

Over the Top in 1950



While the Birmingham high school band plays and interested citizens stop to watch, Joe Bachman, president of the school's student congress, "breaks" the thermometer of the 1950 Birmingham torch drive, which recorded \$123,000 donated. The quota was \$121,500.

1950 Chronology

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 ord was set in Birmingham when a total of 2,817 electors went to the polls Tuesday and favored Fred M. Alger's nomination by almost a 2 to 1 majority over the successful Republican nominee, ex-governor Harry Kelly.  
 In spite of wide-spread scares, Birmingham seems to have escaped the brunt of the flash storm which struck this area Monday.  
 Chinko (a small Java monkey) set the town on its ear last Friday when his owners, David Beatty and Brent Kramer, took him out for a bit of exercise. Without so much as a by-your-leave, family areas.  
 Chinko took off and the monkey business started.  
 Hinesloch Bros. & Co.'s first branch store will be located in Birmingham at 166 West Maple, a company spokesman revealed this week.  
 Four new classes have been added to the Community House adult education program for the coming season. New classes offered are interior decoration, sculpturing, square dancing and weaving.  
 As a means of protecting the public health and welfare, the city commission Monday evening upped the ground area requirements for income, terrace and multiple so much as a by-your-leave, family areas.

Issue of September 21

The Birmingham Maples open their 1950 gridiron season tomorrow at 3:30 at Dearborn for the only afternoon contest on their schedule.  
 Allen F. McGirr, 62, of 28345 Evergreen road, died in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, shortly after noon Sept. 14 from injuries received in a three-car crash about two hours earlier.  
 First public hearing on the proposed \$732,001 off-street parking program for Birmingham will be held October 26 at 8 p.m. at the Community House, Mayor Bruce G. Booth announced this week.  
 Because of its planning and action to meet the needs of youth, Birmingham was pronounced a leader among Michigan communities at the Michigan mid-century meeting on children and youth at East Lansing last week.  
 A previous commitment will prevent Mrs. F. C. Garrison, 3970 W. Maple, a Democratic candidate for state representative from this district, from attending Saturday's Republican state convention in Grand Rapids. She was named an alternate GOP convention delegate at the Oakland county convention Monday.  
 Birmingham Gun club members met for the final time on the Porritt property on South Adams last Saturday. The club was organized by Porritt in 1913 and shoots have been held there since that time.

