

Instead of promising that Communism is an idea, let us realize that it is nothing but a force, a power, used by ugly and wicked men to control others. Communism, as we see today, is the devil's tool to enslave all humanity.

## Birmingham's News Highlights During the Past Year

### Fire Department Acquires Second Pumper



The Birmingham fire department's second pumper arrived last February. The 1,000 gallon a minute pumper is shown above during tests at Quanton lake. As a result of acquiring this equipment, the city dropped from sixth class to fifth class for fire insurance rates.

(Continued from Page 1, Part 1) years. Miss Merzard died Jan. 6 in Mt. Carmel hospital, Detroit.

**Issue of January 19**  
I. MacAllister Booth and Helen L. Woolson have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the January graduating class of Baldwin high school. The mid-year class of 27 will hear Dr. John Everton of Kalamazoo college as the commencement speaker.

The Eccentric today begins its new series of on-the-spot interviews of European people by Robert Ball. Ball, who is traveling throughout Europe, is a native of Ontario. He will interview people of different occupations and professions for their reactions on the many problems which face the western continent today.

Paul N. Averill heads the new welfare group for Oakland county. The organization which will be concerned with family welfare, was formerly made up of the Family Service association of Oakland county and the Family Service Center in Pontiac.

E. M. Beresford, 55, of 885 Westwood, was seriously injured in a crash on Maple just west of Cranbrook road last Tuesday. Members of the Bloomfield Hills fire department have finished the reconstruction of their fire truck. Not satisfied with a two-wheel drive, the men tore the whole vehicle down and rebuilt it into a four-wheel drive truck to successfully combat the soft roads which often greet them on emergency runs.

**Issue of January 26**  
Coal dealers and local residents are anxiously watching fading coal piles. Dealers report they have stocks amounting to about one-third their normal supply, with a constant flow of orders being received. Both Parks and Cox, dealers, have put their customers on a ration-basis because of the coal strike.

Wilmer Edmund Moody, 44, former Birmingham mayor, Jan. 23 suffered a fatal heart attack at his home, 253 Chesterfield. Moody, a resident of this city since 1928, was elected to the commission in 1936, serving through 1948. He was mayor in 1945.

The Birmingham Eccentric was awarded the MPA certificate of excellence for papers in the 3,000 to 5,000 circulation class. The selection was made on the basis of general excellence by 367 Michigan newspaper representatives.

A through-the-snow fall the evening before just saved the Cub Scout winter carnival from disaster. The boys were pretty dismal over Birmingham's bare ground Friday but woke to find just the right amount for a very successful program the following day.

**Issue of February 2**  
Ellet Saarnin, noted Bloomfield Hills architect and designer of Cranbrook Institute, has been awarded the 1950 Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The fifth American to be so honored, he has been invited to come to London in April to receive his award in person.

Dr. William Wattenberg, associate professor of educational psychology at Wayne University, addressed more than 200 persons who attended the 11th annual Community Council Institute. He and several other experts in the field of mental health said Birmingham was above the average community level regarding mental health.

One Quonset hut remains in the Poppleton area, according to Edward Heronimus who stated that the majority of the families which had been living there had moved out of Birmingham. The huts have been sold and moved to different locations by the new owners.

The condition of H. Dean Yocum, local musician, who was badly injured when struck by a car last Saturday morning, remains critical. Yocum was taken to Pontiac General hospital suffering head injuries, a crushed hip and compound fractures of both legs.

**Issue of February 9**  
Mayor Donald S. Bell and Commissioner Theron Van Dusen announced they will not be candidates in the coming city election. Both have served as members of the city commission since April 1, 1947.

A grant of \$100,000 from the Kresge Foundation has been given the First Methodist church for its building fund, the Rev. Arnold F. Rankel revealed at regular services Sunday morning. The building committee will report at a special conference Wednesday.

Charles B. Kass was elected president of the Community House board at Monday's regular meeting. He has served on the board for some time and has been Roll Call chairman for the past two years.

The new uniform traffic ticket, which into use by the police department Feb. 1, is meeting with the approval of police and public alike. Drivers who receive tickets for violations are expressing themselves as much more pleased with the fairness of this over previous methods, police report.

A survey of the Birmingham coal dealers Tuesday revealed that there is enough coal here to last users another month. Both yards are low on types of coal which are in great demand, but can fill orders for users who are willing to take what they can get.

