

# Stores Ready For City's Second Annual 'Christmas Preview'

Second annual "Christmas Preview" sponsored by the business committee of the chamber of commerce, will be held Monday evening, Dec. 4 from 7 to 10 o'clock as practically all local stores hold open house to exhibit their merchandise.

Members of the committee in charge stressed that the purpose of the "open house" is not to sell merchandise that evening, but to let the people know what the local stores will be offering during the Christmas season. In fact, at most stores nothing will be sold.

MANY BUSINESS places are planning special displays, demonstrations and exhibits. Several will serve free refreshments.

In addition, Christmas displays will be in most store windows.

The kiddies won't be neglected either, as toys will be prominently featured in several places.

Charles Mortensen, manager of the local chamber of commerce, said that last year when the Preview was held for the first time, from 8,000 to 10,000 persons visited stores in the Birmingham business area.

Appropriate Yuletide atmosphere will be supplied during the evening, as the chimes of the Birmingham Methodist church will be heard. Local auto dealers have promised to supply "courtesy cars" which will take those without transportation to the various business places.

SEARCHLIGHTS will be placed at four corners of the business section; on Woodward near Lincoln, Hunter and Maple, Woodward near Hamilton, and Bates and Maple.

In addition to advertisements announcing the "open house" in several metropolitan and suburban newspapers, 20,000 invitations have been printed and will be distributed by merchants this week.

Following last year's "Christmas Preview" merchants and shoppers alike were enthusiastic in praise for the idea. People could take their time viewing merchandise and were able to get an early idea concerning Christmas gifts.

Merchants reported that many customers flocked to their stores the next day to purchase items they saw the evening before.

THE DOWNTOWN AREA also will be decorated with colorful lights, laurels and plywood Christmas trees. As in past years, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is working on this project.

Jim Cole, president of the group, said the work should be completed this week. Streets decorated are Maple from Hunter to Bates and Woodward from Lincoln to Willis.

Mortensen said that the success of the occasion depends upon the cooperation of both the merchant and the public. He added that so far, local business men have cooperated 100% with the idea.

Perhaps the best inheritance for youth is to become enthusiastic about the application of idealism to actual living. Success tends to break down idealism, it is true; but happier in the end is he who reserves some material for his ideal.

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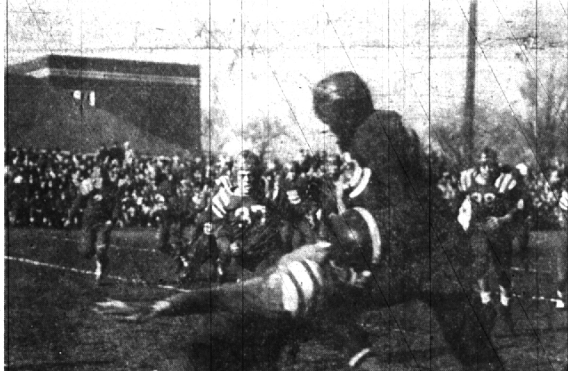
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## Birmingham Eccentric

### Hard, Determined Play Features Birmingham Victory



TOM TRACY RIPS OFF SIZABLE GAIN Maple junior was consistent ground gainer during game



MAPLE END ART FAIRBANKS STOPPED ON ROYAL OAK 40

His drive was typical of entire Birmingham team play (Joe Wheeler Photos)

### Local Youth Saves Classmate In Fire at Parkville, Mo.

A Birmingham youth stepped into the role of hero at a fire in Parkville, Mo., on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Frederick Spademan, a member of the volunteer fire department of Park college where he is a sophomore, was cited by his school and newspapers of the area for saving the life of a classmate during the fire in a chicken hatchery.

The young man told his parents,

"THE PLACE was filled with smoke," he told his mother. "I guess the insulation was burning, anyway it was pretty thick. Nobody else wanted to go in, so I did."

He rescued his parents but he ran a rusty nail into his foot while fighting another fire the previous week.

### Letters To Santa

from Birmingham school children start this week. Others will appear in subsequent issues. You will find them

Notices for county and school taxes are being mailed to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents this week.

The Birmingham notices will be sent out Friday, Dec. 1 and are due by Jan. 10.

Bloomfield Hills tax notices will be mailed Thursday, Nov. 30 and payable without penalty before March 1, according to City Clerk Robert Stadler.

### Rescues Sister, 3, From Water-Filled, Unguarded Cellar

Only the calm courage and quick thinking of two young boys averted a tragedy when a three-year-old girl fell into a water-filled, unguarded excavation in Southfield township late Monday afternoon, Nov. 16.

