



Chuck Baker (11), Birmingham halfback, tries to keep his feet in the heavy 3-inch snowfall which featured the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between Birmingham and Royal Oak. The "Little Brown Jug" went back to Royal Oak, which won the game, 19 to 0.

News Highlights

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soner of the U. S. zone state of Bavaria.

The \$82,250.00 quota which was accepted by the Birmingham-Bloomfield division of the United Foundation Torch Fund Drive appears to be nearing the goal line, according to Henry J. Whiting, chairman.

Harris O. Machus yesterday revealed that his resignation as a member of the city plan commission.

was on its way to the city commission.

The Birmingham Board of Education's proposed \$3,100,000 school district building expansion program was approved at the special school election Monday by slightly under a 4 to 1 margin. Unofficial totals showed the general millage proposition passed 1,677 for to 438 against. The proposition to issue bonds to pay for the program was endorsed, 1,587 to 407.

City commissioners Monday evening hardly gave Samuel J. Levine, district highway engineer

for the state, time to explain the state's final proposal for the installation of the new US-10 traffic signal system before they moved to accept the proposition.

A nine-man committee was appointed Monday night by Mayor Donald S. Bell to study the city's present building code, and recommend necessary changes that will bring it up to date.

Issue of Nov. 17

Officers elected recently by the Birmingham Kiwanis club will be installed at a ceremony scheduled to be held in January. Paul A. Stocker will be installed as president for the coming year. James Sterling will serve as first vice-president, Kenneth Hoover, second vice-president; Robert Jones, treasurer and William Thorburn, secretary.

With \$108,297.89 already in the local United Foundation office and \$82,500.00 for the Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills division is \$25,897.89 over quota. This is the final report of Henry

J. Whiting, local campaign chairman.

Birmingham residents, following the custom of many years, will gather Thursday morning, Nov. 24 for special services of Thanksgiving. The services, this year, will be held at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church.

The Public Service Commission has approved an application of the Michigan Bell Telephone company eliminating overtime charges on all one-unit interzone messages in the Detroit district exchange, effective this Saturday.

The Bloomfield Hills city commission, at their last meeting, adopted the uniform traffic tickets for that area.

Birmingham police are investigating the day-thrift of more than \$1,000 worth of sample women's clothing taken Monday afternoon from the car of Irving Jaffey.

Every Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. in the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church, the Birmingham YMCA conducts a sing song, movie program, group games and craft hour for third grade boys.

Three separate discussion groups of the League of Women Voters met Monday to air their views and learn others' on the problems of the Michigan tax system and of the deficit which many state officials predict Michigan and its every citizen will face at the end of the present fiscal year.

Charles R. Miller, governor of the 22nd Rotary district, met with Birmingham Rotary club officers and committee chairman Monday morning to discuss the club's various service activities.

Issue of Nov. 23

In the fifty-second renewal of a traditional rivalry, Birmingham's football team will meet Royal Oak on the latter's Memorial field Woodward and 13 Mile at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The game will mark the silver anniversary of the jug trophy first presented in 1924 and now in Birmingham's possession.

Downtown Birmingham began to take on the Yuletide appearance Sunday as members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce started putting up their annual decorations. It will be about two weeks before the task is completed.

Nine Southern Oakland county communities, including Birmingham, are going to see if economies can be obtained from a cooperative attempt to collect garbage and rubbish. Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved a \$317.08 appropriation as the city's share in the cost of hiring a competent Detroit firm to undertake the investigation.

The Longacre telephone exchange will be renamed Mayfair-6 on Dec. 4 as the first step in bringing direct, dial service to Pontiac. Walter B. Fausser, manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, has announced.

Harsha Huthuesing, 14, and his brother Agit Huthuesing, 13, of Bombay, India, were enrolled Friday at Cranbrook school. The boys are the sons of Raj Huthuesing and Krishna Nehru Huthuesing, both leaders of Indian thought in their own country and at present in the United States on a lecture tour. The parents spoke in Detroit recently.

Breezeways of more than 10

feet in length may now be constructed in Birmingham to connect garages to residences. The city commission Monday night amended the city zoning ordinance to this effect.

