

Protect Family Against Christmas Tree Hazard

The child was badly burned. Somehow her dress had caught fire. It happened last year. It happened the year before. It will happen again this year.

And it won't be a simple, isolated tragedy. You'll read about it in your newspaper. If that child is from the Birmingham area, you will be reading about it in *The Birmingham Eccentric*. And the saddest thing is that such tragedies often occur around the Christmas holidays—sometimes even around the Christmas tree itself—at the happiest time of the year.

THE REASON the tree burns so fiercely and so rapidly is because it's filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

The flimsy dress is no exception! What can you do about the tree? What can you do about the dress—especially the loosely-woven costume worn in school plays and pageants?

The National Board of Fire Underwriters offers these suggestions:

1. CHOOSE a small tree. It's less dangerous than a large one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors.
3. Place it in the coolest part of the house, away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.
4. Stand it in water, or use a water mister.

Township Adds. Patrolman
The police department of Bloomfield township now has a total of four men, according to Chief Clark Green. Green said a new patrolman was added to the force last month following approval of the township board. The new officer, Roy Smith, 251 E. Boulevard North, Pontiac, raises the complement to allow two men to ride in a scout car on night patrol.

When adults recall their early childhood, among their fondest memories are those Christmases when love and good fellowship was made manifest in their families; which but suggests that we, as parents, can provide such memories for our own children's adult days.

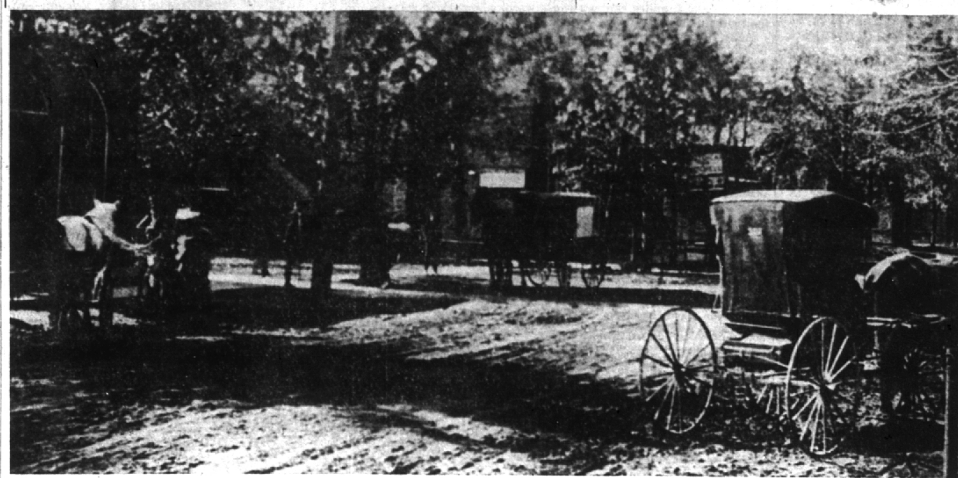
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Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •



DOBBIN AND HIS WAGON were very much in evidence on West Maple avenue in 1904. Everyone in town came to the post office at the southeast corner of Pierce and West Maple (at the left in the picture) to pick up the mail. Free mail delivery in the village did not come into effect until May 1, 1916.

1916. The two young ladies standing in front of the post office, according to E. W. Kurth, are his sisters, Ann and Mary Kurth. (Photo from the collection of E. W. Kurth)

Eccentric Sales Contest Winners Named At High

Winners of grand prizes in the Birmingham Eccentric Washington group sales contest were recently announced by Alice Perry, circulation manager of the Eccentric and head of the campaign.

Top three salesmen of each week were awarded bonuses of \$7.50, five dollars, and \$2.50 and grand prizes were awarded to the top ten at the end of the first five weeks. Where ties occurred duplicate awards were given, both weekly and in final totals.

The original contest ran from Oct. 24 to Nov. 23 but the campaign was later extended to Dec. 18. In five weeks 592 sales were made out of 2,623 calls.

