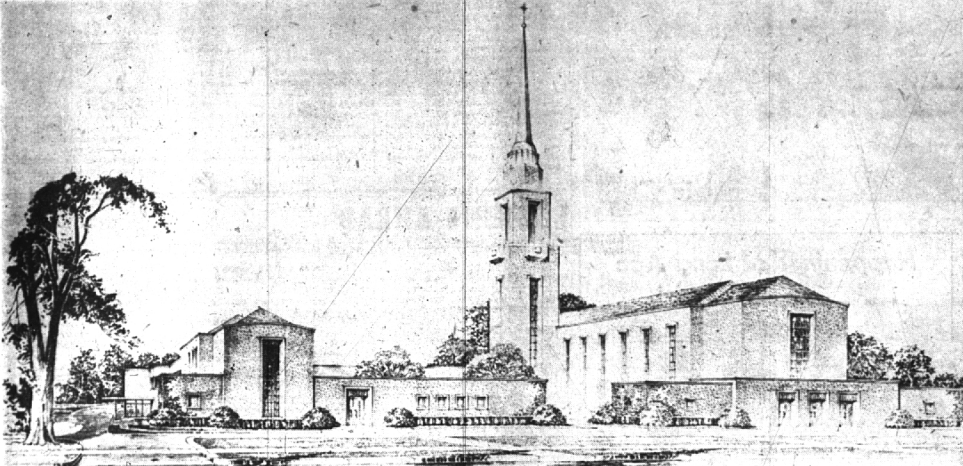


The Birmingham Eccentric

On Christmas day most people get a personal pleasure from watching the joyous reactions of people to whom they make gifts. If this attitude could be continued the other 364 days of each year we would stand closer to earthly Heaven.

Outstanding News Events in Birmingham During Year 1950

New Presbyterian Church to be Erected in Two Units



Plans were announced this year for the proposed construction of the First Presbyterian church on a six and one-quarter acre site between Larchlea and Pleasant. The building will be constructed in two units.

The formal sanctuary will be the second unit to be erected. The structure will be of contemporary American design with red brick and stone trim.

(Continued from Page 1, Part 1) Sheffield, it was revealed by Ben Greenspoon, president of the chain.

A new warehouse and research engineering building, first unit of Dearborn Motors three million dollar development on East Maple, has been completed and now is serving as the national distribution point for Ford tractor service parts and accessories.

Ernest W. Seasholtz was elected to his third term as president of the Birmingham board of education Monday evening. Other re-elected officers are Amos Gregory, secretary, and Willie Groves, treasurer.

FORT RILEY, Kan.—2nd Lt. William H. Stone, Jr., 173 W. Maple, was one of the 56 officers who graduated from the Fifth Army intelligence school here June 30.

Issue of July 13 Organized opposition to the proposed city off-street parking plan took place Friday evening when approximately 35 property owners met at the Community house.

Two local churches were broken into in similar fashion Sunday night but police report nothing missing, even though both church offices were ransacked.

Officer Merlin L. Holmquist of the Birmingham Police department left Friday afternoon for Washington, D. C. where he will attend the FBI national academy.

Five young men from this area are among the 116 from Grosse Ile and 25 candidates from the Akron area now taking part in the eight week tour of active duty at the Grosse Ile naval air station.

The local men are Charles D. Tyson, Robert J. Sampson, James B. Layman, Delbert V. Keener and Ernest H. Forbes.

Another open competitive examination to fill the position of Birmingham postmaster has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. This is the second time in two years that this examination has been called in Birmingham. The city has been without an official postmaster since Joseph A. Byrne retired in August, 1948.

Issue of July 20 As the result of meetings held during the past week by the three groups interested in increasing the hospital facilities in southern Oakland county, it appears that, instead of these groups combining to build a single hospital in Birmingham, three of them may be constructed.

Haul out the buckabot, men—the starlings are back. Once again Birmingham police officers are getting in some evening shooting out on Knox street where flocks of the noisy birds gather in towering maple trees every night to harass weary residents.

Families in the Birmingham area have been placing orders for new cars at an "amazing" rate since the start of the Korean war, according to local automobile dealers. Whippers of "World War III" and rumors of auto factories being converted to weapons plants appears to have given sufficient impetus to create a shortage of new cars in Birmingham.

Members of the city commission Monday evening received a letter from the Birmingham Real Estate board stating their approval of the proposed lifting of rent controls within the city.

Knut Erickson told members of the Rotary club at their Monday meeting of his experiences as a member of the Norwegian underground during World War II.

Issue of July 27 Rent controls in Birmingham will be lifted just as soon as a Monday night resolution by the city commission is processed through the Federal Housing Administration in Washington. At a public hearing Monday night, several landlords or their representatives told commissioners of the difficulties under which they have operated for 10 years since the controls were established.

Americans moved en masse last week to enjoy another freedom and privilege offered in no other country in the world. Through many sections of the country a wave of over-buying of articles expected to be scarce due to war conditions, took over in spite of the fact that it is frowned upon and criticized by many.

