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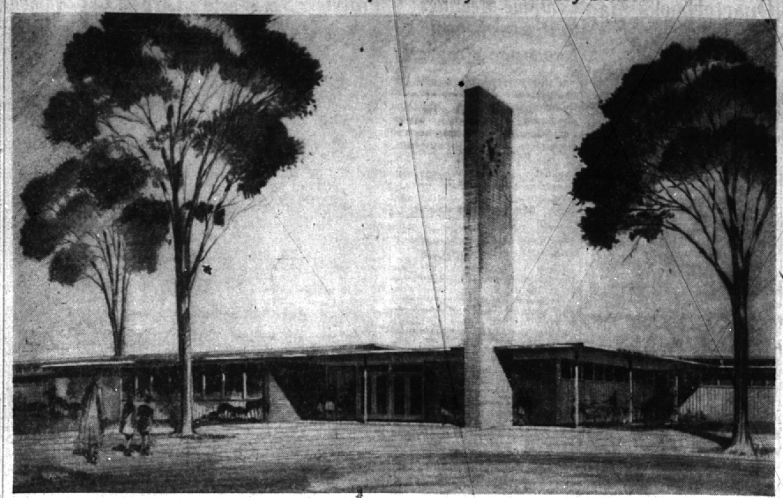
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Entrance Features of Proposed Torry Elementary School



This architect's drawing shows the general entrance of the proposed Torry Elementary school, to be built on a site bounded by Torry, Lincoln, Eton and Humphrey

streets, if residents of the school district approved the \$3,100,000 school expansion program at the special November 7 election.

School of Religion Will Start Locally On Monday, Oct. 17

The Rev. Emil Kuntz, president of the Birmingham Council of Churches, announces that the 1949 School of Religion will be held in the First Presbyterian church this year. The schedules are October 17 and 24 and Nov. 7, 14 and 21. Sponsorship of the project is again taken over by the Council and the Birmingham branch of the YMCA.

The Rev. Kuntz named Edwin P. Kirbert, executive secretary of the local Y as dean of the school. The lookover will be in charge of the Rev. Robert W. Lawson, church school and newspaper publicity, the Rev. Reginald Becker, announcements and school brochure, Miss Julia Kagin. The registrar for the school will be chosen from among the members of the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. John E. Martin will teach a course on the Prophets. Mrs. Martin is president of the Michigan Council of Church Women. Boyd I. Walker, secretary of counseling and guidance of the metropolitan offices of the Y will conduct the classes in "Guidance in Christian Home-making."

Charles W. Dohbert, of the Ideal Pictures corporation will instruct a group on the use of visual aids in Christian education. A fourth course, "The Use of the Bible with Children," will be offered, also. As yet no instructor for this course has been named.

All classes will be held at 8 p.m., with two sessions held each evening. A short assembly program will precede class sessions under the direction of Rev. Kuntz.

War Materiel Exhibited Here

A mobile war exhibit, consisting of a public display of Japanese and Nazi war materiel and featuring a submarine, will be displayed here Tuesday on Maple just west of Woodward.

The display was sponsored by the Navy Club of USA.

"Autumn Nocturne" Community House Dance Saturday

"Autumn Nocturne" is the name of the dance to be given by the Community House on Saturday, Oct. 15. This is the first in a series of four dances.

Don Preston's Orchestra will furnish the music, and there will be dancing from 9:30 to 1:30 a.m. Refreshment tables will be set up in the men's lounge.

Entertainment and mixers will be in charge of teachers from the Arthur Murray Studio. They will demonstrate South American dances, and will introduce the new "Mambo."

Mrs. Wm. Milligan, Mrs. Harris Machus, and Mrs. Cleveland Walcott head the general committee. The other committees are decorations Mrs. George Dixon; Mrs. James McCoy; Mr. Lowell Sargent; ticket distribution, Mrs. Arthur Shugart and Mrs. Heber Hizar; publicity, Mrs. Bethel Kelley and Mrs. Lawton C. Taber.

