



**BERESFORD-THOMPSON**  
 "We Insure Everything But Yesterday"  
 201 Sayings & Loan Bldg.  
 55 W. Maple—Corner Woodward  
 Birmingham, Mich. Phone MI 4-8930

You will find many bargains in  
 The Eccentric Classified Columns.

**BEST WISHES FOR**  
**Christmas**

To our old friends,  
 our new friends  
 and our friends to be  
 we extend our  
 best wishes  
 for a Merry Christmas  
 and a Happy  
 and Prosperous  
 New Year

**Dimas Furs**  
 227 S. WOODWARD AVE.  
 BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

**GREETINGS**

Christmas is remembering  
 Friends both old and new.  
 So now we bring these greetings.  
 With kindly thoughts of you.  
 And may peace come in all the world,  
 And hearts of men possess.  
 May lasting brotherhood abound,  
 With understanding bliss.  
 Good health and happiness be yours,  
 And all things you hold dear.  
 May all your fondest dreams come true,  
 In this, the coming year.

COIRA D. HOLMES

**Art Study Offered At Cranbrook Evening Classes**

**CRANBROOK**—An opportunity to study drawing and painting at Cranbrook Academy of Art is offered early in 1956 by the Academy of Art galleries.

Wallace Mitchell, galleries head, says Thursday evening class actually will be a workshop in appreciation where interested adults may learn to appreciate by doing and is designed to accommodate the needs of a variety of amateur's engaged during the day in other pursuits.

Fred Mitchell, instructor in painting at Cranbrook academy, will be teacher and class leader in painting, drawing and discussions, for which the resources of the galleries are available.

CLASSES start Feb. 2 and continue for 10 weeks through April 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 each week. Interested people are asked to leave their name, address and telephone number with the galleries on weekdays during office hours. There is a nominal charge for the course, which is limited to the first 35 who call in.

**Denison Student Cast in Production**

Robert Whitlatch, junior at Denison university, Granville, O., will play and sing the role of Josef, the waiter, in the forthcoming university theatre production of "Candide" with Music.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Whitlatch, 717 Lakeside, Birmingham.

**BIRTHS**

A son, George was born Dec. 14 to MR. AND MRS. ROY ROWAN, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Rowan is the former Helen Rowland of Birmingham. He is the grandson of Mrs. George Rowland, Dewey avenue, Birmingham and the late Mr. Rowland.

A son, Mark Bradley, was born Dec. 12 to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT W. DUNN, 1946 Bowers, Birmingham.

**YMCA Closes Dec. 24**

Birmingham YMCA will close from Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon until the morning of Dec. 27.

**Hills School Board Gets Supt. Report**

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**—School board members heard a report from Supt. of schools Eugene L. Johnson on plans for the adult education program which will begin the middle of January for eight weeks at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Johnson said that any course that ten or more people want will be held. Classes will be held one night a week for two hours. Questionnaires sent out by the board indicated keen interest in the homemaking, hobby, crafts and language courses in particular.

Other action taken by the board included approving the acquisition of three acres adjoining 12 acres already purchased by the board on West Long Lake road for a school site.

The board was told by Johnson that building had begun on the addition to Wing Lake school and the new elementary school on Westview road. Both are scheduled for completion in Sept. 1956.

**Dip Seen in Oakland County Home Building**

Oakland county's share of private home construction during the first three quarters of 1955 dropped from 9,783 permits issued in 1954 through September, to 8,973 for the same period in 1955.

Local townships were divided in the lost and gained columns. Bloomfield township jumped from seventh place last year to third this year with 692 dwelling permits issued—239 more than for the same period last year.

Troy township also gained with 402 permits in 1955 as against only 349 in 1954. Troy claimed ninth place in this year's community building race.

SOUTHFIELD lost ground over last year's fourth place figure of 807 home building permits. In the first three quarters of 1955, 654 permits were issued to drop Southfield back one notch to fifth place. West Bloomfield faded completely out of the 1955 standings with only 240 permits issued, compared to its 1954 eighth place rating of 400.

Significantly, only three cities held a place in the 1955 top nine ratings. They were Pontiac with 737 in second; Royal Oak with 667 in fourth and Oak Park in sixth in place with 505.

Farmington Village's 1955 total was 199, slightly ahead of Birmingham's 185 and well ahead of Bloomfield Hill's 32 home permits issued.

**Polio Sale Okayed**

Permission to sell blue crutches by the March of Dimes was granted by Birmingham city commission Monday night to Prof. of Oakland City Hall Lodge No. 416. Sale will take place Saturday, Dec. 31.

**Chorus to Broadcast**

The MacDowell Male chorus, which includes several Birmingham area residents, will be heard over radio station W.A.R. Pontiac from 7 to 8 p.m. on Christmas day.

place with 505. Farmington Village's 1955 total was 199, slightly ahead of Birmingham's 185 and well ahead of Bloomfield Hill's 32 home permits issued.

**Completes Exam**

John Vetranno of Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook foundation, is one of the 27 candidates successfully completing this year's state examination for certification as a water treatment plant operator. The Michigan department of health has announced.

