

### Christmas Rush Shows In Meter Revenue Increase

The Christmas rush brought big business to Birmingham... at least for the parking meters.

Comparison checks of parking meter revenues for the four-week period before Christmas 1951 and the same period this year revealed that revenues had jumped nearly 48 percent.

According to Director of Finance William Johnston, the city collector has \$1,246 more in pennies, nickels and dimes from the little boxes to gain a four-week total of \$8,814.

THE SAME period last year netted \$2,560. Although the city has installed additional meters during the past year, the increase was only 8 1/2 percent of the meters in use during December, 1951, Johnston did state that relocation of some meters may have been partly responsible for the increase.

Average revenue per meter jumped from \$8.45 in 1951 to \$8.83 this year, an increase of 37 percent in the four weeks' period. This, Johnston points out, is the increase in demand for parking spaces over last Christmas season.

Wishing you a joy-filled New Year, 1953. Includes an illustration of a woman and a child.

MURPHY'S BARBER SHOP. 119 EAST MAPLE. Near Miller's Shoe Store. FREE PARKING. LOOK FOR OUR SIGN!

Happy New Year! We hope that the New Year sees the fulfillment of your every wish - your every dream. BEER'S CHAIR RENTAL. Midwest 6-1339

TAPE RECORDER OWNERS. Pre-recorded Tape Organ, Dance and Orchestra Music. R. T. HITCHCOX. Mayfair 6-3883

Matthew's CUSTOM TAILORS & MEN'S FURNISHINGS. ALTERATIONS DONE ON ALL LADIES' AND MEN'S CLOTHING. 288 E. Maple. BRIGGS BLDG. FREE PARKING. MI 4-1777

ELLIOTT FURNITURE COMPANY. Located on East Side of Dixie, 1/2 Mile South of Waterford. FINEST UPHOLSTERING. 3390 Dixie Highway. Phone Orlando 3-2641

## BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS



THE NEW GOLDEN JUBILEE MODEL Ford tractor with hydraulic controls and three-point linkage for implements, will go on display Saturday, Jan. 3, in Ford tractor dealer showrooms across the country.

### Fisher Attends Dealer Preview Of New Chevrolet

A new Chevrolet that will create entirely new conceptions of automotive beauty and performance... Fisher made his statement following a meeting with company representatives in Detroit where 1953 plans were revealed to dealers from this area.

FISHER SAID the program should answer any doubts about the future of business... FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGING. FREE PICKUP AND DELIVERY. CRAIG APPLIANCE, INC.

### New Chamber of Com. Memberships Announced

Charles Mortensen, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, last week announced five new business members of the group.

Officers of the Ascension Lutheran Church for 1953 will be installed in a public ceremony to be conducted with the 11 a.m. services on Jan. 4, at the Chapel, W. 12 Mile and Henrietta.

### J. W. Gaill Resigns As Associate Justice

Birmingham city commissioners have accepted with regret the resignation of John W. Gaill, 201 Park...



### Winter Carnivals Coming

Plans have been completed for the Alcona County winter sports carnival to be held at Harrisville January 17th and 18th, and the folks are looking for a big crowd to witness just about every type of winter sport...

Ski Meets in February. The first two weeks of February will see the best skiing weather in this winter in Michigan Outdoors!

### Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

Table with columns: Permits, Valuation, Total. Rows for various categories like Residential, Commercial, etc.

### Red Cross to Discuss Problems of Finances

Problems of fund raising and budgeting will be discussed at a meeting of the home service committee, Oakland county chapter...

### Paige Not President

Information furnished The Birmingham Eccentric concerning the election of officers for the Birmingham Highlands Property Owners Association...

### Winter Queens Popular

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## NATURE NOW Individual Snowflake A Thing of Beauty

By LYDIA KING FREHESE Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Winter is the season when snow erases the bleak and angular shapes of our landscape. One goes to sleep in the morning empty of sound and color and awakens on the morning of the first snowfall...

These are the most perfect and examining all crystals. Made up as they are of water, freezing freely in the air, it is all the more miraculous for them that they always take the geometrical form...

IF YOU ARE a stranger to the beauty and symmetry of snow take a hand lens with you into the next windy morning...

ALL THESE signs of the strivings of men and children can soon be whited out if only a blanket of snow falls to empty our bag of goose-feathered whiteness over the earth.

IN THE justice race will be Elmer C. Dietele, incumbent, and Russell E. Wilson.

IN HIGH mountain passes it is pressed into glaciers which melt so gradually that a constant stream of pure water is released to quench the thirst of plants and animals...

AS EARLY as 1556 a learned bishop of Uppsala was known to study the form of snowflakes and to publish the first drawing of one. It was this drawing which was a crude wood cut, far less lovely than the perfect pattern which inspired it.

WASHBURN-Embroider of the Bluebird. Charles's Whisk of the Bluebird. Wilson-This Boy and His Dog.

### New Books at the Baldwin Library

- FICTION: CANNING—House of Seven Hills. SHEELER—A Horse for the Island. TRATHUP—Tiger's Woman.

### Troy Hi-Y Coeds Plan New Year's Party At Y

Troy Hi-Y Coed Club of Troy High School will hold its New Year's Eve party at the Birmingham YMCA House Thursday evening.

### Two Gain Commissions At Navy Officer School

James J. Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Carson, 2112 York street, and Paul W. Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Christian, 1447 Benthley, were among the 777 enlisted men to receive commissions December 23 at the Navy's Officer Candidate School, Newport, R. I.

### Only 9 Items on Police 'Blotter' Christmas Day

Birmingham police experienced one of the quietest Christmases in 1951, according to reports filed during the 24 hours of Christmas Day, only nine reports were received by the department.

DRINK DRIVERS ROSE THEIR LICENSES

Candidates File For Primary Vote In Townships. Trov township will have a full slate to select from in the coming February 10 primary election.

Time for Happiness. May you find peace and success throughout the year, 1953.

GEORGE ROSS JEWELERS. 244 E. Maple. MI 4-8215. Free Parking at Rear.

RUTH HAIGH CUSTOM LAMP SHADES. DISCOUNTS on all framed pictures, lamp shades, discontinued commercial shades.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. Kingsley Inn. Will be Open New Year's Eve. Until 4 A.M. Entertainment by Marguerite and Accompanist.

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The Kingsley Inn. WOODWARD AT LONG LAKE ROAD. Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Midwest 4-1400