

There is nothing of or upon this earth  
So permanent, so solid, so true,  
That shall outlast the passing years,  
That shall survive the coming years,  
That shall endure the passing years,  
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## THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Some years ago I wrote a brief poem, dedicated to the thought of Thanksgiving. It was published in this column.

So here again I'm offering it to you as a personal thought on a day when we commemorate every last Thursday in November in the U. S. A.:

### THANKSGIVING

For things to eat, for things to wear,  
For sheltered homes, for all the care  
That Thou hast shown; my every need,  
I'm thankful, Lord, in word and deed.  
For friends and loved-ones I am glad  
To thank Thee, Lord—for whom I pray  
They come to me with words of cheer,  
And thus Thou liv'st with me each year.  
Oh, Lord, I pray Thee make me  
The joyfulness of this good earth!  
Oh, smile upon this grateful world  
Until in every land the unfurled  
Banner of a Love that's fit  
To wear the robes of Holy Writ,  
For sun and moon and stars above,  
For love of life and love of Love  
Shining on my life this day  
In true humility to pray  
My thankfulness, my gratitude,  
For every Christ-Healer's hand,  
And, as life tumbles on its way,  
I hope that each Thanksgiving Day  
Will make my song of thanks ring  
Clear on every day throughout each year.  
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When such a thing as a slight  
abridgment of the rights of the  
United States Senator can hold up  
that select body's procedures over  
the question of a vote, it is a  
disgrace to the U. S. Congress come  
what it may.

As we write this, Sen. Joe  
McCarthy is in a Washington, D. C.,  
hospital, where medicines are  
tending to his elbow. In the mean-  
time, he has been accused of hold-  
ing up the Senate debate about con-  
suring Joe until Nov. 9.

Some 71 stores will participate  
in the event this year, comparable  
to the number of stores that were  
open for the first time in the  
district.

The one night is devoted to the  
men to enable them to shop for  
Christmas gifts for wives, children  
and friends, and to the complete  
elimination and embarrassment of shopping  
with the ladies.

Stores from Adm. Point to  
Young's will have their doors open  
for the men, and merchants  
will direct their advice and  
service to their customers to make  
Christmas gift-buying easy.

WOMEN'S AND men's stores  
will be open to augment the  
variety of gifts offered by gift  
shops, appliance stores, camera  
stores, hardware, jewelers, florists  
and drug stores.

Both of the city's sporting goods  
stores as well as the two dime  
stores will join in the event.

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Some stores will offer gift-wrap-  
ping services and all will in-  
vite their customers for gift sugges-  
tions.

One great opportunity the night  
affords to the male is the chance  
to buy the "right" thing for his  
men hesitate to purchase in the  
presence of women shoppers.

City support of a petition for  
creating a Hunter Blvd. crosswalk  
at Hamilton may depend upon the  
city plan board's review of the  
suggestion.

Commissioners asked this week  
to lend their support to Hamilton  
property owners who are petition-  
ing the highway department for  
the crosswalk, recalled previous  
unsuccessful city attempts to get  
state approval.

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## Union Thanksgiving Services Tomorrow

Continuing a community tradition of several years, Birmingham residents will join together for a special union Thanksgiving service at 9 a.m. Thursday morning, under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches.

Host this year is the Congregational Church of Birmingham. The Rev. Robert Graham, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preach.

"In Every Thing Give Thanks", has been selected for his topic, with the text from 1 Thessalonians 5:18. "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

The Thanksgiving proclamation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower will be read by Mayor Charles Renfrew during the service.

Another special feature will be the senior choir of the church singing "The Lord is My Shepherd" in the direction of Al Shanley Rosso, who will accompany the group on the organ. The Rev. Robert D. Devey, pastor of the host church, will preside over the service.

Participating churches include the First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Congregational, Embury Methodist, Franklin Community (Congregational), Other Protestant church in the area are invited to join this union service of Thanksgiving.

## PTA Council Votes To Study School Needs

Formation of citizens committees to advise the Birmingham board of education on needs found in school housing, salaries and curriculum was given the go-ahead sign by the city's PTA Council Monday night at its November meeting.

Creation of these committees, recommended by the board and School Spvt. Dwight B. Ireland, would aid the school district in meeting future school system needs.

While adopting the framework of a plan outlined by the school board, the council voted to start work immediately on forming the first committee to study housing and necessary facilities for the district's schools.

