

Plane Ticket Is Christmas Gift To B'ham Mom

A plane ticket to a Broadway opening was tucked in the Christmas stocking of Mrs. Ted Carlisle, of 764 Southside, Birmingham. The gift was from her son, Bruce, who is captain of the dance group and a dancer in "The Roadhead." The musical comedy starring Gwen Verdon opened for pre-Broadway run in New Haven, Conn. on Monday night of last week.

Its heavy schedule takes the show to Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia for runs before it opens in February in New York City, where Mrs. Carlisle will see it. The show's tour made it im-

possible for Bruce to get home for Christmas this year.

BECAUSE show business already has a Bruce Carlisle, the 15-year-old Birmingham high school graduate (class of '53) had to find another stage name, and chose "Buddy."

As dance captain, Bruce directed the rehearsals of the show's dancers.

He has appeared in several Broadway plays, and is a member of the Joffrey dance theater.

IN A REVIEW of a recent dance program in which he appeared, John Martin of the New York Times said of Kevin Carlisle, "Here is a young artist with a fine future assured, if talent can assure a future."

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A Coffee Cup Toast

Last week was holiday decorating time at Baldwin public library. Librarian Jeanne Lloyd (center with raised cup) and the rest of the library staff took time out to toast with a hot cup of coffee—the library's many friends, and to wish them a "Happy New Year."

DOWN TO EARTH

Decorations Say Merry Christmas

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

This is a good time of year to drive around "Greater Birmingham" and secure ideas for your Christmas lighting for 1959.

It is really difficult to go up and down ball streets and try to judge the best, or to select decorations to write up in the column. I contend that the gesture of giving Christmas with others through outdoor decorations is the most important factor in evaluating the total effect.

Some folks string lights on an existing tree, others use spotlights, but I don't want to discourage the fellow who puts lots of work into a decoration which really doesn't stop traffic.

Ed Mackenzie of radio fame has given us a treat in our neighborhood. He has mounted a large blue star on top of his short wave transmitter. As you see the star against the winter sky you get an emotional uplift.

JACOBSEN'S always have beautiful windows for the holidays. And I noticed an interesting tree at Grinch which would be a good detail to pull out. A tree effect had been created with a large ball on top of a wooden dwarf. It had green poles in it with large balls of one color or placed in the greenery. If a person had a spaci-ous hall, one of these created Christmas "ornaments" would be stunning each side of the living room door.

I went over to our Shain park to enjoy its new 1958 effect in night lights. The staff have done a fine job. I think the Nativity scene should be placed so that you can walk close to it and enjoy the total effect. I would suggest that they be scattered to the location to direct the walking. In the spring a good shot of fertilizer can take care of any damage in a couple of weeks. Do plan to detour around Shain park and enjoy the old-fashioned Christmas scene.

"People are talking" about the tree decorations of Lorraine and Bill Martin at 753 Puritan. As they were planning something unusual for exterior decorations, Bill came up with this plan. Secure can tops and string them like a chain of glittering mirrors.

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Troy News Briefs

3 Candidates For Mayor In Troy

The political ball has started rolling in Troy and so far three men have announced they will be candidates for mayor in the spring election.

Veteran Troy township politician and city commissioner, Roy L. Dunbar, ended months of speculation recently when he announced he would be a candidate for the position being vacated by retiring incumbent Frank Costello.

Dunbar, 53, of 1061 Wheaton will head a three-man slate in the February primary. Seeking commission seats will be Stanley G. Gill, a painter's union business agent, and William R. Jenkins, a pool and die maker.

HEADING a three-man Independent Voters Council slate will be Robert J. Huber, 630 W. Sixteen Mile.

Wallace R. Hudson and Vincent J. McAvoy, city commission hopefuls, will run with him.

Huber has said he believes Troy can keep its five-mill tax limit on city operations and can keep future school taxes down only if the city's tax base is widened by new industry.

He is chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Young Presidents organization, a member of the world trade committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce and past national officer of several industrial groups.

THE THIRD CANDIDATE,

Clarence F. Long, city civil defense director, opposed Costello in 1955. The 63-year-old mechanic will be backed by the Troy Non-Partisan Property Owners League, which elected a city commissioner in 1957, promoted the successful 5-mill tax limit last January and last April elected two more commissioners.

Long, 1086 E. Sixteen Mile, has lived in Troy for 23 years. He has served in several city posts.

Troy Boy, 8, Killed by Car

An eight-year-old Troy boy became the 27th person to die in South Oakland traffic when he was struck by a car Friday while crossing Rochester road near his home.

James Craig Hanke, 4820 Rochester, died instantly when struck by a car driven by Donna M. Sutherland, 19, of 204 DeVillier, Royal Oak.

Police said the Hanke boy, his sister, Lois, 12, and Diane Kewen, 9, of 1105 Glaser, Troy, were returning home from a grocery store at 3:55 p.m. Friday when the accident occurred.

MISS SUTHERLAND told police the children darted into her path and that she was unable to avoid hitting James.

She was released pending further investigation. A third grade student at Coker elementary school, Troy, James was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Hanke Jr.

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Now it can be told! Miss Christmas Spirit was not a Miss—but Mrs. She's Barbara Ann Kewen, 21 N. 2212 Crocker road, Royal Oak, selected for the job from a number of applicants because of her poise. The lovely young woman who has a daughter, Nancy Ellen, two-and-a-half months, gave away over 100 gift certificates, numerous theater tickets and hun-

dreds of balloons to shoppers in the downtown Birmingham shopping area. Her husband evidently didn't mind her little adventure. He took care of the baby during the evening hours while she was taking Santa Claus to the shoppers.

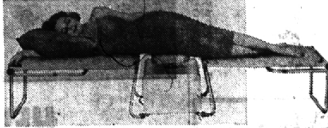
Santa letters from boys and girls arrived at our office late for last week's publication, but were forwarded them to Santa in time for Christmas. We received letters from Nancy Sue Love, Amy Mullen, Christine Mullen, Jim Sackett, Dennis DeFoe, Andy Robinson, Amy Robinson and Stephen Rowe.

It wasn't away, but somehow 11-year-old Lorraine Walker, of 32970 Branningham, Franklin village, managed to break both her arms when the skater fell on Quanton lake Friday. Still, the Holy Name school sixth grader, a happy side to having both arms bound. She says when she goes back to school, she won't be able to take any tests!

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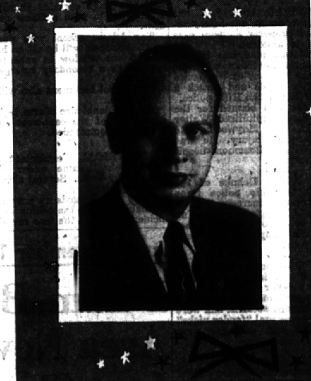
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