Do you want to see a smile of gratitude on the face of another? Then say or do something good for another. One of the nicest, most gratifying methods is to say or do something for a person who really needs such benefactions. In accordance with the "laws of poetic justice," the kind of smile given you is reflected in your own heart and on your own countenance.

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## *"Let every creature Hail the morn*

On which the holy child was born,
And know, through God's exceeding grace,
Release from things of time and place.

I listen, from no mortal tongue,
To hear the song the angels sung,
And wait within myself to know
The Christmas lilies bud and blow.

The outward symbols disappear
From him whose inward sight is clear,
And small must be the choice of days
To him who fills them all with praise.

Keep while ye need it, brothers mine,
With honest zeal your Christmas sign,
But judge not him who every morn
Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

An adaptation from "The Mystic's Christmas" by John Greenleaf Whittier. This poem concerns an elderly monk who was chided by his brethren because he remained quiet while the others were gay and full of song at Christmastime. These quoted passages are his response.

*A boy lights a candle on the altar in the Children's Chapel of the Methodist Children's Home in Detroit*

# What'll Yule Be?

## Green and Warm, You'll Discover

BY THE ECCENTRIC'S WEATHERED WRITERS

Procrasters (that's people without shopping done) will spend spendings in "warming" weather, forecasters say.

And forecasters are saying a lot these days according to Norman Ellis, weather man for the U. S. bureau at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne county airport.

"We've had 200 calls in the last two days," Ellis said patiently.

What have you predicted? we asked.

"WARMING TRENDS with temperatures in the upper 30's Occasional light snow through the week, falling at irregular intervals. It's doubtful that there will be a white Christmas with the ground temperatures on the warm side," he said sounding like the male version of the We-2-1212 recording.

OTHERS, not so offical, predicted too.

"Whether it's cold or whether it's hot, we will have weather whether or not," a suburban-type farmer said leafing through the Farmer's Almanac.

"Oh my bones denounce this snow-flake bounce and the slush just nips my toes . . ." hummed an elderly gent who was glad to hear that snow will not show too prominently this year.

PROTESTERS (that's people with lots of winter sports stuff) are still hoping for snow. They've spent enough green stuff in hope of lots of white stuff.

But regardless of weather, prouwers (that's people who bwake and outer Chwismas pweseents) will still have a happy holiday climate.

## *MDs Set Up Emergency Call Number*

Any Oakland county resident who is without a doctor in an emergency can now call a service established last week by 400 members of the Oakland county Medical society.

The physicians have put themselves on a rotating system whereby two doctors will be available at all times.

A 24-hour answering service will take the calls at Midwest 6-5400, or through the telephone company operator.

SAID Dr. Everette Gustafson of Pontiac, the society's public relations officer, "We felt the demand for such a service when our grievance committee began getting letters about the problem."

He emphasized that the emergency service is to take care of cases in which the family physician cannot be located.

## Trash Flash:

The prosaic side of life in Birmingham goes on during the holidays said Tom Brian, department of public works superintendent.

Normal Friday trash collection will be put off until Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2.

The pick-up of used Christmas trees starts Monday, Jan. 4.

## *School's Out! But Come January . . .*

Students in the Birmingham public schools are released from classes at 4 p.m., Dec. 23. The 1960 half of the school year starts at 8 a.m., Jan. 4.

The same schedule applies to Holy Name school, Birmingham, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills and Marian high school, Bloomfield township.

Bloomfield Hills schools close for the holidays after classes today, resuming Monday, Jan. 4.

Southfield school students begin their Yule vacation after classes Wednesday, returning Monday, Jan. 4.

# Fat Pre-Christmas Agenda for B'ham

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

A 14-item agenda was expected to receive little or no trouble from Birmingham city commissioners Monday night as they held their pre-Christmas meeting. This number of items is larger than the usual meeting's listings.

Because of this week's earlier press time, the decisions of the commission could not be reported in this week's Birmingham Eccentric. This will be done in next week's issue.