Edson Stevens, council president, stated that the council's steering committee, already in action, would direct and coordinate the work of the committees.

RECOMMENDED procedure for the naming of committee members on housing, according to the board of education, would be to include a member of the school district's administrative staff, a lay chairman, and representatives from each of the 10 elementary school areas.

The board asked the council to study, among other things, a survey of present facilities, survey of needs including swimming pools at both the high school and proposed new junior high school, school auditoriums, tennis courts and lighting of classrooms, and determination of village requirements to construct these improvements.

By the committee's report concerning building needs has been submitted to the board, the council, and later, a survey on salary study.

## Death of Velma Isley Is Termed 'Real Loss'

"The city of Birmingham has suffered a real loss in the passing of Velma Isley," commented Walter E. Skinner, president of the Birmingham Community House board of directors, Friday.

Mrs. Isley died at her home, 1749 Fairway, Thursday evening after a long illness. She had been director of the Community House since May 3, 1947, and during that time had made hundreds of friends and thousands of contacts among Birmingham residents.

Skinner's comment concluded, "She brought to her job as executive director at the Community House a great understanding of people, coupled with a sunny, outgoing personality which has endeared her to thousands."

"She city has become a better place for her having lived and worked among us, and we shall miss her."

A native of Iowa, she was born in Waterloo on June 2, 1905. She was a graduate of Iowa State Teachers college, Bachelor's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin.

FOLLOWING her graduation, she taught in high schools in her native state and at the university. On June 21, 1926, she was married to Carlton H. Isley at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The Isleys came to Detroit in 1941 where Mrs. Isley became associated with the Metropolitan Detroit YWCA in its health education department. She also served as executive director of the Y from 1947 to 1954.

During her term here, she guided the Y through the difficult periods of growth of the city and house has ever seen.

BESIDES HER activities as a service director, she has held membership in the Episcopal Church, Garden club and American Association of University Women. When the YWCA club was organized last year, she became its first president.

Besides her husband, she is sur-



TIME FOR NEW HARNESS AT THE HENRY GLEISNER HOME  
Eric has snow skates, Karen small skis for winter sports. (Eclectic Photo)

## Ski Expert Looks Toward Sports in Alps, Michigan

By DOROTHY BENJAMIN

Birmingham has gained a new ski expert, who among his ski activities this winter will lead a tour of the Austrian Alps.

Chicago-born, 20-year-old Henry H. Gleisner and his family have moved to 1760 Taunton in Birmingham just in time to bring back the latest news on the rapidly growing ski industry in Northern Michigan.

Full of details for what he calls "the tremendous expansion of skiing facilities" in Michigan, Gleisner is as enthusiastic about the direct ski tour to the Austrian Alps as he is about the ski industry in Michigan.

He has been chosen by KLM Dutch Airlines to lead its first direct ski tour from the Midwest in March. All ski tour trips to European sites now originate in New York.

GLEISNER, who instructed at Rosemont and Snow Valley (and just after the war at the Army recreation center at Garmisch, Germany, in the German Alps) will be returning to the Alps on the tour.

But the trip will be to the Alps' heart, at Kirchbach, in the Austrian Tyrol and at St. Anton on the Allgäu, a mountain range near Innsbruck, Austria.

The higher altitudes of the Alps are almost ideal for skiing, he says, because of the warmer temperature and "just about perfect" snow conditions. They'll be skiing at about 10,000 feet above sea level there.

BORN IN VIENNA, Gleisner spent most of his childhood there, but spent the war years in Italy. With his instructing keeping him from entering competitive skiing, he is proud that his wife, Yvette,

is a ski champion in her own right.

"I'D HAVE LAUGHED my head off if anyone had told me that," he said as he described the new expansion of Michigan's skiing industry.

"Birmingham people will be interested to know," he said, "that the Pontiac Ski club is planning to have a ski trip to the Alps next winter. It doesn't snow as often as it does up north."

In the northland, Gleisner reports that Manistee has mapped out a new ski area, Snow Valley, Okemos, Hills, and Skyline have added facilities, and Boyne Mountain has added slopes.

By the way, Gleisner is a new swimmer, too, has on his staff this year Stein Erickson, Olympic world champion in downhill and slalom skiing, Gleisner enthuses.

RECENTLY TALKING to the Michigan State college ski club, he said, there will be a state ski championship competition, held in conjunction with the intercollegiate meet at Boyne Mountain in February.

