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day lost it while towing it to an unknown destination. The safe was found on the side of a road which it was being towed as the thieves attempted to turn from Eton to Maple and pass under the railroad viaduct.

William J. Pearce, 1255 Villa road, has retired after 40 years with Detroit Edison. With his fam-

ily, he will take to the open road in a new deluxe house trailer, heading first for Florida and later for western states. The family plans to keep Florida as its "home base."

Issue of March 2
Construction of a new \$250,000 Jacobson women's and children's wear store on West Maple awaits city commission approval of property rezoning. The store will be one of eight operated in Michigan, according to the firm's architect.

A. A. O. Schmidt, who said work would be started as soon as commissioners gave the signal. Baldwin high school swimmers successfully defended their Eastern Michigan league title by nosing out Mt. Clemens, 65-58. The meet was Birmingham lake seven of the nine first place chances and four second place. The meet, scheduled for the Ferradae pool, was held here due to the coal shortage at Lincoln high school.

The J. C. Nielson company of Royal Oak was given the contract for the new Torrey school at a cost of \$205,209, and \$50,000 for the Walnut Lake school. In addition, construction is expected to start at once with both buildings ready for use next fall.

Members of the Methodist congregation will vote Sunday on whether they will remain in their present location at West Maple and Henrietta or construct a new church on West Maple and Pleasant. The Rev. Arnold Runkel said construction would start soon should the congregation approve the new site.

Thomas F. Neal, Chad M. Ritchie, Donald Parry and Dean G. Beier have filed petitions for election to the city commission. Two vacancies, those of Theron Van Dusen and Mayor Donald S. Bell, are to be filled.

Issue of March 9
Donald H. Eberhart, 37, of 1356 South Dixie, was killed March 7 when a plane carrying 15 passengers crashed near Minneapolis. Mr. Eberhart was an industrial engineer for the parts and accessories division of the Ford Motor company in Highland Park.

The First Methodist church congregation voted to purchase a new site for their church and instructed church officials to proceed with the \$50,000 building program. The vote of 231 to 34 launched the program which will be reached to completion as quickly as possible.

The Birmingham Community House and public schools will again return to full-time operation Monday night. All activities have been curtailed during the past few weeks due to lack of coal. With an ample supply now on hand all will get back into full swing at the beginning of the week.

In Birmingham our spring robin has done things in a big way—he brought three friends with him. A reader on 14 Mile phoned Monday to tell us that four nice, fat, fat-cheery robins were in her yard and apparently having a wonderful time.

Issue of March 16
Edward Orson Hascall, Jr., 755 Ridgedale, has been named one of the 85 outstanding graduate students selected from 29 countries to receive the Rotary Foundation fellowship program study in 1950-51. Hascall was sponsored for his fellowship by the Birmingham Rotary club and has elected to study at Bonn university.

Four solicitors will take the field March 17 as the annual Community House Roll Call gets underway. The group meets tonight to hear an address by Walter C. Laidlaw, vice-president and chairman of the state United Foundation, speak on "The Community House and the Community House."

Edwin Gage, 345 Berwyn, has been named chairman of the group which will study the 1950 tax roll. Local businessmen have become alarmed at what they consider "an unprecedented boost" in tax assessments here.

Police are investigating the theft of \$100 from the First Presbyterian church sometime Sunday night. It is believed by police that the robbery was committed by someone who had concealed himself in the church during or immediately after the evening service.

Issue of March 23
Blair Moody, ace Washington correspondent for the Detroit News, told the League of Women Voters Monday that Russia is seeking to end American freedom. He said, "The only way to stop this action is to stamp out every hint of Communism in this country."

A coroner's inquest into the gas explosion which took five lives and left one woman seriously injured last December 11, will begin at the county court house in Pontiac this morning. County Prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood has prepared a list of 23 witnesses who will start their testimony today.

\$100 starting salary boost was approved by the board of education Tuesday evening. Effective next year, starting teachers will receive \$2,700.

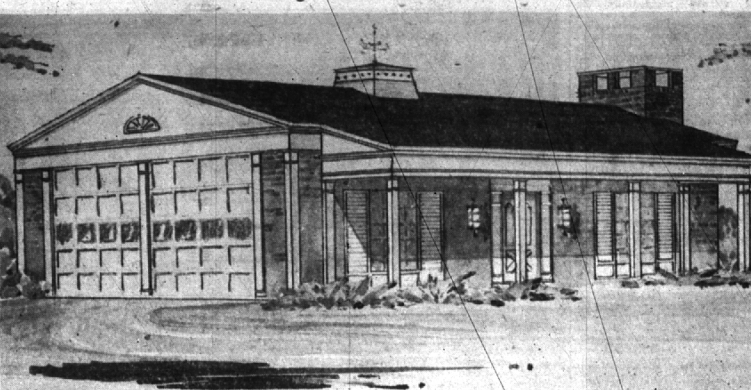
Negotiations for the acquisition of right-of-way for the opening of 16 Mile road from Adams to Woodward are proceeding favorably. Lep Brooks, Oakland county road commissioner, reported to The Birmingham Eccentric this week. A more detailed report is expected to be available soon.