**★ Smile A Minute**

The rookie was driving the garbage wagon through the army camp when one of the mules fell over dead. Jumping from the wagon, he ran to where the sergeant was standing.

"Hey, Sarge," he called, "my mule just fell dead!"

"Well, why don't you bury him?" asked the sergeant. "You was an undertaker in civilian life, wasn't you?"

"Yeah," said the indignant rookie, "but I thought it only right to notify the next of kin."

The photographer had just taken a picture of an old gentleman on the latter's 80th birthday. He thanked the elder, saying, "I hope to be around to take your picture when you're 100."

"Why not?" the old man replied. "You look pretty healthy."

Bride—Dear, what is the true definition of a groom?  
 Groom—Why, a groom is a man who takes care of dumb animals.

**Star-Bright Christmas Wishes**



wish to extend our most sincere "SEASON'S GREETINGS" and we will endeavor to serve you faithfully in the future. Thank You. MI 7-0077.

**SHAIN'S REXALL DRUG STORE**

**FOR THOSE IMPORTANT LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

choose from this select list . . .

- Russell Stover's Candies
- Buxton Billfolds and Purses
- Esterbrook Pens
- Jewelite Hairbrushes
- Whitman Candies

Herb Garden—Shulton—King's Men  
 His . . . for men—Seaforth—Charbert  
 Schick—Remington—Ronson  
 Shavemaster

... many more equally well-known items!



Eaton—choice writing papers

Parker pen and pencil sets

Coty Revlon Corday

YARDLEY—For Men or Women

CARA NOME

**STORE HOURS:**

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY  
 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
 CHRISTMAS MONDAY  
 DEC. 26th  
 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

MI 4-2121  
 Birmingham

105 W. Maple

**Here's Where Santa Stars**



Reg. \$29.95  
 Deluxe PEDAL TRICYCLE \$21.84



Wunder Horse 36" long, 32" high \$13.88 other Wunder horses from \$10.88



Extra Warm Air Force Type **PARKA JACKET**  
 Various styles with detachable hood or zipper convert. This collar. Now available in olive drab, navy or charcoal grey. Water repellent, heavy quality lining. **BOYS' SIZES FROM \$12.95**  
**MEN'S SIZES FROM \$15.95**

We Carry a complete line of **SPORTING GOODS**

<b>FIGURE SKATES</b> Girls' Sizes 4-10 Pr. \$6.95 Ladies' Sizes 5 to 10 Pr. \$9.95 Men's Sizes 6-12 Pr. \$12.95	<b>HOCKEY SKATES</b> Boy's Sizes 4-10 Pr. \$6.95 Men's Sizes 4-12 Pr. \$9.95 to \$12.95 Men's Skaters Pr. \$12.95
---	---

- Badminton Sets
- Horseshoe Outfits
- Swim Fins
- Croquet Sets
- Archery
- Boxing Supplies

30% OFF on all Shakespeare Rods & Reels new 1956 models. • spinning • casting • fly

**GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!**

Golden Trumpet \$13.95  
 Ebony and Silver \$13.95  
 Clarinet \$13.95  
 Saxophone \$13.95  
 Trombones \$6.88

Miniature Piano  
 Reg. \$29.95  
**\$24.95**  
 Special!



Electro PHONOGRAPH with volume control \$8.95  
 Gilbert Chemistry Set \$8.95 No. 12 complete selection of Erretor and Microscope Sets  
**SLEDS \$3.98**  
**WAGONS \$3.69 and \$6.95**  
**TRICYCLES \$7.88 to \$9.95**



We have a wonderful collection of dolls. Choose from:  
 Magna Lips Doll \$12.88  
 Betty Weisly Bear Doll \$7.95 to \$12.95  
 Easy Bear Dolls \$9.95 to \$11.95  
 Deluxe Talking Dolls 4-14 \$11.95 to \$12.95

Genuine Leather **HOLSTER SETS** repeating cap pistols \$1.95 to \$7.95

Dacon and Wool Sleeping Bags \$10.95  
 Coleman Gasoline Stoves, 2-burner \$12.95

**SURPLUS OUTLET**

124 W. FOURTH FERNDALE STORE:  
 across from city parking lot  
 Royal Oak — 11 3-0005  
 We Give Holders Red Stamps at Our R. O. Store

26-Corner 9 Mile and Woodward  
 Ferndale — 11 1-9410  
 We Give Gold Bell Gift Stamps at Our Fern. Store

**The Little Shop MATERNITIES**  
**FESTIVE AND FASHION-RIGHT**  
 . . . for the holidays and after!



Maternity "Angel Shirt" and pencil-slim Pedal Pushers  
**\$8.95** each

- Orlon and Pima cotton, "little iron" angel shirt in white, blue and pink. Sizes 8 to 16.
- Dressy cotton velveteen pedal pushers. Rhinestone button trim in black only. Sizes 8 to 16.

Newest fashions, quality fabrics, popular prices are always featured at . . .



Lincoln 7-6560  
 317 S. Washington (Near Fourth) Royal Oak  
 Open Evenings Till Christmas