



C. F. SMITH'S "Golden Anniversary" supermarket on Hunter boulevard at Hazel opened for business March 20. The modernistic market is the largest of the chain's 300 stores in the metropolitan area.

in bonds to improve West Maple between Chester and Linden; (4) Decide on three amendments to the state constitution; (5) Vote for two regents of the University of Michigan, a state superintendent of public instruction, a member of the state board of education, two members of the state board of agriculture, and two members of the state board of justice; (6) Two members of the Birmingham library board, one justice of the peace, one associate justice, and one constable.

Lloyd A. Cooper, Birmingham high school basketball and track coach since 1943, has not been issued a contract for the 1951-52 school year by the board of education. Last week, when other instructors in the local school system were sent contracts, Cooper did not receive one.

The 1951 Birmingham tax assessment roll shows an increase of \$4,899,300 a real and personal property over 1950 figures, most of it due to new buildings. Current total is \$35,303,320 compared to \$30,604,020 for the previous year.

A blaze of undetermined origin gutted the kitchen of the Fox and Hounds Inn, Bloomfield Hills last Thursday afternoon.

A \$200,000 bid set against Southfield township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams and Mrs. Betty Lewis and Mrs. Marion White, editors and publishers of the Four Corners Press was filed in Circuit Court Tuesday by Southfield Supervisor Dudley P. Frame.

Issue of March 22
The city commission will request the plan commission not to take any action on approving the master plan until a joint meeting between the two groups can be held. Mayor Bruce Booth proposed this action Monday evening at the city commission meeting.

A total of 16 violations by trucks of the city's new weight control ordinance were recorded between March 13 and 16, according to City Engineer L. R. Gare. One violation was a 13,400-pound overload on concrete pavement.

Birmingham's Little League baseball setup is coming closer to reality. Monday evening four managers, an umpire in chief, and a players agent were selected. In addition, the first date for practice sessions was set for May 5 at Pierce field.

Issue of March 29
In addition to the four city commission vacancies to be filled from among the 10 candidates, Birmingham voters next Monday will be asked to (1) Approve one city charter change; (2) Endorse the sale of certain city lands; (3) Authorize the issuance of \$99,000

000 worth of asphalt concrete surfacing work.

Dr. Bernard Domogala of Butler, Wis., who has been engaged by the city to chemically treat the algae growth on Quorton Lake will be here within the next few weeks to examine the situation.

Birmingham plant life is all premeditated. Last fall we had pines blooming after the first frost and an apple tree that suddenly decided on a second crop of blossoms. Now, in April, we have a polyanthus with its second bloom. The plant is owned by Mrs. Matthew Lunnar, 212 S. Adams.

Issue of April 12
In order to go into private business in basement excavation, Marx Falls, Birmingham DPV superintendent for the past three years, resigned effective Monday, April 12.

Chad M. Ritchie was elected mayor Monday night at the city commission's reorganizational meeting. Dean Beier was named mayor pro tem.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements both on the playing field and in the classroom, Art Fairbanks was named 1950-51 winner of the Johnson Memorial award, presented annually to the best student-athlete in the Birmingham public schools.

Harry J. Klingler was named mayor of Bloomfield Hills Monday evening. Mayor pro tem is Walter O. Briggs, Jr., 212 S. Adams.

Municipal business in Troy township was slowed down last week after the resignation of five staff employees. Resignations were submitted at the township board meeting Wednesday, April 4 with the explanation that the change in political affiliation of the township officials after the spring elections was the reason.

Masonry in Birmingham will highlight its Centennial year with a banquet and dance at the Community House April 17. It began here in 1849 when William Brown and an interested group of local

men petitioned the Grand Lodge of Michigan for a charter.

City Plan Commissioner Harry Guyer said this week that although several proposals had been made, no definite site had yet been selected for the "Peace Memorial." The bronze and granite monument is being presented to the city by the Rotary club, honoring the memory of all Birmingham servicemen and women.

Issue of April 19
Two contracts for concrete paving, totaling \$120,489.00, have been awarded by the city to the Thomas E. Currie Co. of Detroit. John J. Hannel, director of civil defense activities in Birmingham, said Wednesday morning that blood type tags are being received here. The tags, being mailed directly from the state offices in Lansing, should be carefully preserved, he said, in order to be available instantly in case of emergency.

Cornstones were laid Sunday for Our Shepherd Lutheran church on 14 Mile road, near Woodward, and the new Methodist church on West Maple.

A \$725,136 operating budget for the county allocation board by the Southfield township school board this week. This figure is an \$88,293 increase over the \$665,843 which is expected to be spent during the 1950-51 school year.

John D. Maynard, 919 Mohegan, at the 22nd Rotary district conference held last week at the Larkmore country club, Grosse Pointe, was elected the next district governor.

Immediate steps to bring fire insurance up to a point where the city would be fully protected in event of a major fire in either the municipal or the public library are being taken this week by City Manager Donald C. Ebert at the instruction of the city commission.

Issue of April 26
New appointments to the Troy township fire department were

made at Monday's meeting of the township board. Named as fire chief was Elmer M. Schroeder, 3018 Daley. New captains are J. Wesley Smith, station one; and Ernest W. Gray, station two.