Things were pretty busy Saturday morning as the Cub Scouts of Adams school and their dads loaded 22 tons of waste paper the boys had collected during the past two weeks.

Issue of Dec. 1

The headquarters office of the Fort Industry company, the country's largest independent radio and television station operator, will be moved to Birmingham and officially opened here on Monday, Dec. 5.

Playing under the worst weather conditions ever to prevail during a game in this long series, Birmingham lost the annual Turkey Day clash with Royal Oak 19-0 before 6,000 snow-covered

Over the Top!



Birmingham's first Explorer Scout troop was organized in November. Alva Richardson (second from right), president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Metropolitan Club, presents Post Advisor George Scott (left) with a \$200 check for troop equipment. Ernest Kurth (second from left), and Eugene Beers, assistant post advisor, look on.

fans in the first Jug game ever to be played in Royal Oak's new Memorial Field.

Creation of a "Friends of the Baldwin Public Library" was started here last week when 40 local and nearby men and women met at the Baldwin Library and agreed to sponsor the plan.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported on the prospects of an additional water supply at the commission meeting Monday evening. He pointed out that at the city's present rate of growth, the present water system's potential has been considerably shortened.

A new Birmingham telephone directory—of record size—now being mailed to this community will be delivered to the homes and offices of subscribers by the end of this week. Walter B. Fausser, manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

"Merry Christmas" will be said this year in Birmingham with light. Announcement was made today of a district-wide outdoor home lighting contest to be sponsored by the Birmingham Kiwanis club and the Detroit Edison Company with prizes to be offered for the most beautiful Christmas home lighting, the most unusual and the most attractive entrance-way.

The 1950 auto plates go on sale today at the office of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, 350 E. Maple, stated Charles Morensen, secretary. Silver work with black letters, passenger plates will be in the "ES" series.

Issue of Dec. 8

Richard Patterson, 1622 Bates, will head the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce for 1950. He succeeds Dr. Robert J. Mason, Assisting Patterson next year in supervising chamber activities will be Ralph A. Wilson, 19370 Riverside, as vice-president; Warren Sumner, secretary and Merrill C. Adams, re-elected treasurer.

Birmingham wells have reached the point where they cannot supply much more than 600,000,000 gallons of water per year without beginning to deplete the city's underground water source. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said Tuesday afternoon.

The already existing South Oakland county hospital authority will disband and will turn over all assets to the proposed Oakland County hospital if the latter will locate in southern Oakland

County. This decision was reached last Thursday evening at a SIOC board meeting and confirmed an offer made earlier by the board chairman, H. Lloyd Clawson, to the Oakland hospital.

The General Electric company Sunday disclosed an x-ray microscope which it says can show the inside of things through which light cannot pass. It can reveal the inside of a piece of candy—or a block of steel. Charles-Martin Lucht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucht of Lathrup is credited with much of the work which has gone into the development of this miracle instrument.

Local residents are again reminded of the special Christmas hours that are being maintained at the Birmingham post office. Starting Friday, all windows will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. On Sunday, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, the hours will be from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Edward O. Hageall, Jr., 755 Ridgedale, has been nominated by

the Birmingham Rotary Club as a candidate for one of the Rotary International foundation scholarships. It was revealed Monday noon by Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart, retired, chairman of the club's international committee.

Troy township voters Monday night rejected the proposal to appropriate \$7,500 of the surplus of the township's general fund to acquire and equip a townsite park.

Issue of Dec. 15

Three men and two women were burned to death and four people injured in Birmingham's worst fire Sunday night, when a gas explosion occurred at the Mother and Son Antique Shop, 720 N. Woodward avenue.

Mayor Donald S. Bell has written the Michigan Public Service Commission asking them to make an investigation of the Sunday evening explosion and fire which claimed five lives.

The new 14 Mile-Woodward (Continued on Page 6)

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Co-chairman of the local United Foundation's Torch Drive, William H. Brech (atop the aerial ladder) paints in the final standing on the "thermometer" which kept the public informed on the drive's progress. The local quota was \$82,500; the drive here netted \$108,397.

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