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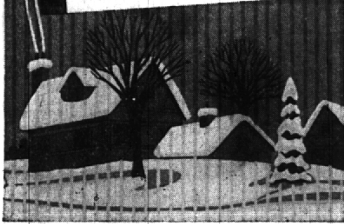
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He'll never space-travel in rockets,
He's too old fashioned, I fear,
But it's global good news that
be still plans to use
A sleigh and eight tiny
reindeer.

—DOROTHY ROCKWELL
McWOOD

MERRY CHRISTMAS
To All Our Readers



This and That

by George R. Averill

Failure of the U. S. Dept. of Defense to launch the grape-fruit satellite is a shock to millions of our citizens. We have been brought up to believe that our Uncle Sam can surmount every obstacle. We now learn that at least scientific know-how is not confined to the boundaries of the free world.

Some wag has come up with this bit of seasonal humor: Mandy had been asked if he planned to hang any mistletoe in her home during the Yuletide season. She snorted in disdain. "No, ma'am! I got too much pride to advertise for the ordinary courtesan—a lady's got a right to expect."

Vice president Richard Nixon has just succumbed to the necessity of wearing glasses. Let us all rejoice at the ordinary courtesan who will bring him into better focus with domestic and world problems and in case he has to move into the White House.

One thing about the fictional Santa Claus: he does not get the January 1st bill to pay.

Some Detroiters want to demolish the old City Hall, and use its area for an underground parking space. They would restore the surface to good landscaping. Many others want to keep the old edifice for sentimental reasons. Why not duplicate, in miniature, the famous Greek structure, place it in the center of the block of land, and also have the parking space and surface garden?

Congratulations to the AFL-CIO leadership that is endeavoring to clean up labor unions of graft and corruption. However, vastly greater danger can impact upon all Americans unless these same labor unions pursue program in keeping with economic law. What value does unionism provide for the

masses if the programs of labor fail to retain the rightful purchasing power of wages? Labor's greatest danger is inflation—the same danger that confronts all Americans.

Perhaps one of the chief vices of many young people is that they themselves think up mischief and devilry—rather the fact that they so easily follow the example of their elders.

Said one lady driver to her friend: "You know, Dearie, the thing I most dislike about parking my car is the noisy car." (Memo: too, have been in circumstances where the same remark is appropriate.)

Certainly, President Eisenhower has contributed mightily to the military defense of not only his country, but equally to the whole free world. As a military man he outwitted and out-fought (with much help, of course) Hitler, Mussolini, et al. Now 67, he is entitled to some years of complete rest and minimum responsibilities. Let us hope that he will be divinely guided to a solution of his present personal and public roles.

To Sing Carols At Shain Park

Birmingham's annual Christmas Eve carol sing will be Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Charles Shain Park, Martin and Henrietta streets. The community carol sing, one of Birmingham's traditions, was instituted 22 years ago. It is now sponsored by The Birmingham Musicians.

Co-chairmen of all arrangements this year are Mrs. Donald E. Standley, 1101 1/2th St. N.E., and Mrs. J. H. Standley, 1101 1/2th St. N.E. They will be assisted by members of The Birmingham Musicians Junior Music club.

BIRMINGHAM has the appropriate setting for such an event, a centrally located park, large lighted tree, and the inspiring Nativity scene.

William Spence will lead the singing and there will be mimographed words for anyone wishing to use them. Gary Johnson, Phil Satterthwaite, Sue Little, Don Ritter, Nell Hull and Spencer Perry are members of the accompanying instrumental ensemble, directed by Arnold W. Berrard.

School Holiday Begins Tomorrow

School's out tomorrow, to permit thousands of Birmingham area children to enjoy a long Christmas holiday. Birmingham school children will return to classes Monday, Jan. 6, while Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Holy Name school youngsters return Thursday, Jan. 2.

All makes of home spring mattresses receive one-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS CO., 1000 1/2th St. N.E., Birmingham 18.

Jealousy has done more harm to human beings than pestilence. Jealousy suggests violence, misery, hatred, apprehension. Possession of jealousy should be disposed of as quickly as one would rid himself of a crawling reptile, or of an unwelcome ailment. Jealousy is rooted in wrong thoughts, wrong attitudes toward others.

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Peaceful Landfill Solution Stymied

Hearing Leaves Situation Stale

TROY — Some 200 citizens turned out Monday night for a public hearing at which the Southeastern Oakland county garbage and rubbish authority presented its case for a landfill site in the city.

The city and authority have been feuding over the proposed site for some time. Both sides agreed that the public hearing did not change the situation at all.

