

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,  
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!

Heap on more wood!-  
the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle  
as it will;  
We'll keep our Christ-  
mas merry still.  
-Sir Walter Scott-

Beggar's Rhyme

Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others,  
Is the joy that comes back to you;  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to make you glad.

-John Greenleaf Whittier-

Now church bells ring in lofty  
spires  
To blend their songs with angel  
choirs;  
And children deck the trees of  
light  
That keep the Christmas spirit  
bright.

May it be ever thus we pray  
In all the world on Christmas Day!  
-Brian F. King-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all most sincerely for giving me the honor, privilege, and pleasure of serving as your president during 1973. This was a most rewarding year for me.

My thanks to all of the officers and past-presidents for their wonderful cooperation and helpfulness. I want to say again how much we all have appreciated the willingness and effectiveness of the committee chairmen and the committee members. It takes a lot of people to "Make it go", and we thank you all.

You have chosen excellent leaders for 1974, and I am looking forward to enjoying with you a very pleasant year.

Happy Holidays!

Charlie Heiney

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GUESTS SINCE OCT. 12, 1973 - THRU NOV. 20th:

Marsden Hubbard -----	Introduced by	Jim Greer
Al Gade -----	" "	Ed Schneider
Al Arnold -----	" "	Lee Durham
Harvey Blakely -----	" "	Gus Muth
Emmett Feeley -----	" "	Harry Rogan
Archie Lamont -----	" "	Clarence Kimball
Lester Tibby -----	" "	Roy Snell
Thomas Kilgour -----	" "	Earl Triplett
Mathew Cammarie -----	" "	Bill Grabendike
Bob Owen -----	" "	Charles Buck
Mac Stirton -----	" "	Bill Stockwell
Dick Wright -----	" "	Harold Simms
Joe Bachman -----	" "	Lyman Jillson - Thru Nov. 16
Raymond Peck -----	" "	Victor Peck

NEW MEMBERS SINCE NOV. 2, 1973

Reynolds, Frank W. Adm. Nov. 16  
312 Aspen Rd.  
Birmingham, 48009  
Tel. 646-3998

DEATHS

Wesley Groves

PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 1973 - Ross A. Wagner, Chairman Program Committee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Spcaker or Type of Program</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Friday, Dec. 7	George F. Pierrrot, Dean of America's TV Travel Program Hosts	"To Travel Is To Possess the World"
Friday, Dec. 14	Joe Clark, H. B. S. S. (Hill Billy Snap Shooter)	"Don't Sop Your Possum Gravy With A Cold Biscuit"
Tuesday, Dec. 18 (Last Meeting of the 1973 Year)	The Choral Ensemble of the Birmingham Musicale, Hazel Lawrence, Director & Also Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Birmingham	Music Program of a Group of Some Fifty Talented Women of the Birmingham Area in "Sounds of Christmas"

CHAIRMAN FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER - William G. Stockwell

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APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PROGRAMS

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many men who have assisted with the programs for the past year. Many valuable suggestions of programs have been made by different members of the Club. Especially do I want to thank the following men, who have served on the Program Committee as Chairmen throughout the year:

Grant Barber, Thompson Darling, James Flack, John Gates, Tom Griffith, Clarence Johnson, Charles Kass, Paul Mensing, James Pottinger, Ed Puls, Harry Rogan, Philip Satterthwaite, Dr. Joseph Shaffer, William Splittstoesser, Murray Stewart, Chester Stokes, William Stockwell, Earl Triplett and Goeffrey Whittaker.

Sincere appreciation is also extended to Harvey Bumgardner, Paul Keener, James Flack, Harry Rogan and Earl Triplett, who personally presented programs during the year.

The committee is indeed grateful to Earl Triplett and Oliver Hawkins for their willing assistance with projection equipment for the different programs.

With this willing and dedicated cooperation, it has been a pleasure to serve as your General Program Chairman for 1973.

Ross A. Wagner,  
2nd Vice-President

DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 7 - "Should We Have Gas Rationing? In What Form?"  
George Roeder, Leader.

Dec. 14 - "Should President Nixon Be Impeached?" - a debate.  
Claude Stevens, Moderator.

Dec. 18 - "Are Morals Any Different Than One Or Two Generations Ago?"  
George Reid, Leader

Gus Hoefler, Co-Chairman

Jim Pottinger, Chairman

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HEALTH REPORT - NOV. 30, 1973 - R. F. Connor

Karl Werder - Beaumont - Room 709 - slight improvement - no visitors.

Art Griener - Providence - Room 438 - slow improvement.

Russell Riley - Beaumont - Room 901 - slight improvement.

Harry Calvert - St. Joseph's -- Room 502 - improving after operation.

James Kelley - home - no visitors.

Edson Ivey - home - not much change - would like visitors.

(Ted)

Arnold Taschke and Ed Puls - home and improving.

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Our year of 1973 is about over. However, we have one more Community Service Project coming up - "Santa's Workshop Telephone Answering Service". The dates - Monday, December 17th, thru Friday, December 21st. Time for children to call - 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. Tell your grandchildren to call Santa's North Pole Numbers 646-8366, 67, 68 & 69. Santa and the Elves will do their best to fill their wants.

Names and work schedule of helpers is posted on the Bulletin Board.

Merry Christmas,

Dick Dewey, Leader

Harold Simms, Co-Leader

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---THE SECOND YEAR---

January 17 --- Our first anniversary meeting. The ladies surprised the sixty members present with a huge Birthday Card and gave each of us an individual Birthday Cake.

February 7 -- The first meeting of the Discussion Group took place.

February 21 -- Washington's Birthday was remembered and an appropriate talk was given by one of our members.

March ----- Six new members had joined our club. Dues \$1.00 a year.

April 3 ----- Tickets for a baseball game on July 24th were obtained.

May 16 ----- A bus load went to the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

May 23 ----- Our meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred C. Gould.

Memorial Day- A shuffleboard contest was held at the Community House.

July 7 ----- Your Secretary went to the hospital.

November 14 - Thanksgiving Day was remembered. Reverend Robert W. Gibson, of the Presbyterian Church, gave us a very fine Thanksgiving Day Message.

December 16 - Old clothing, which we had collected, here at the Community House, was packed for shipment to GRENZDURCHGANGSLAGER, for Russian Refugees. This was their point of arrival in West Germany. (See Donald McGuire for details.)

December 19 - Christmas was again celebrated at the home of Mrs. Gould.

This was the year we initiated visits to the Oakland County Medical Care Facility, in Pontiac, on Telegraph Road. Fifty wheelchair patients were assembled in a suitable room and we entertained them.

The need was so great that this project was taken on as a Monthly activity - a very worthwhile project.

By the Historian  
November 20, 1973

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BRIDGE - Art Underwood

The highest bridge scores made in the month of November (five playing days) were:

Lyman Jilson - 6000	Roland Nette -- 4650	John Maddox ----- 4350
Bill Hanlon -- 5950	Clark Hallock - 4620	Harold McNaughton - 4340
Bill Hanlon -- 5930	Walt Meyers --- 4380	Fred Wittick ----- 4330
Les Wilder --- 4690	Carl Schorn --- 4360	

November was a banner month with the three highest scores for the year-to-date superceding the previous high of 5870 made back in March.

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DUES

1974 Dues - \$6.00. Payable any time now.

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Before another Christmas dawns, God grant we  
earn the peace those ageless stars foretell.

-Author Unknown-