However, here are the recommendations of the city administration and the anticipated actions of the commission:

AN ALLEY HEARING continued from last week, brought before the commission a property owner who was not able to attend last weeks' hearing. He has indicated his problem needs commission attention.

The alley is in the middle of the block east of Southfield, between Merrill and Townsend. Two similar alleys in the block south were closed in hearings last week.

Two rezoning petitions were expected to be referred to the city plan board for study and recommendation. This is the usual procedure.

ARCHIE ADDISON, 404 Park, has asked that his residential corner be rezoned to commercial. His two lots are at the northeast corner of Oakland and Park.

His neighbor, Coy Magee, 287 Oakland, across Park street to the west, also has made the same request for his lot.

City Manager L. R. Gare recommended that for 1960, the city buy janitorial service from the Standard Service Co. at a low bid of $10,200. Gare said this is under what the city can do the work itself.

HE ALSO reported on the favorable results of the city-conducted program of mowing weeds on vacant lots last summer. He said most lot owners and residents he has talked to endorsed the idea. He recommended it be continued.

The manager said several trees will have to come down in the proposed 150-car off-street parking lot on N. Woodward. Nearby residents last week petitioned the city to keep all of existing trees.

Repaving of Redding road, from Woodward west to Lake Park, was brought to the commission table for action.

Gare recommended that a necessity hearing be set for Jan. 18. He also said the commission should consider the advisability of paving Redding all the way west to Chesterfield.

THE ENTIRE program, including a $5,710 sewer, would cost $96,110, the city engineering department estimates.

The new service building at Springdale park is progressing on schedule, Gare reported. The roof is on, and some inside work has been done, the manager said.

Annual report of the city retirement board was submitted. There are 33 retired or benefitted employees in the present program, with annual retirement allowances of $32,246.16, the report said.

## He Can't Beat 'Em; So, Wants to Join

A request for rezoning a lot at 816 Hazel was shuttled from the city commission this week to the planning board.

Owner Arthur P. Bogue asked the city to rezone his lot at Hazel and Elm from residential classification to B-2 (business). Bogue based his request on the fact that surrounding property (between Elm and Hunter) was devoted largely to business — "bumping shop, car wash, food store, with the attendent noise and dirt.

"The property is no longer suitable or desirable for residential purposes." Bogue said, "and I feel that it is now more suitable for some type of Business."

## County to Ask 2nd Probate Judge, Restores Pay Cuts

Oakland citizens will be asked to approve a second probate judge for the county in the November, 1960 election. The move was approved last week by the board of supervisors.

At the same time the supervisors restored a $1,000-a-year pay cut originally slated Jan. 1, for the five county circuit judges. Judges now get $25,500, with $11,000 paid by the county and $12,500 by the state.

Arthur E. Moore is the county's only probate judge.

## 14 Mile Rezoning Is Turned Down

There'll be no westward extension of business zoning on 14 Mile, west of Woodward, the Birmingham city commission decreed.

It turned down a petition for rezoning a residential lot to business use to permit a new entrance and exit flow of the Detroit Bank & Trust Co. branch just north of the corner.

Several abutting property owners objected to the rezoning, which a bank spokesman said his company did not absolutely need.

## New Sweeper For Streets

There's a new sweeper coming for Birmingham. City commissioners Monday night were expected to approve purchase of a new 4-cubic yard automatic street sweeper for $9,475.62 from low bidder Telford Equipment Co. The present 1953 model will be traded-in.

## 'Catsup, Mr. Kaline?'

Sharing "sloppy joe's" with Birmingham YMCA members Monday night was Detroit Tigers' star outfielder Al Kaline. The baseball star attended the informal dinner which honored the "Y" members who sold the largest number of tickets in the recent "Y" Christmas tree sale.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. Dial "O" and ask for ENterprise 6310.

## Dear Santa

. . . would you be so kind . . . See the latest wrinkle on Kris Kringle epistles in Section D.

## Splash Crash

. . . gurgle, clink, ouch . . . yum! See page 1-C.

## Wondrous Story

. . . of Christmas to be retold this week in area churches. See pages 6-C.