Newcomers in Birmingham will be especially welcome at this event.

Delegates Report Tonight On YMCA Membership Drive

The 12 branches of the Detroit YMCA will meet this evening at the Downtown Y auditorium at a motor meeting where first reports of the inter-branch, city-wide membership drive will be given.

Willbur M. Brucker, former governor of Michigan, as toastmaster will introduce Eugene Barnett, speaker of the evening. Barnett, general secretary of the international committee and national council of YMCA groups in America, will speak on "Youth in Tomorrow's World."

He has recently returned from a trip through Europe where he attended executive committee meetings of the world alliance of the YMCA in Switzerland. He also visited YMCA camps for Displaced Persons and orphans in Germany. While there he observed prevailing conditions among some 11,000,000 displaced persons, ex-pelles and refugees. He also became familiar with the operation of the Marshall Plan and had interviews with a number of outstanding European figures.

Young C. Smith, chairman of the Birmingham committee of management, will head the delegations of 18 local workers who will attend.

High Hileman, general secretary of the Detroit Y, and Harold Kallfleiter and Oscar Peterson, co-chairmen of the local drive, will report on the progress being made here at this time.

Organizations Will Hear Discussions on United Nations

The United Nations will be the subject of programs in five organizations here this month, according to the local League of Women Voters, which through its UN committee is supplying individual speakers and panels for these occasions.

Mrs. Stanley Cain, who speaks on the United Nations at the Kingswood School Assembly this morning at 11:30 a.m., will be speaker at the Founder's Day dinner of Alpha Chi Omega Oct. 12 in the Community House. Panel discussions on the UN will be held at the Moms Club and the Lions Club later in the month.

Arrangements for similar programs may be made through Mrs. Wilbur Stonehouse, 851 North Woodward.

Badminton Club

The Adams School Badminton club will hold its first session next Wednesday night, Oct. 12. The group meets each Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock, playing on the school court. Mary Maxwell announces there are several vacancies and interested persons may phone her or call at her home, 911 Knox.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—all the society editor about them.

Will Tell the Sunny Side of War Marriages

In contrast to the frequent emphasis on the high mortality among wartime marriages, "Family Closeup," the ABC series based on actual family problems and broadcast in cooperation with family service agencies throughout the country, will next Tuesday, Oct. 11, tell the story of a wartime marriage that came through domestic storm intact.

The story of Bob and Ellie, whose marriage began with a college romance and was buffeted by "in-law" trouble when Bob returned from military service, will be heard over WXYZ at 8:00 p.m.

The series is sponsored locally in cooperation with the Family Service Center, a Red Feather Service of the Community Chest of Metropolitan Detroit and the Pontiac Community Chest. Both are part of the United Fund.

It was only when they sought the help of a family counselor in Roger's problem, that the couple were able to face their own personal difficulties. They found that their happiness lay in "growing up" and cutting off their dependence on the "in-laws" and the solid comfort of a parental roof.

The story of Bob and Ellie is based on an actual case among the hundreds of thousands in the files of family service agencies.

RANCH ROOM ROUNDUP

Those who came down to the Ranch Room either Friday or Saturday nights found it an active place indeed. Irwin T. White was again calling squares for the square dance and the old hands started out enthusiastically while before it was half over the new ones ventured into it.

Saturday night a movie, "Captain Caution" kept the crowd interested for the evening aside from the usual ping-pong, pool and snooker.

All those interested in the club, remember, the membership is \$3.00 for the year or 10 cents a time. Our television is going along fine and the two hour parties are going over with a bang.

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Around The Cracker Barrel

After twenty-four days of mourning, broken only by numerous feasts to further accent the feeling of sorrow, the French carried the last remains of old Louis XII out of Paris to the neighboring town of St. Denis. Entirely covering the casket, draped like an awning, was a priceless cloth spun with gold thread. Twenty-four nobles, twelve on each side, held the cloth aloft as the solemn cortège wound through the narrow streets.