GRAND PRIZE winners include Barbara Corkery \$25; Adelle Teepfer \$20; Dick Perry \$15; John Shaffer and Martin Abbrecht \$12.50; Carolyn Shattuck, Thomas Maund and Cheryl Mickelson, Ten dollars; John Campbell, Jane Racine and Mary Goodie, five dollars; Sally Wootton and Fred Roeben, \$2.50.

The Eccentric is inaugurating a plan for which personal representatives are needed and is interested in hiring people on a permanent part-time basis to call on prospective customers.

Payment for representatives will be commissions based on sales made and there will be no hours to keep except the salesman's own. Students interested in this plan should get in touch with Miss Perry at the Eccentric office.

Maple Room Scene For Pigskin Prom Saturday Night

The annual Pigskin Prom honoring members of cross-country teams will be presented by Student Congress Saturday night from 9:30 to 12:30 in the Maple room.

According to custom the dance will be semi-formal with Eddie Marshall and his orchestra providing the music.

All students who bought activity tickets will be admitted free to the dance.

General chairman is Cherry Harris with co-chairmen Doug Austin and Sharon Stanton. Mrs. Darling is faculty adviser.

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JOHN P. MACKAY

John P. Mackay Elected Master Of Lodge No. 44

In the one hundred and third observance of the event, new officers of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. were installed Thursday night, Dec. 10, with John P. Mackay, Birmingham attorney, becoming the new worshipful master.

Grand installing officer for the occasion was Morgan Schofield, Rochester, who is past grand master and present grand lecturer. He was assisted by Raymond Douglas, grand senior deacon of Alpena, who also is a past grand master.

Also participating in the installation was Grand Marshal Frank A. Lane, Past Master; Grand Chaplain Guy C. Fowell, Past Grand Master; and Grand Secretary Richard Tait, past master.

Betting worshipful master is Raymond J. Green. Mackay, a resident of Birmingham since 1915, has been a member of Lodge 44 for 28 years. During that time he has held each office in the organization and was senior warden during the past year.

OTHER OFFICERS INSTALLED were: Fred Little, senior warden; John D. Pound, junior warden; Past Master Ernest E. Morrow, treasurer; W. Lyle Bones, secretary; Past Master William W. Jones, chaplain; David Masterton, senior deacon; William M. Barr, junior deacon.

Charles W. Elder, senior steward; J. Parker Eckerson, junior steward; Richard Broxton Woodrow L. Wilson, Jack E. Thatcher, associate steward; Alexander Busby, marshal; Harold E. Latham, tiler; Chester E. McGrath, organist.

Cranbrook Cagers Lose To Flint

The Cranbrook School varsity basketball quintet was defeated at Flint by Flint Technical School last Saturday evening. The final score was 44-33.

Flint, by starting with a fine tip-off play and then stealing the ball from Cranbrook several times, gave themselves an early substantial lead—which they kept throughout the game. At half-time, the score was 20-15. During the second half, Cranbrook fought back hard to keep Flint from scoring more points. However, they were not able to diminish the lead which Flint had. The final score, 44-33, was exactly 18 points more than it was at the half for both teams. Cochran held high point honors for Cranbrook with 15 points. Gooch starred for Flint Tech by scoring 25 points—more than one-half of their score.

Michigan Bell Rate Hearing Resumes Jan. 11

LANSING—Hearings in the 25 per cent of Michigan Bell's capital Michigan Bell Telephone company it is now debt. The company has per cent. rate case are in recess until Janu- contended the cost of money is at, ary 11, at which time the company least 7 1/2 per cent, based on a cap- will cross-examine witnesses for ital structure of one-third debt.

Thatcher, also testifying on in- flation, predicted a retreat from the current high-price level.

Dr. Lionel W. Thatcher, of the University of Wisconsin, and Grover C. Wirck, of the Commission staff accountant, agreed the com- mission and the City of Detroit. raised its debt to 40 or 45 per cent retical tax savings of \$1,500,000 to Michigan Bell would be from 6 last September, was only 6.6 per my being served ahead of you."

"Oh, no," shrugged the first staff, testified that cost of capital pan's return for the year ending and said: "I hope you don't mind raised its debt to 40 or 45 per cent retical tax savings of \$1,500,000 to Michigan Bell would be from 6 last September, was only 6.6 per my being served ahead of you."

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