



CORNERSTONE LAYING and ground breaking ceremonies took place this year for four local churches. In April on a cold and blistery day, the cornerstone was laid for the First Methodist church on West Maple. The Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel places mortar for the stone after the contents of the 1871 cornerstone were added to items of current history.



THE SAME SUNDAY in April, the Rev. H. G. Allward, pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran church, reads scriptural passages at the cornerstone ceremony. The \$75,000 building was completed in September.

lation, a drop of \$20 from last year's rate.

Charles J. Shain, 68, prominent Birmingham businessman and civic leader, died early Tuesday morning in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Mr. Shain suffered a severe heart attack in June, 1949, and since then he has been hospitalized several times.

Elliot S. Kinsey resigned Monday from the city plan commission, to which he was appointed three years ago when it was revamped and a new planning ordinance approved.

In a petition signed by 256 local residents, member organizations of the Community council through the youth council asked the city commission Monday evening to act favorably on budget recommendations of the recreation board, which was done.

General form of contract as now drawn for the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish authority was approved by the city commission Monday evening, subject to the right to object to any section when the final draft is submitted.

Issue of May 24

Two new coaches for Birmingham high school for 1951-52 were engaged by the board of education Tuesday evening. New basketball coach, replacing Lloyd A. Cooper, will be John Petrakis, who has been head basketball coach and assistant in basketball at Pontiac High school. Head track coach will be Kermit Ambrose.

In the "toughest regional in the State" Saturday at Ypsilanti, the surprising Maple track team took 39.5 points to finish second to championship Ecorse with 57.5 in a field of 12 class B schools.

Dana Whitman, assistant to the city manager since July, 1950, will be shifted to personnel, public relations, civil defense and general administrative tasks. His place will be taken by Earl P. Sandquist. Norman T. Knapp, former assistant city engineer, has become superintendent of the DPW. Barkley G. Omans, building inspector, also will serve as assistant city engineer.

A petition signed by 26 Frankie residents, requesting incorporation of that area, was filed Monday with Oakland County Clerk Lytle Allen. The petition called for the county board of supervisors to set an election for the incorporation of the district bounded by LeGrange, 12 1/2 Mile road, Inker and 14 Mile road.

Luther A. Heacock, 704 Hanna, has been appointed one of Birmingham's new judges.



GROUND WAS BROKEN in May by Richard Ober-schulte, building chairman, for the new \$140,000 youth activities building, an addition to the Redeemer Lutheran Church on West Maple. The ceremony was presided over by the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer (right) who offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.



CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES for Embury Methodist church, located on 14 Mile road were held Nov. 11. Here Dr. William E. Harrison, district superintendent, applies the first trowelful of cement prior to the setting of the stone. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Reginald Becker.

Happenings

(Continued from Preceding Page) first city in the state to organize such an activity.

Issue of May 10

At the Bloomfield Hills city commission meeting Tuesday evening, the new zoning ordinance was finally approved and a \$116,050

budget proposed by City Manager Elmer Kephart.

Ed Furgol, well-known professional golfer, from Royal Oak, made a hole-in-one on the Oakland Hills golf course last Friday while playing with Tom Connos and Bill Birchard.

Approximately 17 months of study and work was climaxed Monday evening when the city commission approved the new building code. Bradley Pruden,

chairman of the building code committee, stated the new ordinance is a performance code rather than one relating to specification.

Birmingham Council of Churches elected the Rev. Robert A. Lawson president at its meeting Tuesday noon at the Community House. He succeeds the Rev. Reginald Becker.

Site of the future east side fire station will be at the northwest

corner of Adams and Bowers. Purchase of the property was approved by the city commission Monday evening.

Howard Holah, manager of the Birmingham theatre since 1929, has taken a leave of absence. He said, "It's indefinite, I have taken a leave of absence, for the time being. I've been there for 22 years and I'm getting very tired. That, along with the back injury I suffered last February, made me

decide it is time to take a rest."

Issue of May 17

In a three-minute hearing before a handful of citizens who voiced no objections or suggestions, Birmingham's seven city commissioners Monday evening passed a record \$970,349.74 budget for the 1951-52 fiscal year. It will require a tax rate of \$19.50 per \$1,000 of assessed val-

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