Little Missie Trowbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richards Trowbridge of Marywerthe avenue, was plunged into seven feet of icy water when the embankment of an abandoned basement at 13 Mile and Pierce gave way beneath her.

As the little girl floated to the surface, buoyed up by her filled woolen snow suit, her brother Kent, 10, jumped into the water after her.

He managed to grab her and take her to the bank but was unable to crawl out.

Arnold Issette, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Issette, 16232 Elmwood, who was accompanying Elizabeth, who was accompanying the other two, on a walk after school, pulled them to safety.

ARNOLD RAN to the street and tried to stop a passing truck. The driver either did not see the boy or thought he was fooling and went on his way.

He then went back to the excavation where he heaved his toes down into the muddy bank and was finally able to pull his chum to safety.

Both statements were made to check frequent comments that the program was being so arranged that it would discourage the audience.

"THIS IS CERTAINLY not the case," he declared. "It is the desire of the city commission that all possible aspects of off-street parking be fully explored before the voters are called upon to approve or disapprove a plan at the election next April."

He said his previous request for questions to be written and for people to ask for time for their remarks was merely to aid in arranging the program.

He repeated his appeal that if people have a question or know the city manager or the city clerk.

"If we know what the questions are, we will be more able to obtain the facts for better presentation at the meeting," the mayor explained.

HE SAID CITY plan commission representatives will be present to answer questions from the floor.

Plan Commissioner A. B. Forster also a member of the original off-street parking committee which compiled the report, will be at the meeting, Both said.

The proposed plan is a slight revision of that submitted for the first time almost a year and a half ago.

Plan commissioners have recommended either a general obligation or a revenue bond issue of over \$300,000, plus a \$300,000 special assessment against benefited business property, as the two best methods of financing the parking plan.

First public meeting to discuss the problem was held Oct. 29 at the Community House, and was attended by about 200 persons.

Both indicated a third meeting would be held if time does not permit questions and comments from the floor Dec. 7.

### Lights For City's Ice Skating Rinks Considered by City

The new city parks at St. James, East and Harmon are under way in preparation for the coming ice skating season, but now the city committee is considering what to do about lighting.

City commissioners discussed the use of street lighting for the evening and the question of lighting was brought up. City Manager Donald G. Grier suggested that if Quorton lake is not used for skating this year, lights there could be transferred to St. James.

Both Mayor Bruce Booth and Commissioner Chad Hinton gave their opinion that Quorton lake should be abandoned for skating.

Rickle said there would be "ice gray hair for lots of mothers" if Quorton lake was not used.

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### THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

"All's Fair In Love and Politics"

An interesting possible projection of Michigan's gubernatorial mix-up is being discussed in certain Republican circles. It goes like this: assuming Gov. Williams is not certified by Jan. 1, 1951, the Republican dominated Legislature will elect C. Vandenberg, the successful Republican Lieut. Governor will become acting Governor. The twenty appointments Williams has made to various State boards and commissions have not been approved by the State Senate.

Therefore, Lieut. Vandenberg, with the advice of Republican leaders, make twenty appointments of his own choice to those positions and when the Republican dominated Senate approves them, the belief is that Republicans will take over all those jobs.

Even though, a bit later Williams actually is certified as Governor by the State Board of Censors, the Vandenberg appointments are to hold.

That's what the current Republican discussions are considering—but, of course, if such a thing should happen, the courts would finally get into the problem. (All's fair in love and politics, you must remember.)

A St. Louis society matron was a divorcée when her husband when she revealed that he made her over the breakfast table. Her husband and dinner dishes also could be washed in it. Too bad the lady didn't use the water then to wash her husband's white shirts in the morning.

In his Thanksgiving Day proclamation President Truman asked his countrymen to be tolerant, lovable, and full of thanks. That's a nice program for every human being—and a consistent example of it on the part of the chief occupant of the White House would help a lot to put it over.

Now that Thanksgiving Day is past for 1950, the surviving turkeys can get back to their respective farmyards and strut for another year. In the meantime, let us give thanks for the good dinners prepared by our own wives.

Again it has been proved that gambling in big cities can only exist when tolerated by politicians. Too, when so tolerated is it unfair to believe that those politicians are on the racket. (Most big cities produce bad government—not just one of many reasons small towns are nicer.)

It is quite evident that the chief objections to certain provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law are some union leaders. Why? Well, human nature being what it is, these union bosses want complete domination of the workers who pay dues to keep the bosses on the job.

With the inevitable legislative power given them, they merely seek and more and more become big little tyrants. Little realizing that too much power eventually results in dictatorship, and that democracy cannot embrace such conditions and live.