DONALD C. EGBERT, authority engineer-manager, and other authority officials exhibited pictures of other authority landfills and explained their plans for the proposed Troy landfill.

However, the explanation failed to budge the Troy city commission from its stand, taken earlier, of not allowing the authority to use a gravel pit on Square Lake road between Rochester and John R. at the landfill site.

Both sides agreed that they were "right back where we started from."

BOTH SIDES also agreed that the next step in the running game probably would be to go to court, but neither side was willing to state whether it would start such action.

Troy officials took the position that anything that happens from now on depends on who makes the first move.

Egbert said the authority had not yet decided on what it planned to do next but added that the authority would make no effort to do any dumping at the landfill site.

THE AUTHORITY dumped a load of garbage at the site recently but stopped when it was ticketed by Troy for allegedly violating city ordinances.

He said the authority did not want to get any more tickets since that would put the case in a justice court "and a justice court can't settle this matter, only a circuit court can do it."

USE OF THE gravel pit as a landfill site has been vigorously opposed by area residents, and some have gone so far as to organize into groups which hope to bring recall action against Mayor Frank Costello and City Commissioner Elmer Lowe. The two men were the only commission members to vote in favor of letting the authority use the 164-acre site.

A suggestion by City Commissioner Roy L. Duncan that Troy buy the site and lease it as a landfill site has met vigorous resistance from residents.

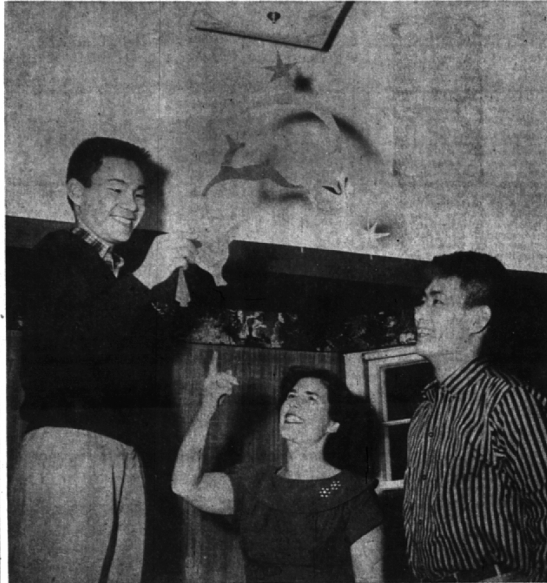
"It seems," Duncan says, "the residents don't want a landfill at any price."

Quarant Sewers Bid Due Jan. 9

Contractors' bids are due Jan. 9 for the construction of sewers on Pine, Chesterfield, and Redding roads in the Quanton Lakes subdivision, Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare said Monday.

This estimated \$138,000 project, under discussion for 10 years, is planned for construction this winter. It is designed to relieve basement floodings in the western part of the large subdivision.

HARLAN school's principal Ed Crandell relaxes momentarily in his desk chair at the new, modern school.



Decking the New World Halls

Helping to deck the "halls" of the W. W. Birchard, 1908 Stanley, two young men from Japan look forward to their first Christmas on this side of the world. On the chair hanging a mobile with directions from his Birmingham "mother," Mrs. Birchard, is Yukimobu ("Yukie") Nomura, 18, American Field Service exchange student from Osaka. Watching is Katsuhiko Kanematsu, 17, spending the year with the T. H. Millington, Jr., family, 19445 Sunnyslope, Southfield township. "Connie" is the son of

a Tokyo cabaret owner. Yukie's father is a TV producer. Both boys are Buddhists, but say their greatest holiday festival back home comes at this time of year, when they celebrate the arrival of the new year. Families deck their homes with pine trees, children and young people receive gifts of money. From Jan. 1 through Jan. 7 schools and shops close for the celebration, during which special food and drinks are enjoyed and Buddhists go to a shrine to make restorations for the new year.

Police Lt. Timm Retires Tomorrow After 29 Years

After 29 years on the Birmingham police and seven years as juvenile officer, Lt. Henry Timm still likes kids. And juvenile delinquency, he feels, is not as serious as "the newspapers play it up" to be.

"Most of the kids today are fine, likable youngsters," said Lt. Timm on the eve of his retirement tomorrow from the local force.

Recalling Birmingham youths who have been in trouble with police during his years here, Lt. Timm said only two or three of the boys have ended as chronic tramps.

"THE REST OF them have turned out all right," he said. "I get Christmas cards from a lot of my troublemakers of days gone by."

He cited one young man, now an Air Force pilot, often turned over to him for that common juvenile misdemeanor, "malicious destruction of property."

"Now he writes me," says the lieutenant, "that he's sorry for the things he did."