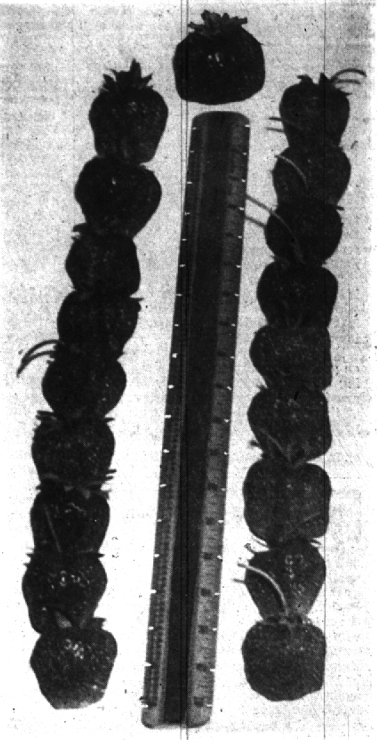
An organizational meeting of the Birmingham civilian defense units will be held next Tuesday evening. John J. Hamel, Jr., director of local activities, said he believed the municipal building would be used as headquarters for the local program.

Numerous local motorists are wondering if the bicycle safety program, carried on throughout the Birmingham schools, is put away in June along with the arithmetic book. In the past few weeks an epidemic of dare-devil riding seems to have taken hold of the youngsters here, especially the boys.

Issue of August 3 Licensed drivers in Michigan will no longer be required to submit to written and oral examinations when renewing their operator or chauffeur permits under a change in procedure authorized by State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard.

Birmingham parking meters will operate until 9 o'clock on Friday evenings starting Aug. 18. If (Continued on Page 3)

A Yard of Strawberries



These 19 large-sized strawberries were grown last summer by Maraden Wilson, principal of the Bloomfield Village and Franklin schools. They were enough to fill a quart container. Wilson said that a few weeks before this picture was taken, the berries ran 10 to 12 to a quart.

Birmingham Maples Cop Little Brown Jug



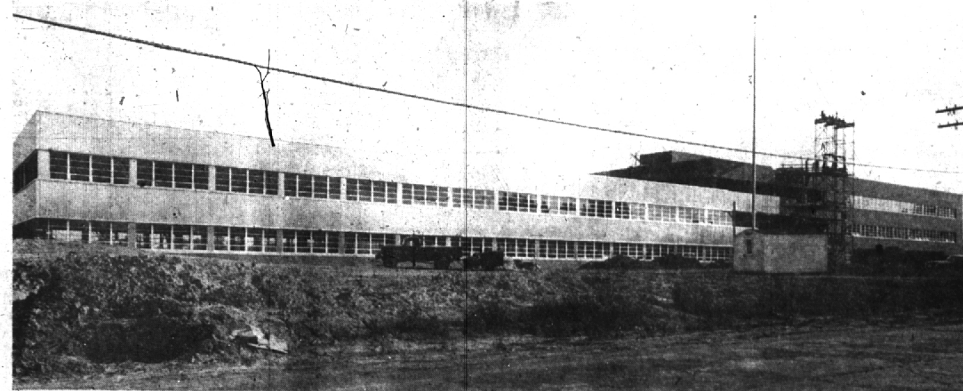
Birmingham end Art Fairbanks is stopped on the Royal Oak 40-yard line during the traditional Thanksgiving day game between the two long-time rivals. Fairbanks' drive was typical of the play of his teammates during the tilt. The Maples defeated Royal Oak 13-6, marking the return of the Little Brown Jug to Birmingham for the second time since 1943.

Halloween Party a Success



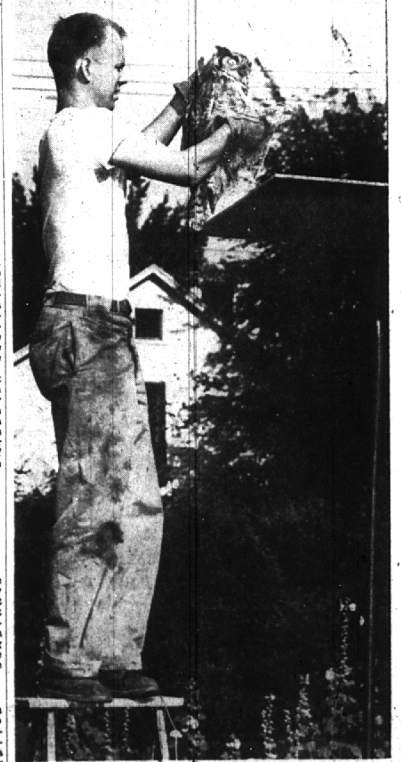
The city played host to 4,500 children at the traditional Halloween party Oct. 31. The above photo shows the eager attitude of the youngsters as they stand in the food line after the parade. About 300 adult workers contributed to the affair and donations were received from 170 firms.

Dearborn Motors Moves Into 3 Million Dollar Development



Dearborn Motors moved into its 3 million dollar development in October. The site is located at the corner of East Maple and Coolidge highway. A total of 85,000 feet of office space is in the three-story building.

New Member of Anti-Starling Detail



Ralph Riley posts the city's new recruit for the anti-starling campaign. The owl was stationed at Knox street during the month of August. There was mixed opinion from residents of the area as to the value of the owl.