City commissioners have approved the rezoning of the northwest corner of Maple and Bates to permit the construction of the Jacobson department store. According to a company spokesman, the store will be started at once.

Issue of March 30
From all over the entire area garages are getting a flood of tow car calls as motorists get stuck in the mud. Operators claim it is the busiest season they have ever experienced. Street and road crews are constantly on the jump filling mud holes, only to have the "fill" vanish in a few hours. "A big freeze" is said to be the only solution at the moment.

Nine-year-old John Falberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Falberg of Beverly Hills, had a narrow escape from death Thursday when he fell into an open pit near his home. Two schoolmates who were walking with him ran to nearby homes to summon help and went to the aid of their playmate. Bloomfield Hills police report the unwarranted destruction of windows at Vaughan school over the weekend. There were 118 panes broken, they said, apparently without reason other

Bloomfield Village to Have New \$15,000 Fire Hall



On June 12, the Bloomfield township board approved plans for the sale of special assessment bonds to pay for the new \$15,000 Bloomfield Village fire hall. This 28 by 34 foot colonial structure building was designed by Gardner Vose. It is located on Bradway boulevard, southeast of the Bloomfield Village school and will be officially dedicated Dec. 30.

Last of Poppleton Park Quonset Huts



After housing veterans' families for three years, empty quonset huts in the Poppleton area awaited their final removal last February. The huts were sold, some to private individuals and others to business firms.

than the questionable fun of destroying property. Local housewives will soon be called upon to remember family statistics as census enumerators begin their canvass April 1. After hearing testimony for six hours, and deliberating for two more hours, a jury reported a verdict of "no negligence" in the gas blast which took five lives here last December 11. Their examination of the broken gas pipe, they said, showed it had become defective through external, not internal, pressure.

Issue of April 6
Dean G. Beier and Chad M. Ritchie were elected to the city commission at the Birmingham election. The successful candidates will fill the vacancies of Donald S. Bell, former mayor, and Theron Van Dusen, both of whom declined to run for re-election.

Robert Desnoyers, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Desnoyers of Southfield, died in Mt. Carmel hospital Tuesday shortly after being struck by a car at the corner of Telegraph and 10 1/2 Mile roads. The boy was hit as he alighted from a second auto and walked into the path of a south-bound

vehicle. Fire Chief V. F. Griffith reminds residents of fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 for starting an open fire which endangers life and property. The statement came last week after the department responded to two

calls when grass fires went out of control. William McCallum, 81, founder of the suburban bus line, died at his home at 943 East Maple Friday after a month's illness. Mr. McCallum put his idea for a bus line from Birmingham to Detroit

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the John J. Gaffill home on Hilltop Lane last week, filling the living room fireplace with soot, feathers and foul smacks.

Building permits for the month of March seemed past the one million dollar mark once more. A large share of this will be spent on the construction of 62 single residence dwellings with \$130,000 earmarked for a 28-family terrace.

The Briggs Commercial and Development company said construction will start next week to complete the second floor interior of the Briggs building at the corner of Woodward and East Maple. When completed, the building will provide space for about 30 new offices.

City Commissioner Bruce G. Booth was elected Mayor of Birmingham at the reorganizational meeting of the commission. Booth, with the two newly elected commissioners, were sworn into office by City Clerk Irene Hanley.

Issue of April 20
Dr. Lloyd Kemp, city health officer, this week warned parents not to let their children play in the waters of the River Rouge or Quanton Lake. "The waters are polluted," Kemp said, "and are neither safe for children's play nor for drinking."

Bob Fauteck, Springdale Park manager, said the park will be open soon. The picnic area tennis court and golf course are being prepared for the summer season and will soon be in first class shape, ready for use. Park officials are planning a new well there.

To avoid confusion, Brookwood court and Brookwood lane were re-named by city commissioners Monday evening. They will henceforth be known simply as "Brookwood." The simplification was requested by residents who reported considerable inconvenience, especially with mail delivery.

Acting Postmaster Bernard (Continued on Next Page)

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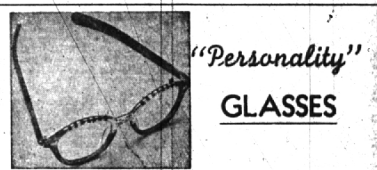
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