

Do you indulge yourself with the...
...to make a more than average...
...to your thinking at Christmas...
...? You don't notice a church...
...Christ's memory?

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Asks to See Santa Go Down Chimney

Dear Santa Claus— I would like to go with you when you go down the chimney with your sack of toys. I like Christmas because it was when Jesus was born. PAUL SWISHER, 8 years old.

So reads the letter which The Eccentric has forwarded on to Santa Claus.

He, in turn, has sent a message to Paul, saying he's sorry, but that trip down the chimney is a "trade secret" and something he cannot reveal.

Everyone knew how I get up and down chimneys," he said, "half the joy of Christmas would be gone. This is my secret for as long as I live, and I will live as long as there is a family on earth which responds to the Spirit of Christmas."

So, Paul, it looks as though there is one Christmas wish you will not have.

Along with Paul's letter are many more expressing the desires of Birmingham's youngsters this Christmas season. None will appear next week, too, so keep writing and watching.



Dear Santa Claus—I would like to see a trumpet magnifying glass, English bull dog ear hand puppet, some train tracks, swimfins and some more train track. JOHN KRAUSE, 10 years old.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like a baking set and ice skates and a piano and tiny tears doll. SANDRA, 10 years old.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like a rifle and jigsaw short wave for

Allocate \$100,000 For Y Here

\$100,000 has been earmarked for a building program at the Birmingham YMCA it was learned this week.

The money, actually an allocation from anticipated contributions to be raised sometime during the first half of 1955 by the Metropolitan Detroit Building Fund, will fall short of the comprehensive building which officials of the YMCAs here hoped to construct in Birmingham.

Yet it will form the basis for a long range building program for the Y here.

A SPOKESMAN for the YMCA stated this week that when final arrangements have been cleared with the building fund, Y officers would get together to determine just what facilities can be built here using the \$100,000. Y officials have been negotiating with the MDHF for the past year in an attempt to gain necessary funds to build permanent buildings in several suburban communities and rehabilitate present Y buildings.

AS EARLY as 1952, the Metropolitan Y had formulated plans for expansion and remodeling of existing facilities.

In the negotiations with the MDHF, Y officials understood that existing facilities could be met with one drive but handed the committee the complete set of plans for a possible long-range program.

It is the MDHF has agreed to set aside some \$2 million of the money it gains for YMCA facilities. Figure representing some 10 per cent of the total figure to be allocated.

Only One Crash Mars SD Record

Only a single minor property damage accident marred the first 24 hours of Birmingham's observance of SD Day Wednesday.

The only motorist involved, Thomas I. Hendrickson, 17, of 1179 Arden Lane, skidded on icy pavement in the lamp post area between Maple and Aspen at 6:15 a.m. No other accidents were reported, despite inclement weather.

A MEMBER of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, she also is active in the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association and the Birmingham musicale.

Community House directors who work with the two leaders in the city.

This and That

If I were called upon to name some well-known person who is most lacking in true humility, the name of Senator Joe McCarthy would come immediately to mind.

Watching and listening to him on TV the evening of the day he was "condemned" by the U. S. Senate, I presume that I was but one of millions who noticed how cocky and almost arrogant the Wisconsin solon was.

It is hard, Joe, to say your duty and apparently failed to grasp his opportunities for the highest in all around public service. Your "declaration of war" against President Eisenhower, Joe, will help cut you down to size.

Whether one be a King, Queen or just an average human being, INSIDE THE ECCENTRIC

Best Congressmen Vote Convictions—Morse

(See Photo, Page 8, Section 1)

By WILLIAM F. ZACK

"Too many of my Senate colleagues are following the shoddy principle of compromising their ideals for political purposes," Senator Wayne B. Morse told a Birmingham audience Dec. 8.

Speaking at Community House under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, the Oregon independent developed the theme of political compromise throughout his one-hour address.

"When I declared myself independent of the Republican party," Morse said, "I faced political suicide. That may be, but I still would rather be defeated on the basis of my convictions than defeated without them."

