

Benjamin To Head Realty Bd. Here

Jerome F. Benjamin, president of Benjamin & Stephens, Inc., 259 So. Woodward, was recently elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board for 1955.

Benjamin is beginning his 10th year as a director on the board.

Frederick C. Dew, of Max Brock, Inc., will act as the board's vice-president with Charles J. Van Horn of the Charles J. Van Horn company, board secretary.

Robert Craig, sales manager of Walsh, James & Wasey company, will serve as board treasurer.

Board members include Whiting Raymond of Walsh, James & Wasey; and John Townsend and Ralph Manuel of T.W. Manuel and Snyder, Inc.



Jerome F. Benjamin

Troop B-27 Plans Court of Honor

A Court of Honor ceremony will be presented by Troop B-27 Monday night, Dec. 20, at the Baptist church.

Headed by the color guard and Tenderfoot investment services under the direction of Scoutmaster Ed Galt, second and first class awards, good camper ratings and two Star Scout awards will be presented.

Mike Brandt and Bill Montgomery will receive the Star Scout award.

Parents and Scouts will be served baked pies as part of the refreshments following the ceremony.

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North Adams Holiday Preparation Has Area in a Whirl

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These are the days of holiday preparation. One sees her friends and neighbors standing in line at the post office with arms full of packages, at the meat counter ordering the festive bird or busy making other purchases with that "half scratched off" Christmas list in hand.

The hurry and scurry on the streets is indicative of the state of mind of all Christmas houseguests begin to arrive and next Sunday the R. P. Edwards' home on North Adams will be buzzing with all sorts of fun and laughter and busyness for their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Glenn A. Edwards arrives with her three little boys. Edwards will join them Christmas Eve. They live in Minneapolis so this visit is quite an event. Edwards will be here for Christmas only, but his family will remain only a few days. Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Edwards' son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Dyer and their three youngsters will come from Berkeley for the day.

The December meeting of the Poppleton PTA, was held at the school last Thursday evening. John Bro spoke on "Homework: Why, How, When and Where."

The pre-school group of Poppleton school met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Arnold Peterson on Boulan road. Each member brought a donation for the Christmas basket and a white elephant for the grab bag. This was their Christmas party.

Mrs. William Arlund entertained twenty at a bridge luncheon at her home on East Square Lake road in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Harold Barnes of Beach road.

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Selling your home? Advertise in the "Top Sale-Homes" columns of The Eccestric.

LUCKY HUNTERS
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Franks of Beach road have returned from a 10-day hunting trip. They drove to North Bay, Sudbury and Blind River, crossed into the Upper Peninsula at Sault Ste. Marie and drove across to Chulavilla where they were the guests of friends at their hunting lodge. Their deep freeze will serve as a memory book for quite a spell for they came home laden with grouse, partridge and rabbit.

PTA ACTIVITIES
Last Friday the Troy high school PTA served a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m., a most opportune day to have such an event for it not only helped their cause but solved the eating problem of many of the high school's active youngsters. There were four basketball games that day. The freshman boys played the Madison high school at Troy in the afternoon. The girls played the Madison girls' team at Madison. In the evening the varsity added reserve

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Mrs. Claude Walker Elected Chief of Pythian Temple

Mrs. Claude Walker was elected most excellent chief of the Pythian temple No. 94 at a meeting last week at the Community house.

She and other newly elected officers will be installed Jan. 4 at the community house.

Her staff includes Mrs. Daisy Gowan, most excellent senior; Kathleen Ling, most excellent junior; Mrs. Grant Capling, manager; Mrs. Helman Olson, secretary; Mrs. Edith Follman, treasurer; Mrs. Beau Mattice, protector; Mrs. Violet Meyer, guard.

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Among those students taking two-week vacations from Mercy college in Detroit will be Mary Joyce Peralta, Birminghamite who aided with a Yale party last night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peralta, of Waycross, Ga., was among members of the Home Arts club that had a pre-vacation party for its 35 members.

Have You Met

The ski enthusiasts who are living in Braun apartments on North Woodward in Bloomfield Hills? Edward J. Haley, and his son, Michael, 9, are looking forward to winter sports. Mr. and Mrs. Haley are members of the Ostego Ski club, as well as University club and Pine Lake Country club. Haley, who operates a funeral home, brought his family here from Royal Oak last spring.

In Wellesley Play

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Junior Chamber Lighting Contest Opens This Week

Applications are now being accepted for the annual outdoor Christmas lighting contest, sponsored yearly by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Prizes for the best outdoor displays during the holidays will go to the winners in each of the city's four geographical sections with a grand prize for the display judged outstanding.

Awards again this year will be donated by local businessmen.

Three judges will also be named by the Jaycees before the week of judging between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Harry Pike is lighting contest chairman this year for the Junior Chamber. Application blanks are to be sent in care of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Edison branch, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham.

The Jaycees will split the city into quadrants divided by Woodward as the north-south axis and Maple as the east-west axis.

Only city residents may enter the contest and all displays must be lighted during the Christmas-New Year week to be judged. Additional entry blanks may be obtained at either the Birmingham office of the Detroit Edison company or at the Chamber of Commerce office, 350 E. Maple.

Summarizes Economy

Italy and her people have made remarkable progress in reconstructing their national economy since May 1945, according to Antonio Garbati, Italian consul in Detroit.

To Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon, Garbati outlined some of the steps his nation has achieved in the past five years.

He said that the war destroyed the spirit of the national wealth and that the nation had achieved in the past five years.

"Because of our reconstruction program, today we have more money than we had before the war," the consul said. "Roads and utilities have been rebuilt and modernized, our merchant marine has been built back to where it now is the world's fifth largest. And our industrial output now is one and a half times as great as it was in 1938."

BOOKS

The Most Perfect of Gifts At Christmas Time

Below, we list a few of the more important ones of the current season. Of course, there are many others to choose from. All titles, currently popular, we try at all times to carry in stock.

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