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REVIEW

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Monday night when it is proved the purchase of a new pump for \$1,000.35.

Issue of February 6
Slightly over 100 City of Birmingham full time salaried employees were given a temporary 16-month wage increase by the City Commission Monday night in accordance with a recommendation from City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Birmingham police received an official pat on the back Monday evening when the City Commission formally recognized the alertness of the department this month in apprehending nine youths who were involved in a total of three breakings and enterings, during the month of January.

Red faces and red flannels were the order of the day as the temperature in Birmingham for the first part of the week hovered near the zero mark in the wake of a cold wave that began in the Arctic.

"The Boy Scouts of America's 28th Anniversary Week will be observed in Birmingham by a series of services, dinners and meetings to be highlighted this Sunday with a service at Christ Church Cranbrook, at which Governor Kim Sigler will give Scouts a short 15-minute talk.

Issue of February 13
Subscriptions totaling \$36,167.50 were reported at the fourth Birmingham report meeting Monday night, raising the Woodward General Hospital Building Fund campaign total-to-date, to \$390,202.50.

In order to help replenish the fast diminishing supply of planes in the hospitals of Oakland County, a newly organized Birmingham Civilian Blood Bank in conjunction with the American Red Cross is now planning for the two-day period, April 7 and 8, when blood donations will be taken from any local residents who volunteer, at the Community House.

Issue of February 20
Subscriptions totaling more than \$450,000 have been reported to date in the \$2,500,000 Woodward General Hospital Building Fund Campaign.

City commissioners Monday evening gave explicit instructions to the police department to enforce a city ordinance that has been forgotten for these past nine years. The ordinance states that no person shall park any vehicle

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Four Birmingham veterans and their wives and families have now moved into the Quonset huts out at Cranbrook, and three or four more families are expected to move in before the week is out.

Issue of February 27
Something very odd happened this week. Here when it is so dreadfully cold a dandelion was plucked from a Birmingham lawn just the other day. Mrs. Walter Starkey reported to the Eccentric that her husband had plucked the flower from a bare, snowless spot in their back yard.

Monday night's commission meeting was a "quickie" compared to some of the sessions which have occurred. It was just about an hour before the seven commission members settled the evening's business and decided to adjourn.

Reserve officers in the Birmingham community are invited to attend a meeting of the recently re-activated Birmingham chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association at the Birmingham Community House March 11.

Issue of March 6
While there will be no more formal report meetings of the Woodward General Hospital Building Fund, the campaign will still be carried on actively for the next few weeks. The grand total of contributions was announced last Friday as \$638,256.02.

After trying out an electric typewriter in the Municipal Office for some time, City Manager Donald C. Egbert Monday night recommended to Commissioners that the city purchase it. Cost of the new machine will be \$290.

Police Chief J. P. Elliott announced this week that Birmingham will cooperate with Detroit and surrounding suburbs in observing a "No Violation Day" May 12, to see how low a number of traffic violations can be recorded in 24 hours. All violators, including illegal parking offenses, will have to appear in court on the date indicated in the summons.

Dr. Charles H. Cadigan, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, has been granted three months' leave of absence to work for the Church Society for College work, a national Episcopal church youth group, committed to the three-fold task of uniting Christianity and learning, of placing churches on college campuses and of awakening the Christian religion to its responsibilities among youth.

Issue of March 13
Baldwin High School seniors next Monday will circulate petitions among their class to nominate city commission candidates who will head the city government on April 21, when the 200th birthday of the city will be celebrated. They will have the opportunity to stage their "Student Control Day" and learn how municipal governments function.

Motorists who regularly use Oakland Avenue were granted further relief Monday night when city commissioners approved a resolution prohibiting parking on the side of Oakland between Woodward and Ferris avenues.

About the first of June, Birmingham telephone subscribers will have the use of an additional 455 pairs of trunk lines to Detroit and 300 new lines to Pontiac.

Beginning next Monday morning, Birmingham police will start calling personally on all local residents to take the city's annual dog census and to determine whether dog owners have purchased their 1947 dog licenses.