"This capital will develop natural resources, build industry, and raise the living standard of people who now are turning to Communism because of poverty."

"The question of possible confiscation of private capital invested in other countries can be answered, I believe, by a system of insurance against loss by the investor similar to the insurance now being worked out against bank failure on our savings."

MORSE also advocated increased export of our surplus food stocks abroad at reduced prices or as a gift. He said that between 30 and 60 per cent of American stored food surplus becomes unfit for human consumption and thus is wasted when it could well be used to increase our friendship with other countries.

"Even when we were at war, I never regarded the Russians as our allies," Morse commented. "When they were working closely with the late Senator Vandenberg on foreign relations, my stand on the issue was that we had no such common enemies."

Baldwin Park Case Being Deliberated

Michigan supreme court's case is expected to be handed down sometime after the end of the year, city officials believe.

Both sides have concluded their arguments before the justices, who now are deliberating the suit.

Plaintiffs are Baldwin Manor, Inc., and two other abutting property owners who claim the street, extension violates terms of the deed by which Martha Baldwin deeded the property to the city.

Oakland county circuit court upheld this argument, which the city appealed to the higher court.

Party Saturday For Youngsters

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Tickets for the program will be distributed to the children at the various elementary schools this week.

All makes of inner spring and tank top mattresses, Dial "O" and Dial Enterprise, etc.

Pierce Lot Deadline Is Sept. 1

Sketch of Parking Lot on (Page 2, Section 1)

A seven-league step into Birmingham's municipal off-street parking program is expected next Monday night in the city commissioner's passage of an ordinance to permit issuance of up to \$400,000 in revenue bonds to finance the project.

Approval of the ordinance will permit the city immediately to proceed on details to develop the first facility, a 225-car lot on Pierce between the corner of Bates and Martin, and a projected facility somewhere along Hamilton in the business section's northeast quadrant.

TWO OTHER municipal lots on which commissioners plan to use part of the \$400,000 are a 37-car lot at the corner of Bates and Martin, and a projected facility somewhere along Hamilton in the business section's northeast quadrant.

Commissioners were all set to pass the ordinance this week, but bond attorney delivered the lengthy resolution too late for commissioners to more than glance at it before the regular meeting.

So they decided to give themselves seven days in which to read it, although its terms and provisions pretty much are determined by law.

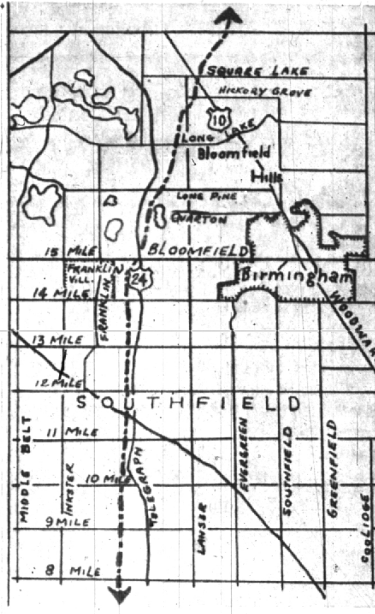
THE REVENUE bond issue would be floated in at least two series—the first of \$200,000 for the Pierce development, on which the city presently is attending financing negotiations.

Egbert said the ordinance is unique in Michigan in that it permits issuance of additional bonds in the amounts of the old ones which have been paid off.

"In all, the feature provides the bondholders by placing a ceiling on the total value of bonds outstanding, against the composite score of the program as the city's needs are developed," the manager explained to the commission.

THE ORDINANCE would provide for \$400,000 of the bonds to be used for the cost of the Pierce lot and the one at Bates-Martin.

Commissioners approved the designs of the two lots, which will permit right angle parking, wide lanes, lighting and parking meters.



ROUTE OF PROPOSED TOLLWAY Through Southfield, Bloomfield townships?

Student Development Is Exceptional Here

By DELENE DOMES

Improving on last year's good record, Birmingham high school Iowa test results are in the upper 3 per cent of the nation's high schools, bettering by 2 per cent its 1954 score, which was in the upper 5 per cent bracket.

