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BIRMINGHAM CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT gave two quite different New Year's Eve parties for the city's young people. At Birmingham's Eton park ice rink (above) young people crowd around the refreshment bar...

Shoppers Spend \$84.3 Million Here in Year

Special to The Eccentric

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Newest figures, just in, throw the first light available on the amount of business activity in Birmingham during the past year. Income and spending on the part of local residents are shown to be running at a high level, with the economic strength revealed best in the wide-out-of-business done by the local retail stores.

In Birmingham, spendable income, the amount left after tax deductions, reached a total of \$84,320,000 in the 12-month period, according to SEIS. It was more than the \$82,141,000 earned in the 1956 calendar year.

The figures, given by the Standard Rate and Data Service, are based on a nationwide survey campaign right up to July 1, 1956. It is the first comprehensive estimate running to that point.

LOCALLY, it shows, there has been no real progress that has made for good retail business, despite declines on a few fronts.

In the 12 months ending July 1, the cash registers in Birmingham stores totaled the sum of \$47,022,600, according to the survey. It compares with \$70,452,000 during the 1956 calendar year.

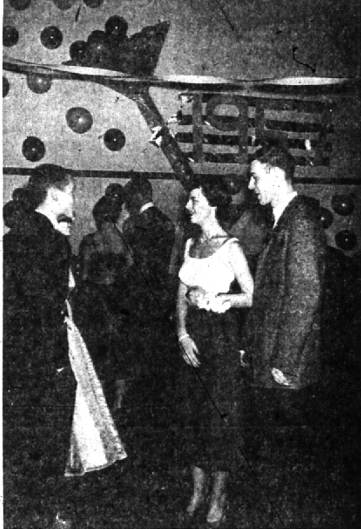
Economic generally have been depressed by the fact that business volume has been increasing even though there has been a decline in automobiles, housing and furniture.

ACCORDING to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, it is due to the "rather balanced diversity of our economy." We are now able to absorb minor setbacks in two or three important industries at one time and yet have a healthy end condition.

As to the retail business, it has benefited because people as a whole have been chalking up gains in income that were offset only partially by rising prices.

THE ECONOMY is expected to remain at a high level in the foreseeable future because, says the chamber of commerce, "Both business and government know better how to handle their affairs so as to reduce the chances and magnitudes of recession."

The Michigan Memorial-Phoenix Project takes its name from the mythical bird which was created anew from the ashes of its past.



ALMOST AT THE SAME TIME these two couples took time out at a dance at the Community House to speculate on 1957's events. From left, Tom Kelly, Chris Lewis, Judy Winchell and Bob Stephenson.

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Community House Adds New Classes, Daily Tea Time

Several innovations are being added to the Community House calendar, beginning with a 2:30 to 3 p.m. daily "tea time" inaugurated this week.

Also new is a Friday club room for senior men 65 and over, and a class entitled "Homemaking for the modern woman (from brides to grandmothers)."

During the daily tea time, refreshments will be served to guests who stop in for relaxation or a visit. No reservations are necessary.

The senior men's club room, inaugurated at the request of several members of the over-65 group, will be open every Friday, beginning Jan. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests may bring sandwiches or purchase them at the Community House, and coffee will be served.

A CHOICE of activities, including hobbies, crafts, puzzles and games, will be available to the

men. Irma P. Giffels will teach the new course in homemaking from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays. The curriculum includes menu planning, household mechanics, use of freezer and appliances, field trips and a course in "kitcheneering."

Other craft and hobby classes for which registration began this week at the Community House included bridge, to be taught by Mrs. Connie Anderson, and painting-drawing for children, under instructor Mrs. Virginia Schafer.

Also offered are courses in ceramics, ballroom dancing, design, enameling, first aid, flower arrangement, gardening, interior decorating, millinery, painting for adults, photography, sculpture, sewing, and quilts.

Registrations cannot be accepted by telephone, and most of the classes are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14.

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