Issue of March 20
Birmingham's Holy Name Parish will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary soon, and along with it will inaugurate a \$200,000 building program, according to the Rev. David J. Dunean.

Birmingham's record of voting in local elections is less creditable than that of the neighboring cities of Ferriele and Royal Oak. The city's Voters' Rally Committee, which is arranging a non-partisan pre-election rally at the Community House for March 31, points out in a letter to Birmingham clubs urging full attendance of the club membership at the rally.

Architect Carl B. Marr, 821 Henrietta, is represented in a new book, "100 Homes," selected from over 900 designs submitted in a recent national competition for designs of 3-bedroom houses.

Issue of March 27
After the heavy rains that occurred Monday evening, gale-like winds and snow followed, turning the highways into a sheet of ice which all but eliminated even the hardest of motorists.

A 5531 set-of-living increment is being written into the 1947 contracts which have been presented to Birmingham's 120 teachers.

Joel E. Nyström, executive of the American Federation of YAs in South America, who has been speaking before civic luncheon clubs in Wayne and Oakland Counties, will address the Baldwin High School students at assembly tomorrow morning. His topic will be, "South America, Today."

A Jubilee Year Book, dedicated to Birmingham men and women who defied the United States in World War II, and intended as a memento and reference work, is in the making. It is to be published in conjunction with the Holy Name Jubilee activities scheduled for June 15-18 at the Community House.

Issue of April 3
A new recreation board for the

City of Birmingham, which will combine both the city and school recreation programs under one comprehensive organization was created by a city ordinance Monday night.

The spring thaw and heavy rains Tuesday night combined to create several small disturbances in the city's sewer system, resulting in a few flooded basements and covering East Maple with water under the Grand Trunk viaduct.

The Wanderer noticed this week the many showcards placed in almost every merchant's window by Baldwin students, urging the residents to vote in Monday's elections.

The Very Reverend Kirk B. O'Ferrall, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit, will be the guest preacher at the annual three-hour service to be held tomorrow at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Issue of April 10
Opening of the 1947 American Cancer Society drive in Birmingham will take place tomorrow at 10:30 p. m. at the Birmingham Community House. Dr. S. Murray, newly appointed director of the Southeastern Michigan division of the Society, will speak to all the volunteer Cancer Drive workers, and any other residents interested in what the society is aiming for.

Heavy rains which began early Saturday morning and continued up to noon that day caused many thousands of dollars damage to Birmingham basements, recreation lawns and landscaping when city storm sewers were unable to drain off torrents of water before they backed up in hundreds of basements throughout the community.

Quonset huts, to be used for business purposes, will not be allowed in Birmingham as was decided by city commission Monday night, due to the fact that their construction offers little resistance to fire.

Issue of April 17
Marion Weaver, 17, a senior at Baldwin High School received word last week that she had been

awarded one of the 120 four-year college scholarships being granted this year by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board.

Announcement was made this week by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, that Vincent C. Secorino of Detroit, a former University of Michigan football star, will replace Hal Helmer as head football coach of Baldwin High School next fall.

City Commissioners, including those just elected, were guests at a general dinner meeting of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association last night when John E. Martz, several times mayor of Birmingham and commissioner for 14 years, was publicly honored for his civic contributions.

Issue of April 24
The twenty-fifth anniversary roll call of the Community House goes into its intensive phase today when a corps of women workers, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Cassius P. Miller, begins a general solicitation of Birmingham households that have not already contributed to the \$30,000 fund. A garage to house the five Birmingham school buses will be erected at Pierce School between Woodward and Southview blvd., according to Dr. Dwight B. (See REVIEW, Page 3, Part 2)

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We can look back a long way . . . back to years that were better . . . back to years that were not quite as good; but always, as we look back, we see the smiling faces of a multitude of loyal friends.

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Greetings to you!

Yes, it's time to change the figures again. Nineteen hundred and forty-eight . . . Let's look optimistically into the future. With any kind of luck, this should be the best year we've ever had! On this cheerful note, we extend to you our heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year.

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