In the upper 1 per cent are the seniors. The junior class dropped in the composite score.

Purpose of the tests is to measure the students' educational growth and development. There are nine tests in all, including social studies background, natural science background, correctness in writing, quantitative thinking, reading literature, reading social studies, reading natural science, general vocabulary, and uses of sources of information.

ALL OF THESE TEST the students' background and do not measure intelligence.

The results help teachers and school administration to plan the curriculum, measure students' progress, and plan their teaching to conform more nearly to abilities and needs of students.

"It should be remembered that this kind of progress cannot be made every year," said William Clarke, junior class counselor who was in charge of the tests. "Once a class average attains a rank of the ninety-eighth or ninety-ninth percentile, as did our present senior class, much further progress is analogous to trying to shave a second off the four-minute mile."

To Cross US-24 Near 15 Mile

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Exact location of the Toledo-Detroit-Bay City toll road through Southfield and Bloomfield townships has been determined, a reliable source reported to The Birmingham Eccentric yesterday.

Some survey stakes already have been placed in the immediate vicinity of 15 Mile, then north along the east side of Telegraph to Greenfield and continue to Bay City along the eastern boundary of Pontiac.

Slightly west of Telegraph from 8 Mile to 15 Mile, where it will cross Bloomfield in the immediate vicinity of 15 Mile, then north along the east side of Telegraph to Greenfield and continue to Bay City along the eastern boundary of Pontiac.

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THIS WILL take the private expressway through the eastern edge of Franklin, and the northwestern corner of Bloomfield Hills. It also would be very close to the home of William E. Slaughter, Jr., chairman of the Michigan Turnpike Authority which is building the toll road. Slaughter's home at 2240 Singum lane, is just east of Telegraph road, which is the eastern boundary of Franklin.

The Eccentric was not able to contact Slaughter for confirmation of these reports. His Detroit office said he was out of the city for the day and could not be reached by phone.

SEVERAL CALLS to the turnpike authority's new office in Ann Arbor were unanswered.

These main considerations are determining the expressway's location:

- 1) It is to be constructed where it would be the least amount of damage to existing roads and thus be the least expensive to build;
- 2) That no grade will be greater than three per cent; and
- 3) Changes in direction will be made in sweeping curves that will be in the nature of a "S" curve.

The 2 1/2-mile-way will be fenced, and will proceed through Southfield and Bloomfield areas which in recent years have seen considerable development of expensive ranch homes.

AN ELABORATE cloverleaf interchange is planned for the toll road at Telegraph-Maple intersection, the reports said.

Engineering details are expected to be completed and presented for approval to the authority at a March 1 meeting.

Six More Firemen Being Recruited

Formal approval for a six-man increase in Birmingham fire department personnel was given this week by city commissioners.

Recruiting already has begun, with the intent to give each man 30 days training before the two new fire stations are placed in operation, which will not be before Feb. 1, says City Manager D. C. Egbert.

This department now has 27 full-time members.

Strictly Fresh

Wm. Warwick, R. I., judge told a young fellow-looker for driving with sharp arm around his girl: "You need two hands for each of those jobs in this property." But not two hands on one pair of shoulders for the driving job.

"Meanest Man of the Year" nomination goes to the fiend in Chickadee, who has been given a "time eraser" which would automatically remove remaining motor time then a car leaves a parking space.

How about a size for the "Best Trimmed Pocketbook of 1954."

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Washington Bound Is Everett O. Clark

WASHINGTON BOUND is Everett O. Clark, 891 Pilgrim, to assume the directorship of the General Industrial Equipment Division of the Business and Defense Services Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Clark is pictured as he was sworn into office by BSDA Administrator Charles F. Honeywell. On loan from his position as manager of industrial products sales for the Vickers, Inc., Division of the Sperry Corporation, he is the first director to be named to the industrial equipment division and will serve voluntarily for a period of six months or more.

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