

# Harlan's Help Beautifies School



There was plenty of activity at Harlan school in North Adams the morning of Dec. 14 when area residents turned out in number with picks and shovels to plant flowering trees, fir and all types of shrubs, offered by C. Allen Harlan to beautify the school. Harlan (right), 3535 N. Adams, wields a pick on a frozen ball of earth around the roots of a tree while his son, John, watches.



Harlan's wife, Irabell, cup of coffee in her hands, watches the tree-planting activities at Harlan school, named for her husband, president of Harlan Electric Co., Detroit, and midwest civic leader.

Rides on the trucks carrying the trees from the grounds at the Harlan home to the school kept the youngsters occupied and happy. Here a truckload of smiling children leave the school for another load of trees and shrubs to be planted. The day's activities began at 10 p.m. and everyone—husbands, wives and children—helped in the project to make Harlan school an outstanding one.



Snow and cold weather failed to chill the enthusiasm of the many Harlan school area students who turned out to assist in the tree and shrub planting efforts. Many holes such as this were dug. Several Harlan faculty members, including Principal Edwin Crandall, were among the workers. At 12:30 the crowd gathered on the terrace of the Harlan home for a spaghetti brunch.

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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** may come, and Christmas cards may go, but the best ones, in this Wanderer's estimation, are the home-written, home-drawn, or homemade variety. These semi-professional craftsmen are few, and the rest of us (including this Wanderer) have to buy the real professional staff. The William W. Lightbody family on Yosemite, Birmingham, has come up with this specially-written card, which we would like to share with you:

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Oh Little Town of Birmingham  
How still we see thee lie?  
Where Billy strews the bulging News  
And bikes for home in high—  
Where William pounds with frenzied sounds  
To deck the "tree" with feeling—  
Just guess what's Lucy's Christmas gift?  
A lovely basement ceiling!  
Where Ivy tones and doors and phones  
and Princeton cuts commingling—  
And Elvis is the man to know—  
Who is this fellow, Kringle?  
Ah yes, beneath thy dreamless sleep  
All things with Yule endeavor,  
But Little Town of Birmingham,  
How still thou art—but never!

### THE LIGHTBODYS

**THE MAN WHO'S RESPONSIBLE** for all the Birmingham school's sixth graders when they go camping, visited Baldwin school last Thursday. He's Al Missini, ranger in charge of the camp at the Proud lake recreation area. Mrs. Catherine Reed's class of sixth graders went to the recreation area a few weeks ago to cut evergreen boughs. From them the students, working in class, made wreaths and Christmas decorations to take home

to their mothers. Missini talked to the interested youngsters about the recreation area, its trees and its camp.

"HE JUST CALLED, and I'm on my way to the airport to pick him up!" "pretty Pat Tennis told this Wanderer when we talked to her Friday. Next morning, 21-year-old Pat, who has been Beverly School Principal Mac Ferguson's "Girl Friday" for the last four years, was married to her Army man, who had just arrived home from Virginia. Because the school's pupils, their parents, and Mr. Ferguson feel the school can barely continue without likable Pat, the kids surprised her with a wedding gift at an assembly last Thursday. Janie Upward, 11, presented her with the mixer, a gift from all the children. Pat and her Detroit husband, Ronald Stuart Pepp, expect to live in Virginia for approximately 15 months, until her husband is released from the service. Pat hails from Royal Oak.

Boy! Can they sell fruit cakes! Birmingham High 12 members have sold 945 fruit cakes in the last few weeks. Harry Cook headed the campaign to raise money for the club's youth work.

"I DON'T MIND being reprimanded when I've done something wrong," a Birmingham woman told this Wanderer recently. "But please, not in front of God and everybody." Seems the police officer who was making traffic announcements over the downtown loudspeakers knew her by name. The other day she inadvertently stepped off the curb before the light changed to green. She wished she could drop into the nearest man hole when the officer shouted, "Mrs. Blank, you ought to know better than to do that!"

**SANTA CLAUS** must have been loaded down when he went to this home! A little six-year-old named John Levinson, of 1300 Birmingham boulevard, Birmingham, sent a letter asking for: A Tootsietoy road construction set, a Tootsietoy service station set, a farm set, a tool belt, a guitar, a doctor's kit, a cowboy hat, Remotoflex military set, a Navy pom pom gun, a thunder burp gun, a fearless fireman game.

**PASSERS-BY THOUGHT** Carrie Lee's restaurant must have been robbed last Thursday night. Everywhere they looked around the Woodway avenue restaurant, they saw police. It was because all the officers filed out-doors together after the banquet there for Lt. Henry Timm, to stand in long columns for a picture. Before that, retired police officer Leo Stiers had the diners rolling out of their chairs with his story about the Englishman attending his first American baseball game.

