changes in original construction plans. Tomlinson said, with an entirely new building perspective and new floor layouts. The plans now call for a five-story cross-shape structure of approximately 150,000 square feet of floor space providing a minimum of 200 hospital beds. It will include facilities and equipment for complete general hospital and emergency service to the communities of the Southern Oakland County area.

Tomlinson said it was hoped that construction would meet the time schedule calling for completion of the hospital in 1954.

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Plot plans also have been approved locating the outpatient department in the 105-acre tract, with main entrance facing an east and west two-lane highway off Coolidge highway and additional entrance and exit drive-ways off the Thirteen Mile road.

At the rear of the main building and connected to it by a utility building will be the hospital power house, an 80' by 80' structure.

Borings to determine footings for the new buildings, which will be the largest yet to be constructed in this area, were completed in November.

General specifications, outlined by Franklin Fricker, chairman of the building committee, call for the main hospital building and power house to be of steel and reinforced concrete with exterior of white color face brick and stone trim. The approved plans reveal what is considered the most modern layout in floor planning looking to maximum comfort, convenience and protection of the sick, similar consideration of the visiting public, and provision for ideal staff and employee working conditions.

The ground level or first floor of the building will cover an area of approximately 31,000 square feet in four wings, under which will be a full basement, the laundry, general receiving and storage, mechanical equipment, employees locker rooms. The hospital pharmacy and pharmaceutical laboratories are located in the basement. There also will house special facilities for the volunteer workers and a sizeable meeting room for doctors.

The main entrance and lobby occupy the east section of the north wing with the hospital entrance facing Coolidge highway and Woodward avenue. The lobby area is flanked on the right by an information desk, the pharmacy, counting and cashier's offices beyond which is the elevator lobby and admitting rooms for interviewing patients.

AT THE LEFT of the entrance will be administrative offices which occupy the building's east wing. Also entered from the left of the lobby will be the pharmacy, retail store and the hospital canteen which will include a snack bar.

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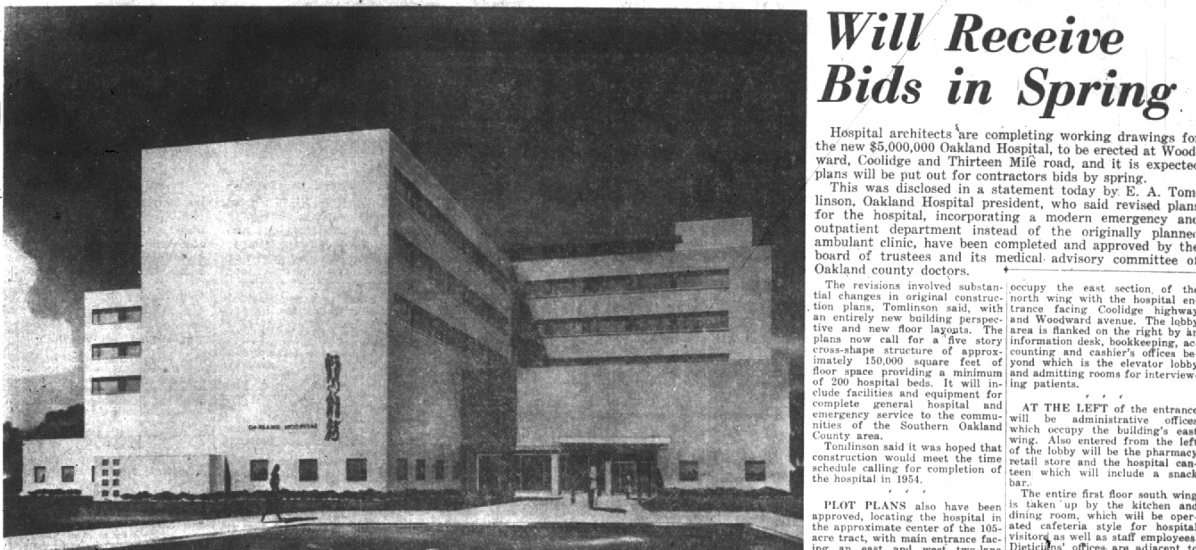
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The fire, Griffith said, "was caused by failure of an automatic furnace. Patrolman Hatt's alertness in noticing the dim lights should be commended. It was one of those fires that made minutes important.

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Long-Awaited Area Hospital Nears Reality

Working drawings near completion for the new Oakland Hospital to be built between Coolidge, Thirteen Mile road and Woodward. Bids for the 200-bed unit will be taken in the spring for the concrete and steel five-story building. Construction time tables call for the building's completion in 1954.



Citizens' Committee To Study Fire Hall

The city again is studying the advisability of building a second fire station... this time with an eye to putting before the voters all the facts and reasons underlying the station's need, estimated cost and location.

Voters decided a proposal to build a fire hall on the east side of the city in April of this year.