When two Long Island passenger trains crashed last week, kill- (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

### Alert Maple Squad Defeats Royal Oak To Cop Brown Jug

By BILL AIKENS

GOT that jug? Wallowing and squirming through a slippery and sticky mud, the Birmingham Maples ran, smashed and passed to a satisfying 13-6 victory over Royal Oak in the annual Turkey day classic at Pierce field Thanksgiving morning.

The Maple win marks the return of "the little brown jug" to the Birmingham trophy case for his second time since 1947. The only other victory over the Acorns in the past seven years was a 12-0 shutout registered by another Sectionite-coached team in 1948.

AN OUTSTANDING performance was turned in by the smallest man on either squad, slight 130-pound right halfback Don Halpin, Maple surprise package who scored both touchdowns for the locals. One was on a nine-yard end run and the other on a juggler's catch of a 25-yard pass in the end zone.

In the opening quarter, on fourth down after the Royal Oak kickoff, the Maples, held three yards short of a first down on their own. A completed pass from half Tom Tracy, back for the kick, fumbled the slippery ball on the way to the end zone. Tracy was forced to get up to recover, and made a thrilling 26-yard run around left to set the Maples in scoring position.

On second down on the Acorns' nine-yard stripe, Halpin's end run would be leading and right across to pay dirt for the initial tally of the game. Tracy's kick for conversion was blocked.

EARLY IN the second stanza, the Maples opened a concerted drive deep into Royal Oak territory. A completed pass from Tracy to receiver Art Fairbanks was good for 25 yards and brought the ball to within 15 yards of the Royal Oak goal line.

On first down, Tracy again fumbled to pass. Finding Fairbanks covered, he whirled and rifled a long one to Halpin, who made a spectacular circus catch in the end zone. This time Tracy's boot for conversion was good and the Maples were out in front, 13-0.

In the waning seconds of the first half Tracy again broke loose on a fake pass and went all the way around right end for what looked like a 33-yard touchdown run, but the score was nullified by a clipping penalty called on Birmingham.

Midway in the third quarter, the Royal Oak line gave a best exhibition of the day when it combined to stop a Maple drive less than a foot from the goal line.

THE ACORNS' SCORING opportunity came in the final quarter when a Birmingham fumble was recovered by Royal Oak on the Maple 25-yard line. After picking up one of the Oaks' three first downs of the game, halfback Ken Gmelin broke loose around end and dashed 14 yards for the score.

The attempt of guard Ed Collins to kick the point was blocked by John Schoenfeld, hard-charging Maple gunner and the game's scoring was completed.

The Maples caught fire the first half and turned in one of their finest performances of the season, both offensively and defensively. They were held to one yard and only once under their own power and did not make a single first down.

The alert and savage Maple line turned back every threat, with Don Davis, end; John Burton and John Donnelly, guards and Jerry Tewilliger, tackle, doing an especially capable job.

In the second half the Maples eased up somewhat, but Royal Oak still was unable to penetrate deep into local territory, making it only three times and one of those on a Maple fumble on second down after receiving an Acorn punt.

PLAYING THEIR last game for Birmingham were 15 starters. Besides Captain Gordon Sherrill, they are George Bosworth, John Burton, Don Davis, John Donnelly, Art Fairbanks, Glenn Hogue, Don Halpin, Herbert Hopkins, Bud Krutz, Roger Runnel, Warren Colver and Jerry Tewilliger. Coach Chuck Tyson, and Chuck Wood.

The game was very ably handled by the officials, and they did a competent job despite the unfavorable ground conditions which made the field very slippery and a constant changing of balls essential.

He told the officers that the men who drive fast limiters and in what he thought was a 1937 Buick.

### Bloomfield School Board Grants Wage Boost to Employees

A "cost of living" increase of \$12.5 each was granted to Bloomfield Hills school employees by the board of education last week, according to Superintendent John Jacobs.

The salary boost will be paid in two installments, one in September and June and will add \$3500 to the school payroll.

Board members cited recent increases in living costs and similar raises for school employees in neighboring districts as reasons for the affected are 23 teachers, two clerks and three maintenance men.

### Suspects Flee As Watchman Phones Alarm to Police

What may have been an attempt to rob the newly opened Jacobson store on West Maple was halted Nov. 21 by the quick thinking of the watchman, Quincy Stewart, 20, of Pontiac.

Stewart told police that shortly after 4 o'clock last evening, three young men approached the front door and motioned for him to come to the rear of the building.

Noticing that one of the four was carrying a shotgun, Stewart ran to the rear of the building and notified police.

INTEREST! Yes, that's what Eccentric Train Ad has. Reader, interest. Try one yourself! Sell—Buy Rent—Trade PHONE MI 4-1100 Ask for the Want Ad desk

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