When this pageant of death reached its destination, a large group of monks awaited. Immediately they pounced upon the cloth of gold, and tried to seize it from the nobles. The nobles claimed it as theirs, and the monks replied that without it there would be no chanting. And a royal funeral without appropriate chants would not be right in medieval France. A near riot ensued, but wise heads deeming the chanting an absolute necessity, awarded the cloth of gold to the monks. Whereupon the chanting started, and a proper and decorous rite accompanied the ascension of Orleans to his grave.

At the beginning of the Renaissance no fabric was more sought after and valued than a cloth of gold. In 1949, seventeen years into the Age of Government by deficit, a new magic fabric has emerged. It isn't spun with threads of gold—for Fort Knox is impregnable—but it's spun with thread made from coal tar. It won't deteriorate with action of the elements, it repels dirt, is most easily washed and dries very quickly. It is tough, yet fine and lustrous. It's called Nylon.

And because this new magic fabric is so sought after by all of us, an actual shortage of the fabric is beginning to exist. Now I thoroughly despise shortage scares. We've had so many of them in recent years that we're all thoroughly fed up. But, here is what is happening:

Time was, just a short time ago, when about the only use for this magic fabric was in ladies' hosiery. All of you men will remember the ends to which we used to resort in trying to get a pair during the war. The Army had discovered its value. As soon as the war was over, the fabric began to appear in ladies' lingerie. Within the last year Nylon is being used in garments too numerous to mention.

Last winter we had ski garments of nylon, and we didn't have enough. Then men's golf jackets appeared. And we can't get enough of these to supply the demand. Then they began to make men's hosiery out of pure nylon, and to mix it with wool and cotton. Shirts began to appear, and men learned they could take a month's trip with just one shirt. They'd dry while you shaved—if you didn't slash too fast. Now we have sport shirts of the new magic fabric, and they're strictly gorgeous. Also neckties. Washable, too.

Well, all of these uses have put a terrific strain upon the single manufacturer of nylon. He just can't produce enough, and four or five months is not too long to wait for the delivery of an order of nylon.

Christmas is coming, and nylon is going to be hard to get. Every merchant in the country, large and small, is practically issuing open orders, and will be glad to get whatever he can. I tell you these things to that you might be forewarned. And if you want garments of nylon for Christmas, you might be well advised to take a look now. We are presently in a pretty good position in this fabric, but honestly, I don't see how our present position in nylon can last very long.

A few weeks ago the Cracker Barrel criticized the thoroughness of the Police Department in issuing tickets for over parking. We are extremely happy over the change which is apparently taking place. We have noted many instances of real courtesy on the part of officers, and a general feeling of improvement is entering the minds of the public. We congratulate the Police Department on this attitude, and hope it will continue in increased measure.

Jersey is very popular this year among the ladies, especially if it is of pure wool and is finely woven. You just can't afford to be without a 100% wool Jersey sweater, of soft weave, at only \$3.95. Some have crew necks, and some have gauché collars. In Cambridge gray or a light tan, one of these sweaters will give you another stylish costume for almost nothing.

It says in the paper that Birmingham merchants are going to hold an Open House on December 5. That's a Monday, and the festivities will be in the evening. All stores will be open, but nothing will be sold. It will be a good chance for you to see just what merchandise will be available for your Christmas buying in your own town. Could be you can take in a fashion show, and get acquainted with some nice chaps—your local merchants. So, remember December 5.

Your Board of Education, for the next four weeks will hold open meetings in all of the schools. The school development program is mighty important to everyone in Birmingham. Every citizen should attend one of these meetings. You need to know exactly what is proposed, and to get the facts first hand. All of these meetings will be open for questions, and if you have something which is troubling you, come and ask a Board member for the answer. Consult the Eccentric for dates.

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