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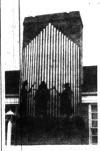
BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ONE OF THE MOST comprehensive and clear reports this anderer has ever heard presented, was given Monday night erer has ever heard presented, was given Monday e khree-man committee studying insurance nee upp Village. Those on the committee are Clarence Elmer Mallon and Lantz L. Mackey.

MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS, 1791 Villa, is embarrassed because callers have been thanking her for her lovely Christmas cards. Reason for the embarrassment, you see, is the fact that at the time the calls started coming in she hadn't sent out any cards. No postmark on the stamp other than a red pencil check. Rollie Reese, Birmingham Postmaster, said he couldn't figure it out. "They didn't come through here or they would have been postmarked," said Reese.

BCD GCEST, "Genial Host of Guest House," tickled our unity on his 8:15 a.m. broadcast over WJR Monday when a reported that he gave The Eccentric a thorough going-ger each week. We might add here that both Guest's orating and evening shows get close attention from Eccen-ical Legicus.

OVER 2,000 BOXES of ribbon candy arrived at Bir-ingham high school the other day. It was received junior salesmen who took orders to raise funds for ir spring Jhop. Co-chairmen Jane Severs and Paula uck said the candy was passed out without difficulty.



HOME OF ARCHITECT
Lee Schowalter, 1562 Fairway, displays this Christmas scene. Schowalter designed and built it with the aid of his son-in-law after being inspired by pictures of prize winning descrations in a recent issue of The Birmings winning descrations in a recent issue of The Birmings Carols flow from the Grant Carols flow from the organ. Another-unusual Christmas scene is on the lawn of the Al McEvor creidence on Goodhue road, Bloomfield Hills, It is a Christmas "Putz", Mrs. McEvoy explains, which is a Moravian word meaning "nativity".

JAMES H. BARRETT, 23e27 Bingham Farms, retired from active business several years ago. Yet he continues to lead an active life as he voluntarily goes about the mainton making talks on civics and economics to groups of people. One evening last week he talked to his fellow-members of the Torch Club here. His topics included inflation, social security, federal-owned power projects, high income taxes, and the evils of evergrowing bureaucracy in government. "If we want to remain a free people we better stop this rapid drift into Socialism", he declared.

THE REV. ROBERT D. DEWEY of the Congregational church, Birmingham, threw himself into his work so carnestly that he tripped on the parsonage steps. Result was one broken great toe a hiref star in the hospital, and a lot of ribbing from his parishioners.

A NEWCOMER to Birmingham Newcomers club prevented Mrs. Richard Haviland, 1900 So. Bates, from presiding at last week's luncheon meeting. The new-comer's name is Lynn Ellen Haviland, and she was bon Eriday, Dec. 9.

THIS WANDERER has a theory about why people nowallays get frantic at Christmastime. Take one typical Birm geham family as an example: Aside from their own cub and civic group Christmas activities, this mother and father of three school children had the following on their schedules: Girl Scout Christmas program; school Christmas program for older daughter and son; Christmas party in kindegartner's school room; Boys Scouts' special Yule program; Christmas piano recital for older daughter; costumely to be prepared for boy in Sunday school Nativity pageant, and gifts to be obtained for childrens' school gift exchanges. And people wonder what happened to the good old-fashioned Christmases!

INUSUAL RECOGNITION went to Dan Brown, of Franklin road, Southfield, last week, Brown ably assisted Mary Martha circle women in serving dinner to 110 First Bapits church members. When circle members rose to receive a hand for their good work, popular acclaim forced Brown to join the women as they stood for an ovation.

CIRCLIT M DGE GEORGE B. HARTRICK, who lives in Royal Oak and conducts his Court in Pontiac, this year is completing a rare personal experience; that of serving as Driver of the Royal Court in Pontiac, this year is completing a rare personal experience; that of serving as Driver of the Royal Court in this near Already he has made afficial visits to the 43 chilbs in his jurisdiction. "All mis life I have recognized the need for a sense of humor, and this attribute I have endeavored to develop in my own thinking," said the Judge to this develop in my own thinking," said the Judge to this to the other day. "Properly directed, a sense of humor can tide one over many an otherwise troublous situation. Many of our problems can be melted down in the wrinkles of inward and outward smiles."

POPCORN SALES at the Birmingham high school basketball games are affected by the type of game played. At Friday night's 50-16 Maple victory over Mr. Chemens, popcorn sales were way down in the exciting game that wasn't decided until the final seconds. Sales are much better at the one-sided games that don't keep the fans-so excited, reports the varsity club which handles the pop corn sales.

"SIXTEEN TONS, and whatta you get?" Cub Scout Pack B-3 has a parody on those lines. "Over 10 tons, and we got \$178." That's what the 65 boys are saving after their recent paper collection, when Edward E. Volkman, for Watkins, Birmingsham, directed the drive to raise funds

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING TIPS are given in this week's Eccentric on Page 6 in Section 7. Written by Mrs. William Cole, our correspondent for the Wing Lake-Foxcroft area, this new feature will run alternate west through the month of January. Before her marriage, Mrs. Cole was a party consultant, specializing in children's parties.



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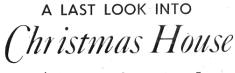
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