

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

It is quite unwise for one person to persist in inflicting his own ideas upon another, when the other person resists them. After all, when people reach maturity it is not the complete responsibility of one to make-over or reform somebody else.

FOR THE FIRST time since its founding here, the Unity Center is planning a Candlelight Christmas service. The program will be held in the Theater building at 7:45 p.m., Dec. 23, in charge of Frank Glabach. "We have done nothing like this before," a Center spokesman said, "and feel members of our group will enjoy the experience of meeting together for this special occasion."

'CHRISTMAS GIVING' for one man in the northeast section of Birmingham extends beyond his immediate family and comprises something upon which no price can be put. On the Sunday before Christmas, he dresses up like Santa Claus and late in the afternoon spends several hours personally calling upon the small boys and girls of his friends. The wide-eyed amazement and joy expressed by the youngsters is his wonderful compensation.

THIS DID NOT happen in Birmingham, this Wanderer was assured. A local resident, however, was somewhat amused last week while driving through a neighboring community to see four small artificial trees set out by the roadside, each bearing a sign stating that such-and-such a tree nursery was prepared to fill all orders for growing or cut evergreen trees for Christmas decorations.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS were sung by the girls' choir of St. Hugo's Catholic school Monday afternoon for guests at Brae Burn on North Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. A spokesman for the home said the 20 girls presented a half hour program of familiar carols. "They looked so lovely and gay in their red capes and tans and carrying the red-covered song books," she said. "Everyone enjoyed their program so much and we certainly do appreciate their thinking of us."

WE THINK WE HAVE inflation—E. W. Kurth, local real estate dealer, had a visitor in his office the other day, newly arrived from Germany who told him that eggs were 30c apiece over there. Kurth is trying to find a job for the Deutscher, a trained industrial electrician, where he can learn "the language of his newly adopted country and practice his trade."

THE YULETIDE SEASON also is being reflected during the singing periods of Birmingham's several service clubs. Such standbys as "Home on the Range," and "Old Folks at Home," are temporarily being replaced with "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

THE RECREATION BOARD'S new deputy clerk is Mrs. Margaret P. Nientenahr, secretary to Frank Whitney, Birmingham schools' athletic director. The office of deputy clerk was created at last week's city commission meeting so someone can conduct business for the board when the regular clerk is not available.

WHY IS THE ECCENTRIC like a woman? Well, muses this wanderer, both are the greatest mediums known for spreading the news, both frequently change their dress, both have their opinions on many things. However, the best reason is that every man should have his own and not borrow his neighbor's.

THE BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT spent \$767.56 during November to supply 47,216,900 gallons of water to residents and businesses in the city. Highest pumping for one day during the month was 1,793,000 gallons on Nov. 16. Average cost per thousand gallons for water pumped during the month was a little over 1 1/2 cents.

THOSE NEW RED stop signs Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has placed at six experimental locations have brought some criticism from B'ham Mayor Ralph A. Main. "They appear to be hard to see at night," he commented. However, several other commissioners sharply disagreed, claiming the red signs are much easier to notice than the customary yellow signs.

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## High School Girl Wins Award for Good Citizenship

For her outstanding citizenship, Ann McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. McDonald, 1184 Dorchester, has been elected winner of the DAR good citizenship award.

The annual award is based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, and is made by the Peety Hills chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Robert F. Koon is chairman of the award committee.

Ann is now an active member of Student Congress and National Honor Society and is a varsity cheerleader, chairman of inter-club council and president of her social club. Last year she served as secretary of her junior class and general chairman of the J-Hop.

Ann also was a member of French, Pep and Newcomers' clubs, National Junior Honor Society and GAA tennis and bowling.

NOMINATIONS for the award are made in senior homerooms where three senior girls are chosen. Teachers who are acquainted with each of the candidates then vote for one of the girls, who becomes the high school's DAR Good Citizen.

Other girls nominated this year were Cherry Harris and Nancy Carlisle.

As winner of the award, Ann will be presented with a certificate and Good Citizen's pin in a forthcoming assembly. She also will be a guest of the DAR at the annual state conference where she will compete with other winners for the state award of a \$100 bond.

## American Legion Christmas Party Set for Sunday

A Christmas party for the children of veterans in Birmingham will be given by American Legion Charles Edwards Post 14 on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., according to Myron Collins, post commander.

The party will take place at the American Legion home, Woodward avenue, and Santa Claus will be on hand to greet all boys and girls attending and will present each one of them with a present.

Collins said a special invitation has been extended to the children of all veterans of United States military forces.

## Dearborn Motors' Firm To Move Their Offices

The Dearborn Motors Credit Corporation, 2500 East Maple, will move into new quarters in the building being completed at the corner of Woodward and Manor sometime in January according to the firm's president, Irving B. Babcock.

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A SATISFIELD CUSTOMER at the YMCA's Christmas tree lot looks beamingly at her selection. Mrs. John F. Hollister (right), 250 Baldwin, found choice of a tree in the Y's big lot difficult as load after load of trees is delivered on Lincoln. Proceeds of the sale will be used to complete and equip the Y's craft shop and send as many deserving boys as possible to Camp Ohiyesa this coming summer. Making the sale is Shirley Powers, assistant to Y Secretary Ed Kirbert. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Seeking Better Facilities for Impounded Dogs

Better treatment for Birmingham dog owners is being investigated by City Manager B. C. Egbert, who this week was instructed by the city commission to see what arrangements can be made with a local veterinarian to care for impounded pooches.

new South Oakland garbage and rubbish disposal plant, 12 Mile and John R.

EGBERT SAID it would cost the city \$2.13 a round trip to get a dog to the rubbish disposal plant, and preliminary investigation indicates a local veterinarian is willing to board the dogs for \$1.50 per day, the present rate.

This proposed arrangement also would provide better opportunity for dog owners to claim their dogs, since the present city pound at the DPW garage is open only limited periods each day, Egbert added.

Commissioners turned aside a suggestion from several other South Oakland municipalities that a community dog pound be established, probably at the site of the

## Examination Set For Suspect in \$5,500 Hold-Up

Examination in the case of James P. Sullivan, 39, of 1985 Kendall, Detroit, who was arraigned last week on charges of armed robbery in the \$5,500 hold-up of the Fox and Hounds Inn, Bloomfield Hills, has been set by Justice A. J. Richardson for Friday, Dec. 18. Examination will be held in Pontiac.

According to Police Chief I. C. Banks, Sullivan is being held in Oakland County jail under \$25,000 bond. Banks said that when arrested Sullivan was on parole from a prison term in Marquette prison on an armed robbery charge.

Banks said three other suspects in the hold-up of the Inn still are being sought.

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