

### YMCA City League Opens Season Play

Mortimer's Men's Wear opened the Birmingham 'Y' City League with a 48 to 35 win over Birmingham Orange. Sandy MacKay tossed in 14 points for Mortimer's as they led throughout. Using Bill Gordon at the post position, the Blue scored repeatedly on screen plays and led at the half 25 to 12.

Sandy Grubar and Bob Folin scored 41 points between them for the Orange. 'Y' City league now has four teams and will play each Wednesday at Baldwin Elementary. Interested players are asked to telephone the 'Y' for assignment to teams.



PACK B-16 Cubs line up for their picture at their annual Christmas meeting which highlighted a special version of "The Night Before Christmas" by Den IV. Attending the combination party and awards session were (front row, left to right) Terry Coyle, Royce Beers, David Middelich, Bob Leahy; second row, Hanley Dawson, Dick Beaubien, Billy Purdy, Larry Crawford, Pete Lindquist; third row, Rickett Ruen, Mick Jackson; fourth row, Wayne Andrae, Robbie Maxwell, Dix Humphrey, Jr., John Rhein, Billy Bertling, Jamie Eggett, Danny Higgins; fifth row, John Slater, Cubmaster Robert Rhein and Craig Olson.

### Have A Gay Holiday— Do Drive Carefully!

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Merry Christmas!

I don't know how many hundreds of times I said those two words the beginning of last week. Like many of us, in some cases they were said more or less because it was expected of me.

Many more had a deep meaning. I really wanted that particular listener to have a Merry Christmas.

My own Christmas was a merry one, too, but only by the grace of God.

Like a lot of people, we—Mother and I—had some last minute grocery shopping to do. We had been to the store, and shortly after 5 p.m. were driving home again.

LIGHTED HOMES were all around us. Porch and lawn decorations were bright and gay and in nearly every home we caught a glimpse of a lighted tree.

We were talking about the party I had just left, where everyone was gay and chery and gifts in bright wrappings were being shown about.

I don't know why I slowed down more than usual for this one corner. I'd driven the route four times a day for three years, but something—Someone—made me take my foot off the gas. My toe just touched the brake pedal.

Suddenly the car appeared, traveling north across our path. I hit the brake with all I had as the tires screeched on the other car. Trying desperately to avoid the crash which would have tossed my passenger, my mother, under the other car, I cut my wheel hard to the left.

FOR THE space of a heartbeat the cars traveled side by side. When they stopped mother could easily have touched the other car.

Our small dog, riding in the back seat was catapulted over my shoulder onto the steering wheel. Groceries and Christmas gifts landed in an undignified mess on the floor.

Before either driver could proceed, it was necessary to back up and give clearance. As the other driver whipped around the front of my car, again as fast as he could go, he had a wide grin on his face.

Frankly, I was shaking as I drove the remaining block and a half to our home. As we opened the car door, a neighbor called out, "Merry Christmas, folks!"

YES, IT WAS A Merry Christmas for me. I know, now, the full import of those words, for I had had a pretty grim look at something which could have shattered it into a bloody mess. You may think I'm being melodramatic, but death was awfully close that Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day, as I thought back on that few seconds of fright, I wondered if perhaps the National Safety Council should not change its slogan to: "Drive Carefully—the life you lose may be your own!"

Tonight is the eve of another holiday. Please, do drive carefully and have a Happy New Year!

### YMCA Junior Boys Lose To St. Antoine

Birmingham YMCA Junior Boys were defeated 54 to 19 by St. Antoine YMCA of Detroit in its second game of the season. The local lads were handicapped by lack of height and suffered from inability to control the backboards. St. Antoine 'Y' led 24 to 8 at the half, with Fred Freeman tossing in 12 points. His 20 points led both teams in scoring.

John Kelly's 15 points were high for the locals.

### Southfield Ready For Feb. Primary

Southfield township board members passed a resolution calling for the February 16 primary election at the Dec. 23 board meeting.

The primary will be called to nominate candidates for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, four trustees and one justice of the peace.

Deadline for receiving petitions from candidates was Monday afternoon. Township Clerk Fannie Adams said that the petitions had not been checked for qualifications but stated that petitions represented two men for supervisor, two for treasurer, two for clerk, 10 for trustees and three for justice.

Opposing Republican Supervisor William Roeser will be Maurice H. Granger, Democrat.

TREASURER CLARA Lane will face Raymond Whitman. Both are Republicans. Both seek reelection against Republican James J. Lovano. Lovano held the clerk's office for two board meetings in the spring of 1951 when he was appointed clerk by Supervisor Dudley P. Frame. He was defeated in the April election by Mrs. Adams.

Republican candidates for trustee are Thomas J. Langha, J. M. Campbell, Margaret C. Bradbury, all board members until the recent decision of the Michigan Supreme Court unseated justices of the peace from township boards. Bernard A. Chapman, Russell B. Fleming, Stanley M. Brown and Eugene Swen.

THE DEMOCRATS did not succeed in entering four trustees for nomination and Mrs. Adams said that she didn't anticipate that the township would call for the printing of the Democratic ballot, because there was no contest.

Democrats who did file the necessary petitions are John I. Lamp, Howard Coleman and John Dendron.

### Police Promise Action Against Drunk Drivers

"Any drunk drivers arrested in Birmingham will feel the full power of the law," Police Chief Ralph W. Maxley said today.

"Drunk driving, any time, is a dangerous practice. With the holiday and so many persons on the roads at late hours, the danger is increased many times.

"Road conditions are apt to be bad. Drivers will be tired from a hectic holiday season, and the man who drinks and drives will be asking for trouble. By 'trouble' I don't mean just being arrested, but the possibility of accidents.

"In the past Birmingham has been quite fortunate as far as New Year's Eve accidents go. I sincerely hope our residents will continue to use large amounts of caution and common sense to keep it so.

"Stay sober—drive carefully—and enjoy a Happy New Year."

In the justice case are Republicans Stanley M. Brown and Maurice Hodges. The Democratic candidate for the post is Wesley Skewron.

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