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BIRMINGHAM'S LATEST EDITION of the Michigan Bell telephone book will be distributed here Dec. 11-13, the latest word from the local phone office says.

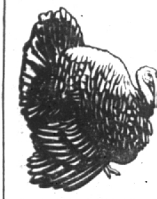
THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL Christmas tree, in the center of Shain Memorial Park, probably will be trimmed with its customary colored lights during the week of Dec. 1, reports City Forester Bill Lebold. "That tree, while not in good shape, still will last us some years to come," he said. "However, we have to take out a few more dead limbs each year."

A SHORT ARTICLE, written by local resident Gladys Gage Dibble for the current issue of The American Home, deals with the flower show which the Birmingham branch of the National Farm and Garden club has sponsored for the past 15 years. The affair, held at the Community House, is well-known throughout the area for its display of flowers and home decorations throughout the holiday season.

IN RECALLING last week the former Birmingham city employees who have moved on to other municipalities to become city or village managers, this Wanderer forgot the first one to do so—Former DPW Supt. Mark Dance. He left in the spring of 1918 to become city manager of Monroe, Mich., a post he still holds. The other four and their new towns are Leland Gunn (Bakersfield, Calif.), George Olson (N. St. Paul, Minn.), Barkley Omans (Buchanan, Mich.) and Dana Whitman (Holden, Mass.).



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Raising a little puppy dog comes about as close to raising a real baby as I can imagine. That's why, having seen my children grow up and start homes of their own, I enjoy the opportunity to have a puppy around. Dogs become great and good friends, too.

NATURE NOW

By LYDIA KING FRESHE

As you gather around this year's Thanksgiving table you may give small thought to the origin and history of the delicious array of foods displayed thereon. But this feast, which represents a kind of culmination of the abundance of earth's fruition is also a tribute to the patient and cunning hand of man who in response to his need has developed from wild fruits, vegetables, and fowl all the perfection and the nutritional value represented by your Thanksgiving dinner, 1952.

Of these the apple is the most versatile, since it can be made into a countless number of things. This fruit is native to Europe and Asia and was brought to Great Britain by the Romans. We now have almost a thousand varieties, some the result of chance hybridization in nature, but most of them the product of years of experimental crossing and grafting of native and foreign species, all developed from a small, bitter wild apple.

Your turkey, came from a bog or marsh in Massachusetts, New Jersey or Wisconsin. The berries grow on small but resembles the look and head of a crane, hence the name "crane-berry."

The "stuffing" in your turkey is seasoned with pepper, the ground and dried fruit of a vine native to western India. In the olden days this condiment, together with other spices, came to Europe from the East by precarious ship or long-time caravan trade routes. If you like a hint of sage in your dressing, you are taking a member of the large and aromatic mint family to which belong the familiar spearmint and peppermint and such flowers as bergamot and salvia.

The snowy mound of mashed potatoes on your table is made from the "tuber" of a plant which belongs to the nightshade family. A native of South America, it was brought to Europe by the Spanish explorers. From there it was taken to England and Ireland where, because of its extensive cultivation and use, it was dubbed the "Irish" potato. The potato is a stem and not a root as is a carrot or a parsnip.

A DISH OF creamed onions is standard New England Thanksgiving fare. The narrow leaves and six-petaled flowers of this plant suggest the lily family to which it belongs together with its close relative, garlic. We eat the "bulb" which is arranged in layers as are those of its cousins, the tulip or the narcissus or any other member of this well-loved family.

If you relish squash you are eating a variety of gourd. The cucumber in your salad and the pumpkin in your pie are both close relatives in this same group.

The green on your salad plate may be endive or garden lettuce, which belong to the chicory family or water cress, one of the mustard family, which includes such familiar vegetables as cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and radishes. The tomato is a berry. It is a relative of the potato, and was thought to be poisonous until recent times. When first introduced into Europe by the Spaniards it was known as the "love apple" and was cultivated strictly as an ornamental plant.

THE CELERY and carrots on your relish dish are members of the carrot family to which also belong such herbs as dill and parsley. Olives are the fruit of a small tree so often mentioned in biblical times, which is still grown in the Far East. The culture of olives is now a sizable industry in California, where they are canned and made into oil which is pressed from the ripened fruit.