**THE HOSTESS DOESN'T** have to do a thing, and they're going to eat a fabulous Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Herman J. Kienle, 68, of 621 Park, Birmingham. Mrs. Kienle's family dinner guests will enjoy a meal cooked right in her kitchen by Chef August Gassman of the Statler hotel. It will be served by Statler personnel. The "Santa Claus" in the case is the Detroit Times, which pronounced Mrs. Kienle a winner in its "hotel chef's Christmas dinner" offer. Winners were named from among the paper's old and new subscribers. Mrs. Kienle, a widow of six months, has taken the daily for 30 years.

**HERE'S WHAT** a loving youngster named Christine Bienenman wrote to Santa Claus this week: "I love you Santa Claus on Christmas day mostly. Love, Tina."

**For Next Week's Issue We Also Need Early News and Advertising Copy Because of the New Year's Holiday . . . Anything You Can Do to Get Your Advertising And News Copy In Early Will Be Greatly Appreciated**

### Medical Society Picks Dr. Wessels

Dr. Robert R. Wessels, 2152 Tottenham road, Bloomfield township, has been named president-elect of the Oakland county medical society. Wessels will succeed Dr. John D. Monroe, Oakland county health director, who has been elected 1958's president of the society. Also elected at the group's annual meeting were Dr. Zac F. Endress, 1790 Tiverton road, Bloomfield Hills, treasurer, and Dr. Chauncey G. Burke, 1123 Glenngarry circle, Birmingham, delegate to the Michigan state medical society house of delegates.

### Police Chief Calls City Accident Toll 'Worst in History'

"The worst accident record in our history," Police Chief W. Moxley terms Birmingham's traffic toll so far in his Christmas giving. Moxley said November showed an increase in the number of personal injury accidents, and 15 persons injured in 14 accidents. An estimated \$20,537 in damages was caused. "The chief blamed right of way violations, following too close, and improper starting from a parking position for the greatest number of accidents. He added that all of officers are instructed to be "exceedingly alert" for these violations.

### B'ham Man Hurt In 3-Car Crash

TROY—Perry Vaughan, 36, of 1818 E. Maple, Birmingham, suffered minor injuries last Thursday when his car was involved in a collision with two others near Crooks and Big Beaver roads in Troy. Police say they have not been able to determine exactly how the three-car collision occurred but theorize one of the cars failed to stop for a red light and the other two crashed into it. Also involved in the accident were Harold Atkins, 58, of 7073 Sweetbriar, Orchard Lake, and Wesley DeOuin, 35, of 3351 Cummings, Royal Oak.

### P. G. Burnett Will Again Head March of Dimes

P. G. Burnett, who led last year's successful drive, will again be chairman of the "March of Dimes" campaign in the city of Birmingham, it was announced today. Burnett is assistant cashier of The Detroit bank and trust company, Woodward and Hamilton, Birmingham. This year's drive will be from Jan. 2 to 31, and will be climaxed by the door-to-door "Mother's March" Wednesday Jan. 29. The theme of the 1958 drive is: "Survival is not Enough." It emphasizes the needs of tens of thousands of polio-stricken children and adults for modern care and rehabilitation. Burnett announced the appointment of Mrs. John Wilkinson as chairman of the "Mothers' March", and F. Raymond Wolfenden, chairman of canisters and dime boards for the '58 campaign.

### Letter Brings \$1,035 to YMCA Building Project

A letter published last week in The Birmingham Eclectic brought \$1,035 in contributions to the Birmingham YMCA's permanent building furnishings fund. Edwin F. Kirbert, local executive secretary, said small gifts to the fund now total more than \$3,000. The letter asked Birminghamites to have a share in the building and furnishings of the new YMCA, now under construction at 400 S. Lincoln.

Furnishings for the new building and additional construction costs will total \$44,000 more than the funds allotted by the Metropolitan Detroit building fund. "Y friends in Birmingham are asking families who desire to remember the 'Y' in their Christmas giving. "Any amount, little or big, will swell the fund, and make individuals a part of the structure as it goes up," Kirbert said.

### Halsted Graduates

Pvt. Thomas A. Halsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Halsted of Fairfax recently graduated from the eight-week general supply school at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

### On Dean's List

John Richard Burgis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burgis of Burning Bush road, has been elected to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the past school year at Yale university. He is a graduate of Cranbrook school and a candidate for the bachelor of arts degree in Russian studies.

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