## All Alone Together

. . . with thousands of people. See page 1-D.

## Two Straight

. . . for Maple cagers. Page 8-D.

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## West Bloomfield Elects Rehard As Supervisor

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A new supervisor for West Bloomfield township was elected by the board at its meeting last Wednesday night.

He is John C. Rehard, 55, of 6799 E. Dartmoor, West Bloomfield, who received four of the six votes cast by the board. Four other candidates sought the position.

The following morning Rehard moved into the supervisor's office formerly occupied by Hiland M. Thatcher, who resigned last month prior to his successful bid for a county road commissioner's position.

Rehard is a distributor for a heating firm. His past governmental experience includes 14 years with the City of Detroit. In 1951 he resigned as chief safety engineer for the Detroit building department.

## Made Master

Charles Buell, high school teacher, who lives at 15566 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills, has been elected as Worshipful Master of the Pontiac Masonic Lodge #510, located at 22 State Street, Pontiac. The Installation Ceremony was Dec. 12. Buell has been an officer of the lodge for the past ten years and served last year as Senior Warden.

# This and That

by
George R. Averill

As many of you may know, every year I try to set forth in rhyme a thought appropriate for the Christmas season. Here's what I've done for this December 25:

May this and every Christmas, through all the coming years,
Be filled with happiness for you . . . with scarcity of tears.
May we never be so busy, so fettered by mere things,
That we fail to greet each morning with a grateful heart that sings
With thanks for precious friendship, for kindness shown us, too . . .
For loving thoughts you send our way—thus obrs return to you.

Yes, there's mighty moving power in the meaning of this Day;
It strengthens spirit's fiber of those who humbly pray.
There's God's regeneration, grace in Words of Galilee,
Providing loving guidance to "all who hear and see".
Of lowly birth, of humble mien, He trod life's rugged way—
Yet left to man a rarest gift: most holy Christmas Day!

—G.R.A.

JANUARY THROUGH JUNE:

# *'59 B'ham Area News Highlights Are Reviewed*

The New Year slid in with a slick welcome to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area. Once they got back on their feet, residents started on a busy first six months in 1960.

In Birmingham, plans got underway for the building of a $150,000 addition and remodeling at Baldwin public library.

A name was chosen for the big new high school under construction at 13 Mile and Evergreen. It would be Wylie E. Groves high school, in honor of the former board president who died shortly before, the Birmingham board of education announced in June.

AT THE SAME time the board announced Birmingham high school would be renamed Ernest W. Seaholm high school.

Despite the most severe winter in years, voters in Westwood flocked to the polls in March to change their village's name to Beverly Hills. Birmingham school district voters returned Mrs. Peter B. Loomis and Mrs. Dean Beier to the school board, and elected George V. Coombes, Jr.

Bloomfield, Southfield and West Bloomfield townships returned their incumbent supervisors to office. And Birmingham swung into June with James Melton headlining its second annual Arts Festival.

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Stranded cars, accidents and short tempers started off the new year when the worst ice storm in many years hit here New Year's eve. More than 20 area residents were treated at William Beaumont hospital for injuries received in falls and accidents on slippery streets and walks.

Birmingham City Commissioner Charles Renfrew urged Birmingham's representatives in the state legislature to vote against tax recommendations of the state citizens' advisory committee. He called their recommendation for abolition of property taxes, a $9 refund per person from state sales taxes and a graduated income tax "unrealistic."

Fenton R. Mathews demanded a jury trial when re-arraigned before Birmingham Municipal Judge John C. Emery on charges of overtime parking, leaving keys in the ignition and improper parking.

Bloomfield Hills schools cut teachers and bus lines as they be-

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## *Beats Anything Yet*

A new high was recorded in Friday's annual newspaper sale conducted by Birmingham Rotarians. Chairman Clarence Kraft reported Monday noon that contributions totaled $1849.23. This money will be turned over to the Oakland county society for crippled children.

## TB Tests Start Here Jan. 4 For 3 Grades

Tuberculin tests start in grades one, three and five in all Birmingham public and parochial schools Jan. 4.

