

News Highlights

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them each week. The meetings will be open to the public.

Two movements of the Cranbrook Suite, composed by William Casey, music instructor at Brookside school, were played by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Monday evening when they appeared at Cranbrook. Directed by Dr. Karl Kruger, the orchestra presented the numbers for the first time, to an audience of 1,200 board members, students, parents, staff and faculty members.

Robert Yukawa, a student at Bloomfield Hills high school, spoke recently on his experiences as a slave laborer in a Japanese prison camp. He told of conditions in the camp and of the treatment to which he and the other children were subjected. Yukawa also sketched graphically the sabotage these youngsters carried on against their captors after their initial fear had given way to a deep and burning hatred.

John Patrick Darvell, a former resident of Birmingham, has organized a small band, and is now playing in some of the night clubs of Pomona and Long Beach, Calif. An auto-parts salesman by day, John and his Artiso-Cats are gaining in popularity in these popular night spots, according to clippings his mother has received from him. With his wife and two children, he has been a resident of California since last September.

New Telephone Dials Are Installed in Birmingham Homes



Johnny Mange, 6, intently watched as Bill Kreger, installer for the Michigan Bell office here, puts a new dial on the phone in Johnny's home. The dials were installed in March on all phones here preparatory to the automatic dial exchange cutover here in the early summer of 1950.

Birmingham Firemen Decide to Have Television in Their Club Room, Too



The Birmingham firemen finally decided that television must be here to stay, so in March they took the necessary money from their Firemen's Fund Association and purchased themselves a set.

Used during the evening hours, Clyde M. Harper (center) and Herb Hopkins wait while Stan Church tunes in the set.

Issue of February 17

Lawrence E. Colgrove, 59, prominent Birmingham business man, died suddenly Friday night at the home of his son, Byron P. Colgrove in Flint. Mr. Colgrove, with his wife, had gone to Flint to spend the evening, when he suffered the fatal heart attack.

The present and future needs of the Birmingham school district will be analyzed Monday evening when members of the PTA will be given full information concerning the proposed new high school building. Members of the school board will present pertinent information as to the immediate needs, and proposals for future planning and extension.

Charles Mortenson, Chamber of Commerce manager, has announced that that office will extend its Saturday hours through the afternoon for the next two weeks, to enable residents to secure license plates before the Feb. 28 deadline. He said that while applications had been coming in steadily, there were still many persons who had not applied for 1949 plates.

Mrs. Hazel Lawler, secretary-treasurer of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, was given the associate award for the "Woman of the Year" at a state-wide meeting held in Detroit Friday. Mrs. Lawler celebrated her 20th year with the Birmingham office last summer.

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Issue of February 24

Voting was light in Monday's primaries in Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield townships, when about 3,356 turned out for the three locations. Most incumbents, in these traditionally Republican strongholds were returned to office.

The annual report of Ralph W. Moxley, chief of the Birmingham police department, shows that traffic violations lead as the cause of arrests here for the past year. Drunk driving was again high on

the list, also. However, the city came through, although numerous accidents were reported, without a fatality recorded.

Miss Mabel Toumey, 572 Harmon avenue, has presented a rare gingko tree to the city. The tree, a native of China, will be planted in the city park. Gingko trees have fan-shaped leaves, and bear a yellow fruit. It is said to be a survivor of an ancient age, so old that most of the gingko trees in this country are now being mined as coal in Pennsylvania.

"Must Baldwin Library curtail some of its services, or can it find more funds to provide for its constantly growing business?" That was the question presented by Mrs. John Lambie, president of the board, at the annual meeting last Thursday evening. She explained that in spite of heavily increased demands on that institution, the library was being maintained with no staff increases.

Issue of March 3

New support has been given the fight to have 14 and 16 Mile roads extended as nine Oakland county supervisors add their support to the measure. The extension of these two roads would greatly relieve the strain of east-west traffic through the city it has been pointed out. City commissioners are making all possible contacts to get this project under way.

Funeral services were held Monday for W. A. Putnam, former police chief of Bloomfield Hills. He assumed the office of department head when the group was formed in 1927, continuing until 1934 when he resigned because of ill health. Prior to becoming associated with the Bloomfield Hills department he had been a member of the motorcycle squad, Oakland County Sheriff's department.

Headed by R. C. Spinning, six residents of Knox street appeared at the city commission meeting Monday evening to file a protest against the proposed plan to create a parking lot in their area. They were informed that, as yet, no definite action had been taken,

and that before such step was taken, they and all residents would have ample time to learn complete details of the plan.

Issue of March 10

The Maples scored an easy victory over Royal Oak at Ferndale Saturday evening, to become the district champions for the fourth consecutive year. While the 39-21 score was good enough, the Maples did not have the fine form they have had in past games due to the loss of Duke Layland, who suffered a sprained ankle during a practice game Friday.

Thomas and James Eggleston (Continued on Page 3)

New Year Greetings

1950

As we reach the last month of the year and prepare to close the books on 1949, we should like to offer our sincere thanks to all those of the community—whether customers or not—who have helped to make progress for us and the city that we serve and are a part of.

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