

Each of us stands upon the threshold of a New Year... with the hope of new resolutions... with the hope of new resolutions...

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A. Here is a rhyme that was written some years ago by the late Webb McCall... M-U-R-D-E-R ! ! ! I s'pose you might think I'm a quiet soul...

The BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Offices Will Not Be Open On Saturday, January 2nd

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Petitions Circulating for Third District Seat

Troy Asks For Trades With City

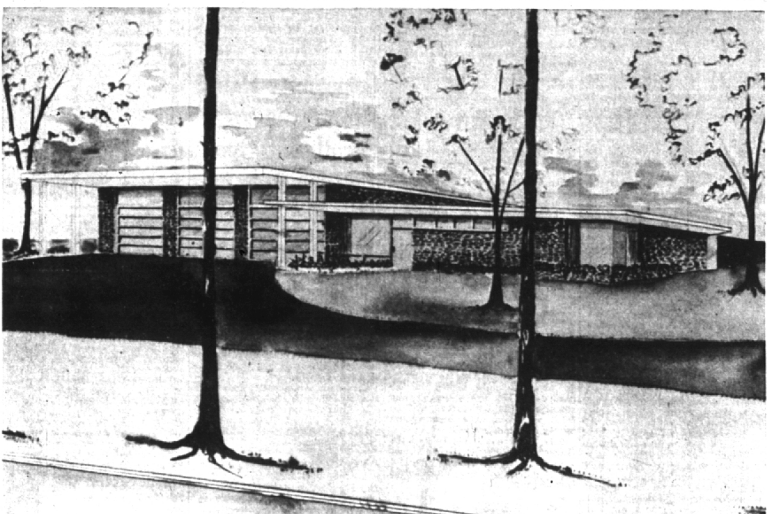
Faced with losing two parcels of township land through annexations, Troy board members Monday night suggested that the questions be resolved by "trades" with the city of Birmingham.

Board members learned that the Oakland County Board of Supervisors' boundaries committee, after scanning petitions submitted to the supervisors asking for an annexation election on the Forritt property on Adams road, requested that the township and city come to an agreement on a plan to avoid the necessity of an election.

Committee members agreed that the property, completely surrounded by the city, should normally become a part of Birmingham. They adjourned their December meeting until January 13 in hopes that some agreement could be reached to stop the mailing of an election ballot.

Board members failed to agree with the city's plan that the property north of Derby should be annexed to the city. Board members said this piece was adjacent to the only property in the township under such zoning because of existing structures.

BARNARD was instructed to meet with Birmingham officials to discuss possible agreements concerning the triangle.



ARTIST'S SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED ONE-STORY WEST SIDE FIRE STATION Would have 3 bays, 10-man dormitory, fire marshal's office.

City Revokes Licenses of Five Cabs

Five taxis of the Birmingham Cab Co. were ordered off city streets Monday night by city commissioners who were extremely displeased with the company's policy of keeping the vehicles in proper operating condition as required by ordinance.

At a police department inspection Nov. 12, all seven of the company's cabs were found to be in generally poor condition. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley pointed out the deficiencies.

AT MONDAY night's hearing, Oron Atchinson of Norville, owner of the cab company, unsuccessfully attempted to have the commission postpone the hearing for two weeks so his attorney could speak for him.

He said he would have two more new cabs by Jan. 8, another two by Feb. 8. He said he would have two more new cabs by Jan. 8, another two by Feb. 8.

Call Hearing on New Fire Station

When residents of the 12-block area in Quarton Lakes Estate subdivision attend next Monday night's city commission meeting, they will learn first hand why the city must institute a friendly court action to condemn subdivision restrictions to the extent that a new westside Birmingham fire station can be constructed at the northeast corner of Chesterfield and West Maple.

HE EMPHASIZED that the commission has only tentative designs, which will be finalized after the commission has had more time to study them, and area residents have been given the opportunity to examine the proposals.

It is estimated the station will cost about \$85,000, including an east side fire station at Adams and Bowers.

Troy, were still under citation by the Water Resources Commission to abate pollution of the Rouge river. During the first six months of 1953, death took the lives of Albert S. E. Mittelstaedt and Ralph Buring.

Churches Set To Welcome The New Year

Several of Birmingham's churches are planning special services to greet the New Year. At the United Brethren in Christ church, 14 Mile and Edgewood, the New Year's Eve service will begin at 9 p.m.

Continuing the observance of the new year, Mr. Waggizer will speak on "If You Want A Happy New Year" at this service Sunday for both the 9:30 and 10:30 services.

THE church council, Richard Oberschulte, president; Martin Otto, vice president; Henry Gassaway, treasurer; Lee Biske, elder; Fritz Stretch, trustee; Harold Meinert, Sunday school superintendent; Lowell Heiserman, John Booth, Earl Roberts and Robert Bash, officers; John Barnes, William (See CHURCHES, Page 8)

VanDusen, Kuschinsky Seek Post.

Petitions of two announced candidates who seek to fill the vacant state representative's seat for the third district have been taken out. Gov. G. Mennen Williams set February 11 as the date for a special election to fill the seat vacated in November by Republican Howard R. Estes who resigned his post to devote full time to his duties as manager of the Oakland County Infirmary and Convalescent Hospital.

THE ELECTION will be taken in the third district as it was set up before the county's redistricting this fall. This district included the cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Rochester and South Lyons as well as the townships of Bloomfield, Troy, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Milford, Lyons, Novi and Farmington. The term of office will expire December 31, 1954.

HE SERVED as a justice for five years in Saginaw and came to the Birmingham-Troy area 3 1/2 years ago. Since becoming a Troy resident, Kuschinsky has been an unsuccessful primary in Saginaw county on January 21. Should no other candidates be put forward, Van Dusen and Kuschinsky file their petitions for the office, a primary election will not be needed.

IN 1948 HE received his degree (See PETITIONS, Page 8)

Among the carolers were Carol Schultz, Martha Trachten, Larry LeTourneau, Terry LeTourneau, Allen Turner, Paul Turner, Edward Hanley, Jack Horn and Steven Murphy.

Speech specialists tell us human vocal cords are controlled by about 60 muscles. If that's true, then some mothers-in-law really aren't human.



RICHARD VAN DUSEN



MARVIN KUSCHINSKY

Carols Earn \$5 For Children at Camp Oakland

Camp Oakland will be five dollars richer this week due to the efforts of high school and senior high school students who went caroling Christmas Eve.

STRICTLY FRESH Some persons, while "standing on their rights," are also trampling on others.

MICHIGAN'S Secretary of State, Owen J. (Pat) Cleary, currently being mentioned as a possible Republican entry in next fall's governorship race, will speak to the Birmingham Rotary on Monday noon, Jan. 4. He will be introduced by Charles Morlenson, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, which also is the local office of the secretary of state's department.

1953 Local News Highlights Reviewed

Increasing population growth continued to heap problems upon the backs of city and township administrators during the first half of 1953 as Birmingham neared total development and building booms in Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township and Troy township brought record enrollments to district schools and accompanying headaches to public utilities.

BIRMINGHAM eased its sewage treatment problems when voters approved sending the city's entire sewage into the South Oakland County Sewage Disposal District. All communities in the area, however, with the exception of Troy, were still under citation by the Water Resources Commission to abate pollution of the Rouge river.