The Birmingham post office early mailing as early as possible this year as all indications point to a heavier volume of mail from this area this year.

To relieve congestion of the mails in late December and to insure prompt delivery of packages and Christmas letters and cards, Act. Postmaster Leslie Rouse points out that early mailing will help everyone involved the customer as well as the post office department.

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## Jan. 10 Hearing On Parking Rules For New Business

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

After a pause of 18 months, Birmingham's city commissioners for the second time will consider the advisability of requiring all new and expanded businesses to provide off-street parking facilities.

The commission this week set Monday night, Jan. 10, as the date for the continuation of the hearing. This will permit downtown merchants, who are so closely related to this parking problem, to concentrate on the Christmas shopping season first.

At a July 27, 1953 public hearing, the commission indefinitely tabled the amendment to the city's zoning ordinance with the request to the plan board that the proposal be modified to apply only to future commercial buildings.

LITTLE CHANGE has been made in the amendment to be considered Jan. 10 from that which was discussed almost 18 months ago.

The amendment would require new or expanded commercial buildings to supply a minimum of one square foot of parking space for each square foot of floor space.

Exempted from these provisions would be new businesses or additions, which have less than 1,000 square feet.

FOUR METHODS FOR PROVIDING this off-street parking would be contained in the amendment:

- 1) On the same site as the building;
- 2) Within 500 feet of the building being served;
- 3) By building with other property owners in a common parking lot; or
- 4) In a program approved by the city and financed by special assessment or otherwise.

## Railroad Official Dies After Fall Multiple-Car Crashes Besiege Township Police

Albin J. Lela, 59, 4105 Beach, Troy township, died early Monday morning after a two-story fall from the General Motors building in Detroit.

The assistant treasurer of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad left his job Tuesday morning after a two-story fall from the General Motors building in Detroit.

A NATIVE of Stockholm, Sweden, he started with the C. & O. in 1927 and became assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in 1949.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Mrs. E. M. Lela of Detroit and Mrs. M. J. Lela of Ann Arbor.

## Teen Shoplifters Face Supervision

A shoplifting ring of 12 Birmingham teenagers was placed under Oakland county probation supervision when they appeared individually Nov. 23, according to James Hunt, director of children's services.

The girls were charged by Birmingham police with taking merchandise valued at between \$200 and \$300 from four stores. Another \$100 was valued at Wayne county area because of residence there.

The girls, all between 12 and 15 years old, were ordered to make restitution within 30 days, and were told to stay out of the downtown shopping district for 30 days unless accompanied by their parents.

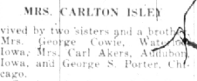
## Relief Sewer Costs To Be Apportioned

A \$101,200 relief sewer project for Birmingham, east side, has received city commission tentative approval pending a decision on how the cost shall be apportioned.

Resolved in Mexico City toll police for 500 dollars below cost because he bought them from pilfering employees of a competitor.

Man who leads the grand jury investigation in Los Angeles, smog that will be bought by Chamber of Commerce sunshine boys probably want to call him "Fool-fellow."

Count's attorney at Brainerd, Minn., says he'll investigate a charges that school board bought ice cream. Christmas savings and prizes for a PTA meeting, charged them to junior high school and wall paint. Probably stolen like it, too.



MRS. CARLTON ISLEY

## KIDS! Send in your Letters to Santa!

Although the letters to Santa Claus will be handled a bit differently this year, The Eclectic still is acting as "Santa's Mail Box" for Birmingham boys and girls.

In the past, letters have come to us direct from the schools, by grades, and have been printed in these classifications.

"This year, boys and girls are invited to mail their letters directly to Santa Claus, c/o The Birmingham Eclectic. We will copy them, print them, and get them off to the North Pole in plenty of time.

LATE REPORTS from Santa assure us his top supply is varied and plentiful. He tells us right now his wettest trouble is with Mrs. Claus, who thinks all the soft, cuddly dolls are so cute she wants to keep them for herself.

Santa himself would like a number of the games which are going to be in Christmas stockings this year, but says they're not for him—he can't stay awake long enough to play them.

His parting message was, "Don't you youngsters forget to get right at those letters and send them to The Eclectic. Hurry! There isn't much more time before Christmas!"



OKlahoma supreme court rules that the school board's action in buying the staff they serve in night clubs at \$100 a copy.

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JEAN RUSSELLER, chosen as Miss Country Fair at the BHS variety show. (Other pictures, and story on inside pages.)