If money is available, all school children in these grades in Oakland county will be tuberculin-tested each year for five succeeding years.

TUBERCULIN testing is an effective and economical way of discovering active cases of TB. When young children have a positive reaction to the tuberculin test, it is evidence that they have at one time had exposure to an active case of tuberculosis.

This active case may be an adult living in the home of the child and these cases provide continuous exposure to all family members.

Therefore, the tuberculin testing program by leading to the discovery of active cases, protects the children and the community.

ALTHOUGH a positive reaction does not necessarily mean the child has the disease, X-ray examination will be made of the child, all adult members of his family, and all adults who had close contact with the child.

No child will be tested, however, unless he returns a consent card, to the school signed by his parents.

## Regular Shopping Hours on Saturday

Nearly all Birmingham stores will be open during regular shopping hours on Saturday, December 26, according to Birmingham chamber of commerce manager Charles Mortenson.

Mortenson also announced that January 2 is the deadline for exchanging Christmas gifts at local stores and that eight new members have joined the chamber.

Newest members are Spic and Span cleaners, 361 E. Maple; Julliard's, 154 W. Maple; Standard Oil district office, 2480 W. Maple; Gay Yankee, 378 E. Maple; Time Shop, 151 S. Bates; Webster builders, 4126 N. Woodward, Royal Oak; Lew Betterly music, 240 S. Woodward, and Bloomfield Fashion shop, 245 W. Maple.

**Monday, Dec. 28, Is the Deadline for all News and Want Ads and Display Advertising Copy**

**Because Our New Year's Week Issue Will Be Published on Wednesday, December 30**

**Monday, Dec. 28, Is the Deadline!**

# *Gettysburg Battlefield Selling at $1 Square Ft.*

Ever thought of owning part of a national shrine?

You can—and it'll cost you only one dollar.

This will buy you one square foot of one of the world's most famous battlegrounds—the hallowed ground at Gettysburg, Pa.

There is a stipulation. You must deed your Gettysburg plot to the U.S. government, which will add it to other park areas to keep it permanently away from commercialization, which now is threatening 680 acres on the north edge of the battle-ground.

BIRMINGHAM and other Michigan residents have a vital interest in his Gettysburg ground, according to James K. Flack, 286 Larchlea, Birmingham.

He has just accepted the Michigan chairmanship of the emergency committee to preserve the 680 acres from commercial development. Flack, who is vice president of Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, real estate firm, also is a Civil War scholar.

Explained Flack: "This national shrine—which is visited by more students, tourists and historians than any other historic site in the nation—is under the supervision of the U.S. department of interior, and administered by the national park service.

"AT PRESENT, there are 2,743 acres held by the federal government. Some acreage was purchased as directed by Congressional acts, and others were bought by organizations which donated them to the government.

"Over the years, much of the remaining privately-owned holdings, such as the land in jeopardy, have remained as they had always been and appeared the same as the adjoining federally-owned land.

"The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GPBA) is soliciting funds from private citizens on a nationwide basis. All private donations will be turned over to the national park service for purchase of the 680 acres in question, or the additional land will be purchased and deeded to the park service."

MAJOR WILLIAM HALLER of Ft. Meade, Md., is national GBPA chairman. The committee's aim is to sell American citizens square-foot plots (at $1 each) of the 680 acres. As part of the sale, buyers must deed over the plots to the U.S. government.

Money should be sent to Box 1863, Gettysburg, Pa. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association.

Flack said the state of Michigan has a very definite interest in this battlefield.

"IT WAS ON this field that the 24th Michigan infantry—as part of the famous Iron Brigade—stopped at McPherson's Ridge on July 1, 1863, the forward elements of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

"This permitted the Army of the Potomac to gather its strength, which resulted in the three-day fight on the fields of Gettysburg.

"Other Michigan units were stationed at key points—9th Michigan at Culps Hill, 7th Michigan at Cemetery Hill, 16th Michigan at Little Round Top, 3rd Michigan at the Peach Orchard, and the 1st

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