I have already mentioned the spices and pumpkin in your piece of pie, but while you drink your final cup of coffee, you might like to know that this beverage is made from the dried and roasted seeds of a dark red berry the size of a cherry which grows on some 20 species of shrubs and trees in the tropics. Brazil alone produces some two billion pounds annually.

And now I have only to wish for your good appetite and good digestion to accompany your 1952 Thanksgiving dinner.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

RUTH HAIGH

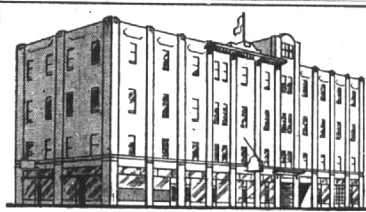
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JOHN SCHURMAN

LIBRARIAN MARION FLEMING

The researcher meets the "answer"

(Eccentric Staff Photo)

An 'Answer' Visits Research Librarian

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Baldwin library workers are feeling very satisfied these days. They have at last "seen" the answer to one of the many questions which come to their reference desk, managed by Miss Marion E. Fleming.

Several weeks ago Miss Fleming received a call from John Schurman of 1646 Northlawn. He wanted to know what was available in full-color pictures of parrots.

Bewildered, but eager to fulfill her job as research librarian, Miss Fleming provided the gentleman with the information and found that, like all other questions which come her way, this was the last she would hear of it.

Cranbrook Schools Open Fund Drives For Scholarships

Scholarship fund drives are now being conducted by Kingswood School Cranbrook and Cranbrook School to insure the enrollment of outstanding students who need financial assistance.

Over 340 boys have held 907 scholarships at Cranbrook School since the program was started. Approximately 2000 donors to the fund have made it possible to offer aid to at least 12% of the total enrollment each year.

For the past two years 12 scholarships have been granted annually to girls at Kingswood School Cranbrook, in addition to two grants sponsored each year by the school alumnae association for non-boarding students.

Although the annual fund-drives are directed primarily at alumni of the two schools and parents of alumni and present students, contributions are welcome from other friends of the Cranbrook institutions.

Aside from direct solicitation, the alumni associations of the two schools have cooperated to raise funds through an annual Christmas dance and the opening of Cranbrook House gardens to the public at a small fee during the seasonable months.

At the close of the fund drive each year, business announcing the scholarship aid programs are sent to all junior and senior high schools in the state and to selected high schools nationally.

State Jail Inspector Passes Local Lock-up

Birmingham city commissioners have received the report of W. H. Nestle, state jail inspector of the department of corrections, approving the local jail.

"I am pleased to report that I found your city jail clean, sanitary and in good order," Nestle's report stated.

In commenting on the report, City Manager Donald C. Egbert, said the one-room jail was adequate for the City of Birmingham since, in most cases, county facilities were used.

Christmas Seals Mailed This Week

The familiar double-barred Christmas seals will soon be arriving in Birmingham homes, giving local persons the opportunity of doing their bit in the fight against tuberculosis.

Kenneth Gibson, DDS, 2071 West Lincoln, local member of the Oakland County Tuberculosis association, said the fine response last year had aided greatly in the continuous fight against this widespread disease.

"Some of the services which Christmas Seal sales help to provide chest x-ray clinics in Royal Oak and Pontiac for the entire county, sponsoring visits of the mobile x-ray service of the state health department, rehabilitation department at the sanatorium, education about the disease and how to provide better health methods."

"The sale helps to provide a great many more services by work-

Allied Youth Dance Tickets On Sale

Members of Birmingham Allied Youth are planning the Winter Wonderland dance at the Community House on Dec. 5.

Bob Meyers' band will play from 9 to 12 p.m. A floor show will include scenes from Footlight Fever, by Allied Youth women's federation.

Pat Simonson, Betty Smith, Pat Hubbard, Margaret Norris and Ethel Reed are selling tickets.

Buy Steel Bleachers

Purchase of two steel bleacher sections for Pierce Field has been approved by the Birmingham Board of Education.

Cost of the bleachers will be \$7,999.00.

ing through the schools and other agencies, too," Dr. Gibson stressed. Your dollars will make it possible to continue this badly needed work."

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