**Issue of February 16**  
Selection of the Forritt site on

Adams road for the proposed \$3,500,000 Oakland hospital was announced today by President E. Tomlinson. He said that after considerable study by the group, this site seemed to fill their needs far better than any other.

New kitchen equipment and repairs to the heating system are two of the larger items which will be included in the \$32,000 Community House Roll Call budget for 1950. Money raised during the drive, to begin March 17, will also be used for badly needed roof repairs.

Vincent Madison of Southfield, left last week for Korea on a leave of absence from Detroit Edison, to work with the ECA power division. Mrs. Madison and their four children expect to leave in a month or six weeks to join him in Seoul. City commissioners voted to limit the use of water for air conditioning and refrigeration units in Birmingham. The city has an ample supply of water for ordinary needs, but if used excessively in these two fields, will be short. City Manager Donald Egbert said a great percentage of water already was being used in this manner.

**Issue of February 23**  
"Phaenocarpa Poppe" is the name of a new insect found in Sodan Lake on the Gustavus D. Pope property in Bloomfield Hills. Dr. Clifford O. Berg, who found the new water insects, has named them after Pope. Specimens have been sent to the United States national museum.

Evening activities in local schools have been sharply curtailed by the lack of coal. A carload of coal is expected to arrive today from Toledo which will permit the schools to continue classes but will allow no surplus for PTA meetings, sports events, etc.

Thieves who stole a safe from the Standard Oil company's bulk station on Elton road Sunday. (Continued on Page 3, Part 3)

### A Guest Welcomed at the Police Department



Patrolman Lee White offers this visitor a peanut. The squirrel was a frequent visitor at various offices in the municipal building during the early part of the summer. To get attention, the tiny animal would tap at the windows in the building.

### Sewer Relief Provided for Eastside Homes



A sewer construction crew worked 50 feet under the Grand Trunk railway tracks last spring, putting in the new Webster relief sewer. By the installation of this sewer, homes in the eastern edge of the city were benefited.

### 28 Years Through Rain and Snow



After 28 years of carrying mail to homes in this area, Glenn H. Bingham, 911 Pierce, Bloomfield Hills rural mail carrier, retired June 1. He started his postal career in Birmingham in 1915 as a horse and buggy rural mail carrier.

### Ice Carnival Attracts 200 Contestants



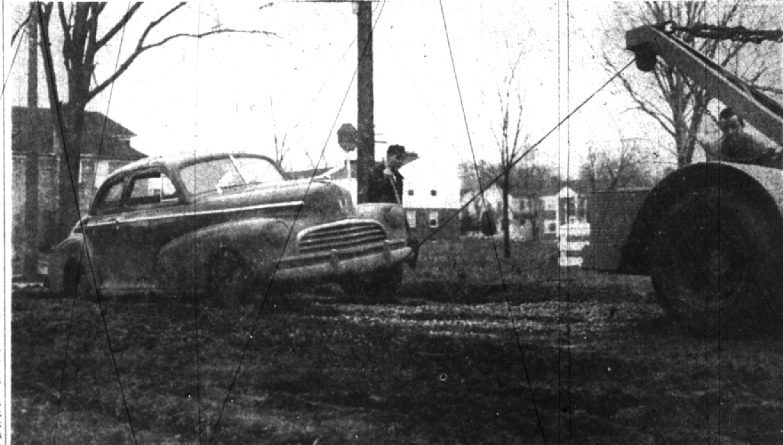
Ann Freemont edges out Madonna Springer to cop the intermediate girls' 330-yard race at the Ice carnival on Quanton lake last February. Approximately 200 boys and girls from this area competed for prizes in racing and figure skating events.

### Local Coal Supplies Low During Strike



Coal supplies were low at local yards last January during the nation-wide coal strike. Shown above are the nearly empty bins at the Parks Coal Co. Dealers reported they were getting only one-third of their normal supply. Continued cold weather made the conditions worse.

### Motorists Experienced Troubles on Muddy Roads



Tow trucks were kept busy last March as countless numbers of cars in this area became stuck in the mud. Tow driver Jim Rennell is shown above, pulling a driver from the mud at the corner of Bates and Lincoln. Some towing services reported receiving from 60 to 130 calls each day.