A mayor's advisory committee made up of representatives from various citizens' groups in the city will be formed to meet with the mayor and city officials to discuss the necessity of the station and then to publicize these facts through the civic groups.

Meanwhile, City Manager Donald C. Egbert and Fire Chief V. W. Griffith will submit detailed reports to the commission including all the data on building costs and a complete picture of why the station should be moved from the municipal building.

Griffith recommended that the committee of residents be created to work with the mayor and commission. It also was recommended that the city plan board be brought into the discussions to determine a site that would satisfy the needs of sound planning.

Staff Gets Ready For 1953 'Firsts'

Only a few hours longer and we will bid farewell to 1952 and greet his successor, lusty, lively 1953.

What will the New Year bring? Well, for one thing, it will bring the customary story of local "firsts" for The Birmingham Eccentric.

We will be searching for the answers to a few questions, including these:

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Library Planning 25th Anniversary Of Building

The Baldwin Public Library will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its Merrill street building when the Friends of the Library hold their next general meeting, January 13.

Plans are being completed for a party which will include tours through the building and a social hour for those interested in the library and its operation.

In celebrating the 25 years of library services in the present building, attention will be called to the city's library which has been in existence since 1829 and is now quartered in its third building.

Mrs. Cassius Miller will be in charge of the tours with Mrs. Howard Liverance heading the social hour.

MEMBERS of the board are mailing invitations to members in the community thought to be interested in the library.

Also at the general meeting will be a discussion of the library's growth when library officials will explain the need for a city charter revision to permit the library to obtain more than the one-mill tax levied presently specified in the charter.

Heinemann, Manager of Oakland Hills, Is Dead

Theodor Heinemann, 60, retired manager of the Oakland Hills country club for the past five years, died suddenly at the club on Christmas Eve.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to Detroit in 1924. When the Book-Collins hotel was opened, he joined the staff as head waiter, remaining there for 14 years.

Mr. Heinemann was manager of the Detroit Boat club for five years before coming to Oakland Hills.

Mr. Heinemann was recently elected vice-president of the Detroit Club Managers association.

HE IS SURVIVED by his widow, Minnie, and a brother, Alvin Heinemann in Hanover.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Bell Chapel, William R. Hamilton company, with burial in Evergreen cemetery, Detroit. The Rev. Theodore Waggener of Redeemer Lutheran church officiated.



THEODOR HEINEMANN

Of A Good Year.

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CAROLING FOR POLIO, these seven sixth grade girls at Pierce school turned over \$8 collected the evening of Dec. 23 to Eccentric Managing Editor George W. Averill. The girls decided that the profits of their door-to-door singing should go toward some worthy cause and selected the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Although the drive will not be held until next month, the money will be turned over to Birmingham Polio Drive Chairman Jack Taylor. From left to right are Beth Collins, Carol Peck, Phyllis McNellis, Averill, Peggy Bruce, Marjorie Donaldson, Barbara Terbeck and Diane Erwin. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

July-December News Highlights Are Reviewed

The ever-increasing population of the area raised major problems that plagued city and school officials throughout the last six months of 1952. But there were brighter spots.

Area residents could point with pride to successfully filling the contribution quotas of two worthy drives. The first drive in mid-summer resulted in a total of over the necessary \$156,000 to make the Oakland County hospital a reality. The second drive was the record gift of \$147,000 to the Torch Drive.

Another point of pride was in the record vote turned out everywhere in the area for the November 4 presidential election. Communities recorded between 75 and 98 percent of the qualified voters at the polls.

But there were problems. Residential and commercial building booms had begun to take their toll on taxed city and school facilities. Worried administrators turned their eyes to more class room space, new schools and sites, water shortages, sewage disposal difficulties, future garbage disposal needs and the taxing of every city service overburdened by the growing population.

THE SCHOOLS were successful in gaining a \$3,300,000 financing program to construct additions to

crowded elementary schools, build two new schools and purchase five school sites.

The city then joined the South-eastern Oakland County Water Authority (Continued on Page 1, Sec. 3)

Only one Birmingham church has reported a planned observance of New Year's Eve watch night on tax day church from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and Holy Catholic parishes will hold masses at the regular hours on New Year's Day.

STRICTLY FRESH

An Italian lady cat-burglar, traveling across the state was trapped to undies for unhampered movement. She crashed through a skylight, landed in dough being kneaded by a baker's apprentice. Spiced cake, eh?

A Massachusetts town made window peeping unlawful except for officers. Only police can peep on people and keep within the law. Our advice: Don't strain the legal eye.

Named Goldfields since the Klondike days, a Canadian town changed its name to Uranium. Guess the atomic age is here to stay!

Even the Russians admit their government is overloaded with bureaucracy. Well, what better place for RED take!

A Tennessee rick-up man, out on bail for robbing a druggist, went back to have a prescription filled, and was arrested as he was turned down. His victim knew the guy had money.