As for the amount of juvenile delinquency the experienced police officer feels that the "J's" today comprise only 1% to two percent of the population.

"It's no different now than it ever was," he said. "Only nowadays you have more kids to contend with. And police compile statistics that are alarming."

BUT TOO OFTEN parents have no control over such children, he said.

"More discipline is needed," he says.

Back in 1931, before Timm was assigned to work with children, he saved the lives of a woman and two children.

As he passed a house on E. Maple road near Coolidge early one morning when he was off duty, he noticed a woman.

She broke into the front door, awakened the woman, sleeping downstairs, and carried two children from an upstairs bedroom. As he lifted the nine-year-old girl from her bed, part of the roof collapsed and burning timbers fell into the room.

HE PROBABLY saved other young lives, too, by many programs he conducted to educate local children on safe traffic habits and the danger of speaking to strangers.

He did his best for the kids in Birmingham, and he hopes to continue working with young people after he and Mrs. Timm move to Florida about Dec. 28.

To express their appreciation for his service to the city's youngsters, Birmingham Lions yesterday honored Lt. Timm at their luncheon meeting. The club presented him with a gift and a silver dollar for each of his 29 years of service, during which he and Mrs. Timm worked with the school's safety patrol program.

School's Principal Is Modern As Its Building

By JULIE CANDLER

They're making our schools better all the time. And they're not doing badly on the school principals, either.

Walk into the beautiful new Harlan school on North Adams road and you'll see for yourself. There in the principal's modern, glass-walled office sits handsome, 31-year-old Ed W. Crandell.

His neat, Ivy League appearance and easy blond hair might lead you to suspect it isn't just his efficient, business-like manner that brings so many mothers out for PTAs meetings.

Out of this, those lucky mothers at Harlan school know their children attend a well-directed school.

CRANDELL FINISHED college at Wayne, with his university years interrupted by Air Force service.

He got his first job with the Birmingham school system in 1951.

He became assistant principal at Franklin school in 1954, then spent two years as Franklin's principal before his transfer to the new Harlan school this fall.

THREE HE occasionally runs into a parent with whom he attended of the Birmingham schools.

Crandell and a younger brother entered Birmingham school when their father came to Birmingham in 1932 to become superintendent of schools. Charles W. Crandell supervised the local schools until his death in 1936.

His two sons later attended Adams school and Baldwin high school, now an elementary school, as for Principal Crandell, he's still going to school. Attending

classes nights and summers, Crandell "revisited his masters' degrees" from Wayne.

NOW, HE SAYS, "I'm whitening away on my doctorate at Wayne night classes, and I hope to finish up in a year or two."

He met his Texas wife about three years ago while he was taking summer post-graduate courses at the University of Colorado in Boulder (she was working in Denver at the time).

He thinks more men should enter the teaching profession.

"Consequently, the children are often female-dominated. We feel very definitely in the elementary school that these youngsters would benefit from a school relationship with a male teacher," says Crandell.

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NOT ONLY college preparatory programs but non-college courses and the district's financial structure and building programs will be reviewed. Johnson said he expected the results to be effected by the administration itself, if necessary, by outside education.

At its December meeting Monday, the board also rejected a proposed property school next year with the intention of gearing the school program to new needs, as made apparent in a recent study.

But not at the expense of history and the humanities' is the goal Johnson said he hopes to achieve. "I am hopeful we can have both," he added. The review will begin with two general discussions and what Johnson termed a "searching of minds" for suggestions.

Johnson reported that he and Irving Menendez had met Friday with Greyhound officials and a committee of mothers who live on Pickering Lane. The mothers had appealed for bus services down the long road. Because of a steep down-slope, it was refused by the bus company.

A REQUEST from Judson Broadway to have a strip of land in within Bloomfield Hills school district (instead of split between it and Birmingham) was rejected by the Oakland county board of education, Johnson reported.

Charles MacMahon, architect, told the board that a third wall in a new junior high school under construction on Quanton was capable of 82 gallons a minute, a sufficient supply for the present building but not for an addition. He plans to seek aid from a Toledo expert on whether to accept this wall location.

STRICTLY FRESH

These days, you can scarcely hear "Single Best" for the jangle of the cash registers.

Some look forward to an old-fashioned holiday season, while others prefer eggnog.

Meanest man in town is the fellow who bought his wife a box of soap flakes and a towel for Christmas (she wanted a dishwasher).

Looking over the toy offerings this season, we conclude that some are made to play with, others are just made to be broken.

Actor we youngsters has in a play that should be on a menu rather than the stage. The script is a turkey if not a howler for Christmas and it's stuffed with jokes that are old chestnuts.

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