

Happenings

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mirmingham representatives to the county board of supervisors by a unanimous ballot of the city commission.

Charging lack of cooperation by the township supervisor, Southfield Township Building Inspector Clarence Laidlaw resigned at Tuesday evening's board meeting.

Issue of May 31

City plan commissioners will meet again some time next week with city commissioners to continue discussions on a new planning ordinance designed to eliminate certain controversial points in the present one.

At Monday evening's city commission meeting, Frank Rising asked for the appointment of a committee to find out what other cities have done and what Birmingham could do regarding a municipal swimming pool.

Naming the civic center park in memory of the late Charles J. Shain was approved by the city commission Monday.

After many months of controversy between members of the Oakland Hospital and Southern Oakland Hospital boards over where to locate the proposed new hospital for this area, it was mutually agreed Monday night that a 200-bed project will be constructed on property at 13 Mile road and Woodward avenue.

Birmingham high school's track squad retained the class B crown in the 18th annual Wayne Relays at Redford High school field Saturday. Taking five out of seven first places, Coach Lloyd Cooper's squad scored 34 points to regain the title for the seventh time in 1951.

Completing 10 years of service with the Detroit Young Men's Christian association this week, Edwin C. Kirbert, local Birmingham YMCA secretary received his 10-year pin at a recognition night banquet at the Hannan Memorial Y recently.

Issue of June 7

In an effort to find a solution to Birmingham's growing traffic problems, the city commission Monday evening authorized City Manager Donald C. Eckert to negotiate a contract with a Detroit

traffic engineering firm. Studies will be undertaken on high accident locations, street capacity, turning movements, traffic control devices, parking, routing, traffic volume, street pattern, regulations and special assignments from the city manager.

The Bell Funeral Home, one of Oakland county's oldest, and the William B. Hamilton Co., established in Detroit in 1863, have joined facilities to better serve the Birmingham district and northern metropolitan area, Clarence E. Otter, vice-president of Hamilton's disclosed Monday.

A general alarm was sounded Friday evening to call in stand-by fire crews as high winds snapped electric wires and trees throughout the southern area of the city. Fire Chief V. W. Griffith said the manpower on duty was taxed to the limit responding to calls where live wires were arcing and creating fire hazards.

Birmingham's new emergency power unit was delivered Wednesday morning. Ordered last Jan. 30, this specially constructed Diesel unit is capable of operating the city's water wells in case of power failure.

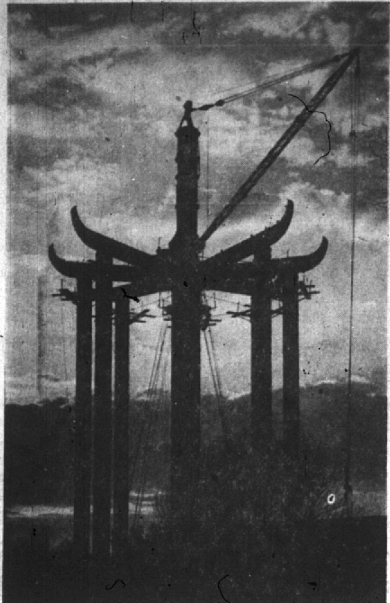
Issue of June 14

One of the heaviest turnouts in Birmingham board of education elections went to the polls Monday and reelected Amos Gregory and Mrs. Olga Sappington. A total of 2,008 ballots were cast to eclipse by far last year's figure of 589.

Lester Colbert has been named valedictorian with highest scholastic rank of this year's Birmingham high school senior class and George Bosworth, ranking second, salutatorian.

With a total of 1,564 persons voting, Elmer W. Lowe and Russell Robertson were elected to the Troy township school board Monday. Lowe, who has been treasurer for the school board topped balloting with 476 votes. He was followed by Robertson with 458.

At a banquet at the Birmingham Community House Tuesday, (Continued on Next Page)



SILHOUETTED AGAINST the early evening sky was the basic framework of the city's 500,000 gallon water storage tank at Eton and Derby roads, as it looked in May. The tank is now completed and is helping materially to bolster the city's water storage and supply problem.

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LITTLE LEAGUE Baseball players Billy Lawson and Hank Burdick get outfitted for the season from Bob Craig. A total of four teams participated in the local league this summer with the Indians copping the playoff championship.



JOHN PETRAKIS, new Maple basketball mentor happily posed at his desk at Pontiac high school in June after receiving word he was appointed to the Birmingham position. A graduate of the University of Toledo, he previously was assistant coach in football and basketball and head baseball coach at Pontiac.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS of the library in Birmingham was reviewed May 8, at a program noting the first anniversary of the Friends of the Baldwin public library. A sketch, "Our Library" was presented. In the above photograph Alice Tabor, Elizabeth Sneed, Lois Milligan, Betty Weinholt and Ruth Howarth reenact the 1874 meeting which started a library here.

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