# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

HOW WOULD YOU define "Christmas spirit"? To one woman shopper two days before Christmas, it meant being permitted to park in a restricted zone. A Birmingham police officer saw her pull into it, and approached het as she was getting out of her car. "I'm sorry, lady, but you can't park there—see the sign?" the officer pointed out. "But I saw another driver pull out of this space—he must have been parked, too," the woman tried to explain. "Well, if I had seen him, I would have asked him to move, too, just as I'm asking you," the officer reminded her. As the lady got back into her car, she called out, "What's the matter—haven't you got any Christmas spirit?"

AT CHRISTMAS even the family pooch rates high. This Wanderer was more than a little surprised and greatly pleased by the thoughtfulness of two little neighborhood boys the day before Christmas. A local market's delivery truck stopped at the house and in all seriousness the young man brought a small package to the door—one pound of ground beef, tied with a bright ribbon and sent with love from the youngsters who had saved their pennies for the purchase.

ACCORDING TO one Birmingham lady, Christmas spirit was not missing among the drivers in town last Wednesday morning. As she tried to cross a busy and crowded Woodward avenue near Hamilton, two drivers stopped their cars and waved her on her way. "It was unusual," she said, "because everyone was in a hurry. Another car came whipping around one of them and I just put my hand up and said 'Whoa!" and the car stopped. I've stopped lots of horses by yelling "Whoa!", but that was the first time I ever stopped a woman driver!"

IN ALL THE RUSH of last minute shopping, two little boys had been left (or had elected to stay) outside a local department store to wait for mother. While they stood there the police department was broadcasting traffic warnings and Christmas music. As the orchestra finished playing "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen", the one little boy snatched off his mittens, stuffed them in his pocket and gave forth with some very hearty applause.

CLAUDE H. STEVENS, DETROIT BONDING ATTOR.
NEY, will be a good deal closer to the bonding program he has planned in South Oakland, Oakland, county. Stevens, a former state senator, has moved into the home formerly occupied by Ralph Manuel at 372 Westwood. He has served all the country of the former state senator, has moved into the hone former, seeing pied by Ralph Manuel at 372 Westwood. He has served all the cities and school boards in this area in arranging bond

FINAL DECISION JAN, 21: That's what Michigan's newspaper editors will give at their annual winter meeting in Lansing regarding general excellence awards to state newspapers. The Birmingham Eccentric was notified this week that it will be one of the finalists in the metropolitan area class.



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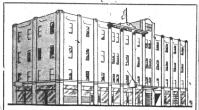


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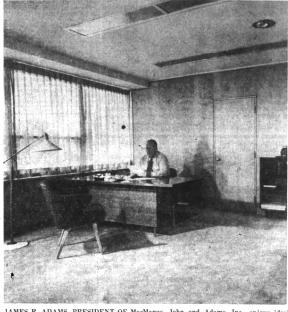
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# Asked In Southfield

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

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