

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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and the general driving public and police force have given me confidence and joy in this accomplishment.

The writer also mentioned "the coldest church she had ever been in". We have visited five different churches in the area. The large churches are cold. Perhaps the very size of the congregation makes it difficult to recognize a newcomer and extend the hand of fellowship.

I HAVE HAD THE FEELING of the large church attendance, often three services in one morning, smacks of "it's fashionable to be seen in the right church".

The smaller churches are more friendly—they need members and money. Yet when attending one of the large churches Christmas Eve, with the snow falling gently on the night air, and all the churches looking like beautiful animated Christmas cards, it did seem the Spirit of Christmas was "trouled about us".

The writer of the second letter said, "I have never been so lonely in my life".

I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO BUSY in my life or made friends so quickly as in the last nine months. The Newcomers club of Birmingham extends a welcome to every new resident. The Community House, adult education courses, little theater groups offer recreation, education, inspiration and a means of making friends.

A new friend of mine said recently, "If you cannot make friends in Birmingham, you cannot make friends anywhere".

BUT TO HAVE FRIENDS, you must be friendly.

I agree with the writer on the drinking and social ambition. When we first moved here, the remark was made that "Birmingham drinks the most, has the most money, and owes the most per family of any Detroit suburb."

The cost of living is high here. It seems high cost is high fashion whether it is good fashion or not. The price tag is important in indicating social standing.

I HAVE FOUND FRIENDLY, helpful people in the shops and in my neighborhood group that can certainly be classified as "kind and love their fellowman."

I believe Time magazine cited Birmingham as one of the 10 nicest cities in the United States in which to live. To me, it has many of the big city advantages with a small town feeling. I have lived in both.

I like the New England atmosphere of the downtown residences and village shops, the well-kept homes, interesting doorways and the pride the people have in their community.

Every community has its faults and these faults are the composite result of the individuals living in it. As a newcomer to a community, you must adjust to that community and make your living in it a worthwhile contribution to it and to yourself. I agree with you and think you have a most worthy suggestion in your Jan. 8 column when you wrote,

"Then each of us should work toward a happier new year for those who stay here, those who pass through, and those who leave us in 1959."

Thank you, Madam, for your perceptive analysis and positive reaction to our town. You'd make the best kind of resident anywhere you chose to reside. We hope you stay here permanently and your attitude rubs off on those of us to whom the exposure would do the most good.

DOWN TO EARTH

Don't Touch Iced Evergreen Limbs

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

At this moment I could write you a grade A essay on "Battling the Ice and Snow in the Country," but instead I will take your hand and lead you down the daisy path.

The telephone rings with the question: "What shall I do with the ice on my beautiful evergreen?" Just enjoy the beauty, but do not touch the branches and do not sprinkle salt on the evergreens. This freezing business has been going on for a number of years, so just relax and read your seed catalogs.

Some of our gardeners want to force their rhubarb clumps. Now there is a gardener with Spring in his soul: Dig up a frozen clump and cover the roots with sand and set a tall box over the clump. The temperature in this location should be around 55 degrees.

Within three weeks you will be serving rhubarb. I haven't ever done it, but I hear that this technique works, and I don't believe your plant would be permanently damaged.

HOUSE PLANTS do play an important role in the interior decor of a home and many of our readers have difficulty with the growing of fine specimens. So we begin with the fundamentals.

Be sure you have selected a site to the right location. Light requirements vary with the plants. Light requirements vary with the plants. Light requirements vary with the plants. Light requirements vary with the plants.

Leaves of plants have to be washed periodically or their pores become clogged. As leaves are the lungs of plants, you know the results. The natural gases enter and

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January 22, 1959.
IRVING E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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My Neighbors



"But dear, I tried to tell you the Polar Bear Club was different from the Lions, Moose and Elks."



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Report Shows Smaller Police Force Here

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK—The continuing rise in the amount of crime in the United States has caused a sharper look to be taken at the degree of police protection provided in Birmingham and in other communities.

Some light on the crime surge and the forces that are combatting it is shed in reports by the International City Managers Association, the Department of Commerce and the FBI. Their studies cover all municipalities with populations of 10,000 and over.

In Birmingham, they show, there is a smaller police force, in proportion to population, than is found in most of the cities of its size group, 10,000 to 25,000.

As of the beginning of 1958 there was 37 police department employees on the city payroll. Of these, 6 were civilian workers. This was equivalent to 1.51 employees for every 1,000 residents. It was less than was found in most of the other cities of its size, the median being 1.52 cops per 1,000 people. Taken into account only are full-time personnel.

COMPARISON IS also made in the surveys as to the cost of police protection, which has been growing bigger and bigger, in step with the need for it.

According to Attorney General William P. Rogers, the cost of crime in the United States for just one year is now about \$20 billion. "It is second only to national defense," he declared.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, bears him out, placing the crime bill per family at \$100 a year. In Birmingham, police department expenditures alone totaled \$183,000 in 1957, the figures show. This was equal to an outlay of \$7.50 for each resident of the city.

AMONG the other cities of its size the outlay was \$8.36 per capita. Nationally, it was \$12.13. Included in the cost figure is new equipment and all other expenditures except payments by cities into pension or retirement funds or payments to retired employees.

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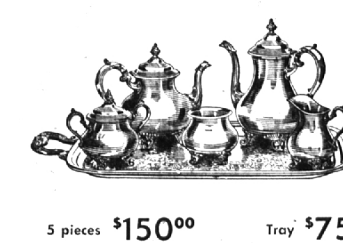
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