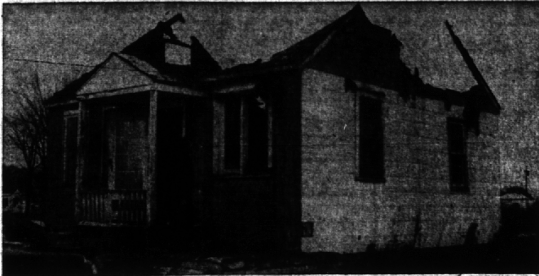




### Birmingham Man Is Contest Winner

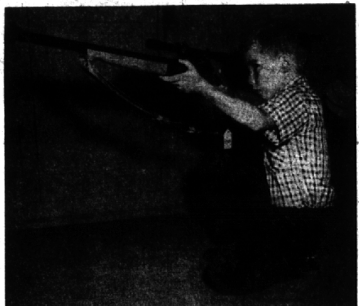
The Edward S. Parker family, 1331 Washington, Birmingham, has a reason for those big smiles. Parker recently learned he won the \$1,000 third prize in the Million Prize contest, sponsored by the Schick Safety Razor Co. last summer. Parker, a salesman of the United States Plywood Corp., Detroit, is holding William, 2½, while Mrs. Parker holds John, 2 months. The rules of the con-

test required entrants to fill out an entry blank and finish the statement "I like shaving with a Eversharp-Schick Injector Razor because . . . ." in 25 words or less. First prize of an established business or \$25,000 in cash was won by George W. Cross of Colorado Springs, Colo. Second prize of a blue chip stock portfolio or \$5,000 in cash went to Charles V. Berry of Durham, N.C.



### Returns to Find House Destroyed

SOUTHFIELD—Returning home after a Saturday night out, a Southfield bachelor found only the outer walls of his home at 28324 Rinehart remaining. Don MacVicar peers into the window at the gutted interior. Franklin village volunteer firemen assisted Southfield's fire department in fighting the blaze near 12 Mile road and Northwestern. The firemen fought the flames in fire cold, winds and snow, until 2 a.m. A defective flue is blamed for the fire.



### Santa Has Gun, Will Deliver

Pretty excited about a BB gun at a Birmingham store is seven-year-old Chris Wiggins, 625 Lone Pine Hill, Bloomfield Hills. The gun, with scope, is \$13.95.

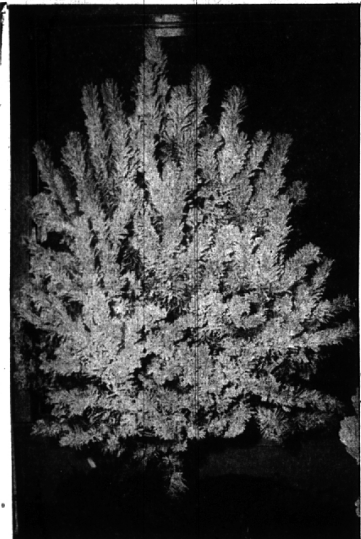
The small ducks known as buff-breasted, inhabiting western Canada, get their food by diving into lakes and streams.

Four out of five tennis points are won on opponent's errors, according to Bill Talbert, former captain of the U. S. Davis Cup team.

California is expected to gain seven seats in the U. S. House of Representatives after the 1960 census.

The cedar waxwing loves fruit with such passion that the birds sometimes get drunk from stuffing themselves on over-ripe berries.

Only 45 specimens of the rare Javanese rhinoceros are believed to be still alive on the East Indian island.



### New Tree Hits Market

This is the latest in Christmas trees for the Birmingham area. Cotton-flocked pines and spruce can now be purchased at the Old Mints ice cream parlor building, 1310 S. Woodward and the new tree gives the impression of being snow-covered at all times. Priced from \$10 on up, the new trees were first sold in Chicago last year and were a big hit. The trees are sprayed by the Auto Spray King paint company in Detroit which does the jobs during the slow month of December. The trees are completely fireproof.



### Star In MRA Play

Alice Tooker is one of the feature actresses in the Moral Re-Armament play to be presented at the Little Theater of Birmingham high school Wednesday through Saturday evening, December 17-20, at 8:30. The play, "He Was Not There," is a drama of American family life in the modern world. Reserved seats can be obtained by calling Mrs. T. A. Guething, 581 Lake Park, Birmingham.

### Bell in Texas

John E. Bell, son of the Ralph E. Bell of Chester street, Birmingham, is with the national guard air force reserve in San Antonio, Texas. He is a graduate of Birmingham high school and Hillsdale college.

### Vacancy Inspires Writer

To the Editor:  
In 1943 when I served as an Army Nurse in North Africa, I wrote the poem "Christmas Thoughts" and sent it to my family. Now in 1958 the chairs that were to remain vacant has inspired me to write "God's Mailbox".

#### CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

We are far away from you all tonight  
In this land across the sea,  
No Christmas lights to brighten our way  
As there are on your Christmas tree.  
But shining high above us  
Are the moon and stars spreading light,  
Sent by God's hand to comfort and guide us,  
On this our Christmas night.  
We know that you all will miss us,  
But we hope and solemnly pray  
That when Christmas time rolls around again,  
We will be home with you, home to stay.  
So keep Christmas the same as you have before  
With laughter and merriment bright,  
For even though a chair may be vacant  
We are with you there tonight.

#### GOD'S MAILBOX

Dear Daddy:  
It's Christmas and time to write  
My own special letter to you tonight.  
On the floor neatly placed under the tree  
Are the pretty wrapped gifts for all to see  
And on the very tip-top—oh up so far  
I've planned a brightly gold lit star.  
The first letter I wrote when I was four  
And Santa had brought me the doll from his store,  
That was the year just before Christmas day  
You told Mommy and me you were going away,  
War had darkened the big land across the sea  
And you want to help to keep our home free.  
We missed you so Daddy—my Mommy and me,  
And we waited and waited as each Christmas tree  
Was trimmed with the lights so pretty and bright,  
And your chair remained vacant each Christmas night.  
Then the Christmas when I was finally eight,  
Oh Daddy it was getting so very late,  
And when you hadn't returned from the land so far  
'Twas then Mommy told me about the Gold Star  
That God had placed in his heaven so blue  
The star for my Daddy—it was just for you.  
As each Christmas passes since I was four,  
I sit down and write your letter with care,  
And before I close my eyes in sleep that night  
I drop it in God's mailbox, and soon it's in flight  
It reaches your star and you read it right then  
And learn of the things that have happened since when  
You left us that day so long, long ago  
When the brown earth was covered with new winter snow.  
The sweaters so pretty when I was eleven,  
Were gold for your star and blue for your heaven,  
And the star cast its glow in the room that night  
And reached out to touch your star so bright.  
Tonight Daddy they tell me I'm a Junior Miss  
And this letter I'll send with a special kiss.  
Add a dash of the perfume so sweet scented I wear  
And enclose a small lock of my brown curly hair.  
In the closet my treasures, the ball and the top,  
And the little store doll that Santa brought,  
And on my dresser I plainly see  
The picture of Mommy, my Daddy and me.  
Oh the chair may be vacant my Daddy tonight  
But up in God's heaven shining so bright  
Is the big Gold Star that will always last  
No matter the years that slip quickly past.  
And in those years I'll always write  
The letter for God's mailbox on Christmas night,  
And as the sun sinks in the sky so blue  
Giving way to dark night one more anew,  
I'll look in God's heaven and see shining bright  
The Gold Star God gave you one Christmas night.  
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