

"Let not your heart be troubled... is a statement behind which it infuses support to them that understand what Jesus meant. There is so much of this support available, without a tax tag on it, too."

## Oldest Resident Of Big Beaver, 92, Dies After Long Illness

Big Beaver's oldest resident, Thomas Maddock, died at his home last Friday after a long illness. He was 92.

Mr. Maddock came to Detroit in the 1900's and worked as a bricklayer in this area until he retired.

He was a member of the Brick-

layers' and Masons' union, No. 2 of Detroit and the Foresters of American, Grand Branch of Michigan.

**SURVIVORS INCLUDE** his wife, Catherine, four children, Floyd F. and George of Detroit, Mrs. Charlotte Miller of Big Beaver and Mrs. Vera Polozola of Miami, Fla.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Bell Funeral Home.

## Bits of Birmingham

As long as the city plans quite a sidewalk repair program this fall, it might be wise to repair the sidewalks and curbs just outside the Municipal building, believes City Commissioner Chad H. Ritchie.

"At the Henrietta-Martin and Pierce-Martin corners, the walls and curbs are all shot. Maybe the city would do well to include these spots in the next repair program," Ritchie suggests.

"I can remember when Birmingham, still a village, really displayed its patriotism to the Fourth of July with good old American flag hanging from nearly every home," recalled an old-time local resident yesterday. "But with the growth of the community, plus the universal tendency of our people toward more current material interests, we've sort of forgotten what this day means. That is too bad. Perhaps it is just a part of the reasons why the United States is no longer the land of the free and the home of the brave."

This Wanderer was pleasantly surprised this week when passing the vacant lot at the corner of Bates and Merrill at the rear of the Community house. For years this property has been left unattended and as a result, weeds have grown freely. This summer, the two Community house custodians, Louis Couniff and Carl

Charriester, completely cleaned up the lot. The grass is now regularly cut and a rock garden has been put in. Drop by and see it—it certainly sets an example for owners of other vacant properties.

This Wanderer was called the other day by a local mother who asked: "Why doesn't the city see that the small trees and bushes at certain street intersections are cut so that motorists may see if there is any cross traffic approaching?" Most of this situation is on vacant lots, yet some of it could be taken care of by property owners themselves.

The birds and the beasts are at it again. Over on Lakewood a resident is having cat and bird trouble but not in the usual sense. His problems became news when he noticed the stray cat was busy eating the seeds and food put out for the birds. To add to the confusion, the dog warden was called to remove the cat.

Acting Postmaster Bernard Fowler has announced the arrival here of three new stamps which are of interest to collectors. The current issues are the National Capitol sesquicentennial, 1800-1950; the Kansas City, Mo., centennial, 1850-1950, and the Boy Scout commemorative.

Fred M. Alger, Jr., Michigan's secretary of state who is now campaigning for the GOP nomination as governor, served for more than four years in the Navy dur-

## General Counsel



JAMES M. SMITH

General attorney James M. Smith has been promoted to general counsel of the Michigan Bell Telephone company. President John A. Greene announced Monday.

Smith, who is building a home in Birmingham, succeeds the late Karl F. Oehler, who died June 11.

The new counsel joined the Michigan Bell legal staff in 1940. A law graduate of Cornell university in 1934, Smith is also on the faculty of Detroit College of Law.

ing the war. He is now in the Naval Reserve and admits he doesn't like to think about the Korean situation and the possibility of being called to active duty again. "But there's one happy note in it, and that is that this guy Soapy Williams will have to go, too," he laughingly told Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday noon luncheon.

Shoppers in the downtown area turned their eyes upwards Saturday morning as seven sky writing planes passed directly over Woodward avenue in precision formation. It was one of the cleverest sky writing performances this Wanderer has seen.

The Birmingham board of education has approved the broadcasting of all home and away high school football games this fall over WEXL, Royal Oak. Name of the sponsor or sponsors have not been released. Arrangements for the broadcasts are being handled by Stanley Boynton, Jr. and Marjory Smith.

## Scouts Honored At Final Court

Fifteen boy scouts of Troop B-4 were awarded advancement and merit badges at the final court of honor for the summer at Adams school.

District Commissioner James Buchanan gave a talk on scouting and awarded the merit badges. Retiring Troop Chairman James Cox and retiring Scoutmaster Charles Dean also gave short addresses.

Robert Silbar will take over as troop chairman for the coming year and Harold De Orlow will become new scoutmaster.

Scouts, parents and a delegation from the Birmingham Lions club, the sponsoring group, attended the ceremony.

**THE FOLLOWING** scouts were commended for advancement: Tom Unger, Frank Mabley, John Sherriff, Richard Gillis, Peter Hubert, Richard Lee, Gordon Provan, Roy Stammer, Charles Godau, Richard Silbar and John Hubert.

Merit badges were awarded to: Charles Burnham, Payson Chapman, Andy Dennison, Peter Guck, John Hubert, Richard Silbar, Roy Stammer and Gordon Provan.

## Birmingham Officer Goes to FBI School In Washington, D. C.

Officer Merlin L. Holmquist of the Birmingham police department left Friday afternoon for Washington, D.C. where he will attend the FBI national academy.

Men in the academy receive intensive training in several phases of police work, including crime prevention, identification and laboratory work.

Holmquist has been a member of the local police force since 1943 and has an excellent record in the department, according to Chief Ralph W. Moxley, himself one of the academy's graduates.

Although his application for the training was approved by the FBI two years ago, demand on the academy's program has forced Holmquist to wait until this session for active enrollment.

Training sessions began Monday and will continue for 12 weeks.

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## Couple To Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary July 19

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacLean, 1407 Webster, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house for their friends and relatives at their home Wednesday, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLean, who have four boys and one girl, have lived in Birmingham for the past 12 years.

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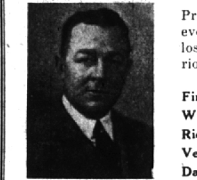
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## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

As of June 30, 1950

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$2,526,291.66
Loans on Savings accounts	70,728.98
Properties sold on Contract	\$2,583.48
Investments and Securities	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	\$ 75,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds	528,207.04
Cash on hand and in Banks	324,952.03
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	76,586.67
Deferred charges and other assets	18,714.86
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,691,064.72</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$3,331,686.83
Loans in Process	175,271.00
Other Liabilities	2,502.02
Specific Reserves	2,283.45
General Reserves	\$152,321.42
Surplus	27,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,691,064.72</b>

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County of Oakland ss

I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER L. MORELAND, President  
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