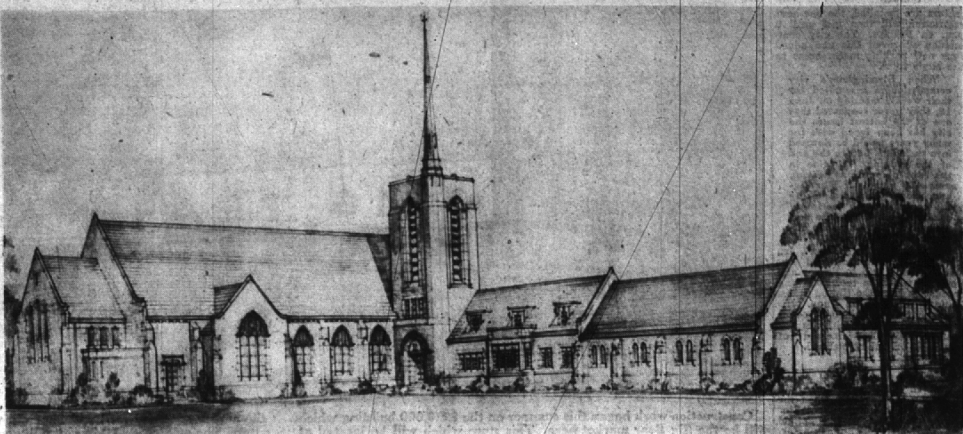
Issue of September 28

Bids are now being taken for construction of the new First Methodist church on its recently acquired five-acre site at W. Maple and Pleasant streets, the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, pastor, revealed this week.  
 Estimates of school enrollment in the Birmingham public schools have been exceeded, according to Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools. There are 2,463 pupils.  
 Plans for the winter program were discussed by the Birmingham Recreation board and it was announced that four skating areas would be created in the city this winter.  
 This week the Family Service office of Oakland county opened temporary offices in Birmingham.  
 "Atom Day" is Monday, Oct. 2 when some 120,000 University of Michigan alumni throughout the country will launch their program to "make the atom work for humanity."  
 Thursday evening a post-humous presentation of the Royal Gold Medal in Architecture of the Royal Institute of British Architects to Eliel Saarinen was made under the auspices of the Detroit chapter, American Institute of Architects.

Issue of October 5

Members of the First Presbyterian church are "right on schedule" in contributing to the current \$300,000 fund-raising campaign so the new church on W. Maple can get under way, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor revealed this week.  
 Robert and James Peabody, owners of Peabody market, on Hunter boulevard, are offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who stole \$500 from their safe sometime Saturday night.  
 Committee members met Tuesday afternoon to formulate plans for what appears to be the largest community celebration of Halloween ever held in Birmingham.  
 Mrs. Irene Murphy, 414 Bonnie Briar, will speak at a public meeting, sponsored by the MOMS club of Birmingham, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Community House, at 8 o'clock. She will speak on prevailing conditions

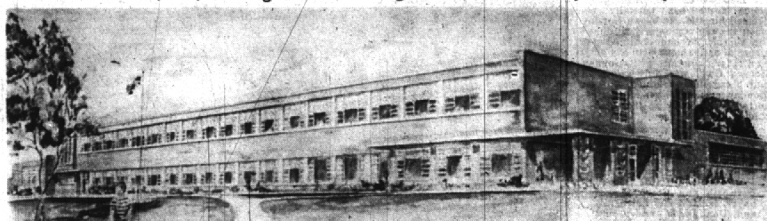
Architect's Version of New First Methodist Church



This is the architect's conception of the \$600,000 edifice soon to be constructed by the First Methodist church at the West Maple and Pleasant site. The first unit to be built will include a sanctuary with a seating

capacity of 675. The style of the building will be gothic. Room for off-street parking will be provided.

New \$600,000 High School Being Constructed in Troy Township



Construction on the \$600,000 Troy township high school got under way early this summer. The above cut is the architect's conception of how the building will look when completed. This is the east side, which parallels Livernois and the main entrance is at the right. The building will have 19 rooms, besides the gymnasium-auditorium. It is expected to be ready for classes in February, 1951.

in the Philippines and the work of the UN.  
 Philip A. Hart, 577 Westwood, was nominated as the Democratic candidate for secretary of state at the state convention last weekend in Grand Rapids.

Issue of October 12

Birmingham's 141 municipal employees were granted a \$182 annual cost-of-living wage adjustment by the city commission Monday night.  
 Construction of Dearborn Motors Corporation's new headquarters on East Maple has reached the point where full company operations can begin at the new location Monday, Oct. 16.  
 The J. L. Hudson company announced Sunday the purchase of its second shopping center site. Located in Southfield township, the 409-acre tract is equal to 100 long city blocks and is bounded by Eight and Nine Mile on the north and south and Greenfield and Southfield on the east and west.  
 Former governor Harry F. Kelly will top the list of Republican state and county candidates who will visit Birmingham Saturday morning, Oct. 21, the local Republican Club revealed this week.  
 A Bloomfield Hills book lover is again making it possible for school and public libraries to enlarge their resources. His plan, started last year, arranged for a "private" showing with the annual AAUW book sale so library representatives would have first choice. He is again allowing \$400

for this purpose, including public libraries and schools in this area.

Issue of October 19

Puzzled shoppers will once more have a chance to decide beforehand what gifts they want to buy. They will be given the chance to examine local stores and stocks at the second Christmas Preview to be staged in Birmingham.  
 "Everybody wins" was the kernel of the message given United Foundation volunteers as the local

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