Brig. Gen. Lester J. Maitland, Michigan's director of civil defense, will speak here April 27 under sponsorship of the Community council. He will discuss the role of Birmingham in civil defense and what will be expected of residents in an emergency.

A new cast of living increase for city employees was approved by the city commission Monday evening.

Issue of May 3
Work is under way on the \$20,000 expansion program for the Holy Name convent. The definitely table filing of the map, known as the Potter house, acquired with the land purchase for the school addition, had been moved and would be connected with the present convent by a six-foot fireproof breezeway.

Using the slogan "We're ready to build," the Birmingham Embury Methodist church, Sunday launched a construction crusade for its new sanctuary and education unit. Goal for this final campaign before construction work begins is \$10,000, according to the Rev. Reginald Becker, pastor.

New manager of Birmingham Credit Bureau, effective Tuesday, May 1, is Stewart E. Baynes of Pontiac.

In a surprise move at Thursday evening's city plan commission meeting, the group decided to indefinitely table filing of the master plan with the county register of deeds office. Decision came after the commission heard varied opinions on the matter from several sources.

More than 200 boys are expected to turn out for first tryouts for the Little League baseball organization Saturday May 5 at Pierce field. Birmingham is the

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Happenings

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announced this week. The \$100,000 store will be the largest market in the firm's chain.

Issue of March 15
Birmingham hopes for a crack at the state class B basketball crown died a premature death Friday night when the Maples were handed a 63-48 defeat by Farmington in the regional tournament.

Ninth grade pupils from Southfield township moved Monday into the new Southfield high school, Lusher and 10 Mile roads. The students have been attending the McKelvey school since Feb. 1.

As donations continued to be reported in the Community House Roll Call, which officially ended March 5, the total rose to \$31,000 Tuesday morning, the second time in 22 fund campaigns that the goal has been exceeded.

Troy township zoning board Tuesday evening approved a request from the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. to erect a new community dial office building in Big Beaver.

City commission Monday evening appropriated \$95 to Dr. Bernard Domogala of Butler, Wis., can come to Birmingham to chemically treat Quorton Lake.

Palmquist and Knight, architectural firm of Detroit, has been commissioned to prepare plans for the new Embury Methodist church building.

New Year Greetings

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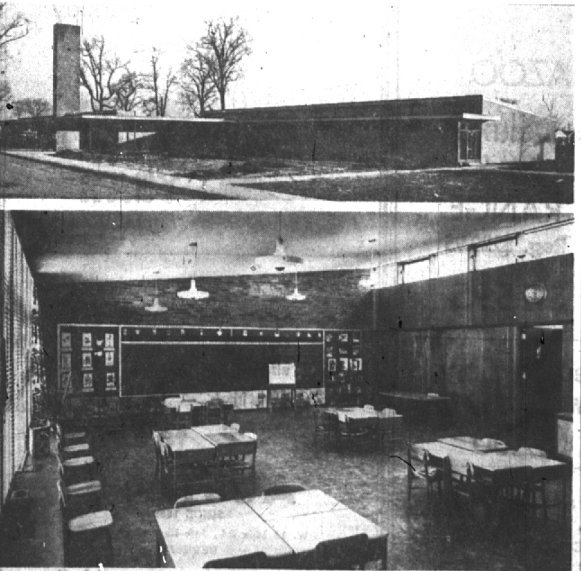
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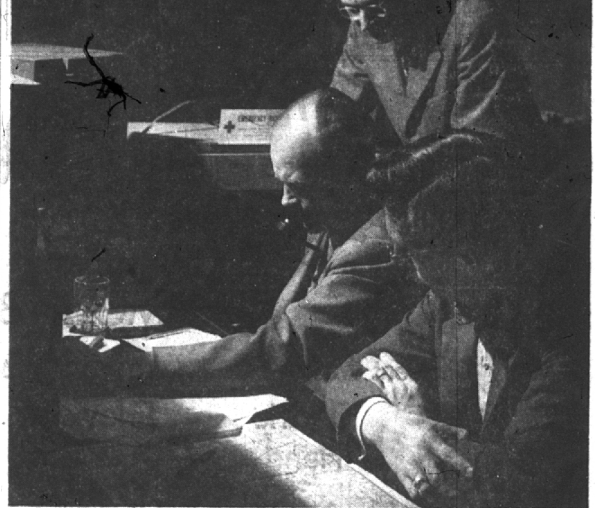
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162-166 W. Maple



CHARLIE WOOD, Andy Strachan and John Adamson look over batting potentialities of a contender for Birmingham's Little League baseball organization at Pierce field last May. More than 400 boys between the ages of 8 and 12 turned out the first day to try out for the league.



THE NEW TORRY elementary school was opened last winter. The \$250,000 structure is on an eight-acre site bounded by Torry, Lincoln, Eton and Humphrey. Shown in the top photograph is a front view of the building. Bottom picture is the first-grade classroom of this modern school building.



THE CITY'S EMERGENCY communications equipment last April received its first real test. Working with the Detroit system in the stimulated bombing of the Rouge plant, the test had 11 local cars, each with two-way radio, answering calls and taking stations in the "distress" area. Seated at the radio controls, James F. Abbott, local communications director, handles the calls and explains the system to Dana Whitman, former assistant civil defense head for Birmingham. Hartland Smith, who directed the permanent installation in the basement of St. James Episcopal church, stands by.

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