

## Sale of Property to Permit Construction of New \$500,000 Store



**CHURCH, KRESGE OFFICIALS COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF CHURCH PROPERTY**  
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## Kresge Buys Methodist Church's Old Site

The First Methodist church property at W. Maple and Henrietta has been purchased by the S. S. Kresge Co., church officials disclosed this week.

The Kresge Co. paid \$126,600 for the parcel which has a 90-foot Maple frontage, 204 on Henrietta, and 120 on Artin.

The church, which broke ground Dec. 24 on its new \$540,000 edifice at W. Maple and Pleasant, will retain possession of its old church until the new one is completed.

## City Suggests Broader Powers In Hospital Act

Any legislative amendment to the Hospital Authority Act should include permission to dispose of an authority's assets in a manner which would be in the best interests of the city, Birmingham city commissioners believe.

Tuesday they directed City Manager Donald C. Egbert to relay this opinion to the Michigan Municipal League, which is preparing a legislative amendment at the request of the South Oakland Hospital Authority.

## Episcopal Students Unite To Spread Christianity

The National Constitutional convention for Episcopal college students, in a five-day session at Cranbrook school attended by more than 120 representatives and delegates, unanimously ratified the constitution organizing the National Canterbury association of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The association will include Episcopal students clubs into a federation, the first in the history of the church in the Episcopal church in this country.

## Youth Saves Dog As \$10,000 Fire Sweeps Allen Home

A local youth suffered burns about the head and hands early Friday morning as he rescued the family dog from the basement of their burning home.

Gardner Allen, Jr., 20, of 715 Fifth St., told firemen he saw the smoke about 1:30 and started downstairs to investigate. He found the lower floor of the house ablaze and went back to the second floor to awaken his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Allen, Sr., and his sister.

## Identity of Dog Poisoner Carries Reward of \$100

A \$100 reward has been offered for the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the poisoning of several dogs in the general area of Quanton school.

The man offering the reward has asked Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to withhold his name from the public. The money will be turned over to the police for payment to the person who proves, to the satisfaction of the department, that he has the correct identity of the poisoner.

## Fire Losses Below '49 Level; 450 Runs Made by Department

A preliminary report for the year 1950 from the Birmingham fire department, shows a total of 450 runs made during the year. Based on an estimated population of 18,000, this brings the per capita loss for the city to \$1.22, against \$1.54 for the previous year.

The report shows 268 runs made for all-alarms and fire investigations; 149 gas investigations; 11 miscellaneous reasons; 10 first aid; 7 false alarms, and 5 general alarms.

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## Sixteen Mile Road Construction to Start This Spring

David Levinson, chairman of the city's committee for the opening of 16 Mile road, reported to the city commission Tuesday morning that the necessary grading will be completed in 1951 and a hard surface applied not later than 1952.

The county road commission is ready to start proceedings to acquire the privately owned right-of-way.

## Arrest for Drivers Hindering Action Of Fire Trucks

A \$5 fine was paid to the Birmingham traffic bureau by Henry Moore, 32205 Bingham road, for following too closely behind fire trucks as they responded to a call to the Gardner Allen residence, which suffered \$100,000 damage.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley emphasizes that city and state officers are clearly state no driver shall follow any fire or police vehicle at a distance closer than 500 feet, nor park within 600 feet of the place where fire apparatus has stopped in response to an alarm.

## Local Police are Crediting Verne Parsons, local cab driver, in connection with the arrest of two men wanted in Detroit for questioning on a robbery.

Parsons reported to police Dec. 31, the suspicious action of the men who were examining the windows of two West Maple jewelry stores. He notified police who arrested William T. Nero and James J. Pross.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley expressed his appreciation for their possession which may have come from recent robberies as well as acting as a shopping bag.

## Building Doubles Figures for 1949

Unofficial totals from the city building inspector's office indicate a sharp increase in local construction during the past year.

A total of 1,091 permits were issued during the past year as compared to 604 during 1949. Building costs soared to \$13,328,841, more than double the \$5,521,075 of 1949.

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## Versatile Police Pinch-Hit For Medics; Deliver First 1951 Baby in Birmingham

By ALICE E. MORGAN

After the whistles, horns, shotgun blasts, fire crackers and shouts of neighbor wishing neighbor a Happy New Year had died away, Birmingham settled down to the business of 1951.

The year was ushered into town through parties among families and neighbors, solemn gatherings in several of the local churches and special parties of clubs and societies. The weather came to Birmingham under the blanket of a beautiful winter sky, speeding along, then came the change.

## News Highlights Recalled as 1950 Leaves the Scene

(Editor's Note: Continuing the 1950 chronology, begun last week, this issue will present the year's highlights from July through December.)

New buildings and new businesses continued to stand well in the foreground as 1950 drew to a close.

Several new stores have opened during the latter half of the year. The work on the new schools is progressing with 1951 near completion and the Holy Name addition already dedicated.

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Jessie Naud, police said, was visiting friends in Pontiac and knew nothing of his wife's experience. He returned home to find the house empty. He immediately suspected that the had been taken to the hospital but until his return to Pontiac did not learn the full details of his daughter's arrival.

## B'ham Soldier Has Thanksgiving Dinner In Korea

Cpl. Kenneth Block (center) receives his Thanksgiving dinner from Mess Sgt. John W. Adams of Johnson Park at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Hamhung, Korea.

Cpl. Block, son of Mrs. Gerald Eller of 1332 Davis, wrote his mother that he left the day after the picture was taken to rejoin his outfit, M company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry division. (US Army Photo)



Some of the highest-in-position politicians in the United States today are as opinionless as a ripe banana. But the most honest they stay with the bunch for personal security reasons.

## THIS and THAT

**Military Training**  
Children brought up in "tough" neighborhoods get along better if they learn how to use their fists for defense purposes. Bullies don't mess with kids able to throw a fast hook and punch.

But the fact that democracy now struggles on earth against communistic bulwies is reason enough for universal military training of our youth.

## Legislation via Ignorance

There just isn't, yet, enough plain, downright honesty, decency and courage in the roads and hearts of high government officials to lead this nation into lasting stability.

Why? Well, not because many of those boys and girls don't want to fight by their constituents, but simply because they are assuming too much overall responsibility to 135 millions of people to do a good job.

## Weakness of UN

Long have we felt that a League of Nations, or a United Nations is a good idea. It is good to get people of all nations together to talk over and try to settle their international problems—thus endeavoring to prevent wars.

However, the idea is no better than the ability and willingness of the various nations to measure up to the mutual provisions of their official covenants.

## American women spent \$420,000,000 more on types of foundation garments during 1950, five times as much as they did in 1932.

With the aid of the federal grant, Michigan State College will undertake a study of "normal and mentally healthy persons." The idea is to figure out why they are in good condition... and this study is being taken in the grand old United States!

What a sad commentary on contemporary society. Almost like an anthropological expedition to discover "the missing link" in the story of mankind.

## President Truman recently uttered some thoughts, stressing the goals of applying high standards and ethics in every walk of life.

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