

## W. Maple Paving Extremely Unlike This Fall

As one myself, I've come to believe that the average grandparent is as good as dead (or her) grandchildren as do the parents of such wonderful little boys and why not? I have made affection double repayment for getting married!

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### THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

#### Courting Atomic Disaster

For generations people have lived at the foot of volcanoes, along river valleys, intermittently to be driven from their homes and farms by the disasters that occur when eruptions and floods descend upon them. Once the danger is over, most of them return to what is left of their properties... again to face recurring disaster.

Funny, isn't it, how human beings are willing to flirt with danger and death?

In quite the same way, these days, millions of Americans face the danger of atomic disaster should Soviet Russia decide to engage in all-out war with the United States.

Knowing this, local, state and the federal governments have set up certain machinery to cope with the problem.

SOME MONEY has been appropriated to do the job, thousands of men and women have been recruited to serve in various spots in the program... the average citizen is concerned, he knows very little about the program or what he may be called upon to do in case of atomic disaster.

We all know that industrial areas of the nation will be Russia's No. 1 targets. This means that Detroit, Pontiac, and the surrounding areas face the possibility of real danger.

What is needed in bringing the problem, and its possible solutions, to the co-operative attention of the public is active and able leadership. Such leadership should begin at the federal government level, thence branching down through state and local units.

IT APPEARS that the chief faults lie in Washington, D.C.

Until more aggressiveness is shown from that point, it is not likely that the problem and its solution will filter down to the average citizen.

In the meantime, of course, we must take target areas shall be like those who court disaster at the edge of volcanoes and flooding river valleys.

#### Wonderful Water!

Futile Fable! Once there lived in a far-off desert land little Kasifa who had to help her mean old uncle drive his drooping droemaries across the sandy wastes where, with such scarce, it was a long time between drinks.

Poor Kasifa, ever thirsty, would moan, "Ah, how wonderful is water!"

At last the girl stowed away on a freighter, which had put in at Algiers.

Her agent to America, to Minnesota, land of 10,000 lakes—and went to work for a married couple who had a big house and a big blonde secretary—and the handsome radio repair man whom the blonde secretary had just dumped.

Little Kasifa was glad—the big blue lake.

One morning Kasifa saw Mr. Stromquist steal some of her wife's precious perfume from the big bottle and put it in the big bottle with water.

Later, Kasifa saw Mrs. Stromquist pour a tumbler of Scotch whisky into her husband's bottle, and fill the bottle up with water.

Little Kasifa smiled as she thought of the two re-filled bottles, perfume and Scotch. And once again she said to herself, "Ah, how wonderful is water."

#### Drive Reports

##### 153 Enrollments

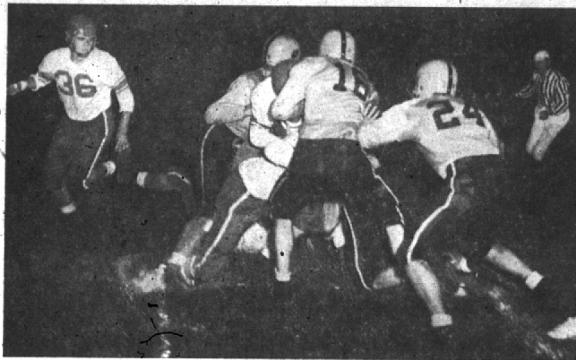
A total of 153 memberships are reported in the annual Birmingham YMCA fall membership enrollment.

Of this number, the Boys Ranch team, under Tom Ward, reported 103 members; team YM under Elmer Jones, 19; and Ed Kirber's team CA had 40.

Harold Kalbfleisch, membership chairman, told workers that only persistent follow-ups by telephone calls, letters and visitations will assure the successful achievement of 400 members and \$2000 in cash by the time the year-end ends Oct. 12.

He urged Birmingham residents to get behind the expanded 'Y' program by taking out family and group memberships. This entitles all members of a family to have a 'Y' card and to participate in the 'Y' program.

Experiments in the Gra-Y, Jr. Hi-Y, and special interest clubs will continue until October 15.



TOM TRACY BATTERS HIS WAY TO FIRST B'HAM TOUCHDOWN Dearborn's goal line stand was not quite effective



TRACY SPRINTS 65 YARDS TO ANOTHER SCORE Outdistances foes in spectacular run (Joe Wheeler Photos)

### UF Business Captains Are Named

Birmingham business leaders will meet October 3 at the Community House to draft final plans for the business phase of the annual United Foundation Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

Walter R. Mason, Jr., manager of Jacobson's, chairman of the business committee, named 13 captains who will head five-man teams for the solicitation of 300 local firms.

They are Dr. Sam Brun, Donald Cummings (Wilson Drug Co.), Henry Dahlquist (Henry Dahlquist National Bank), Herman Erbe (Birmingham Chevrolet Co.), Dr. Everett Hammond, C. B. Harman (W. R. Braund Co.), Harold Kalbfleisch (Birmingham Cleaners), Edwin Kirber (Birmingham YMCA), Paul Kurth (Huston Hardware Co.), Henry Sellers (S. S. Kresge Co.), Warren Sumner (Buick Sales and Service), and Edward Wilson (Cadillac-Pontiac Sales).

Following the luncheon, which is to be sponsored by the Wakeek State Bank, the United Foundation Chapter Plan will be discussed and a training session for the workers conducted by Charles Litt, vice-president in charge of sales for the King Coffee Co., and member of the Detroit Sales Executive club.

"The work of the business teams has a sharply increased importance this year," Mason said, "largely because of the growing emphasis on the chapter plan that has been so successful. We will seek to raise approximately \$25,000 among business firms and their employees, a figure that is substantially higher than the 1950 goal."

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### B'ham Defeats Dearborn, 27-0

By NED SHARPLES



DEAN G. BEIER

#### Dean G. Beier Is New Mayor

Birmingham's new mayor, elected unanimously Monday night by the city commission is Dean G. Beier.

Thirty-four years old, Beier is the youngest commissioner to occupy this office. He formerly was mayor pro tem and succeeds former mayor Chad M. Ritchie, who resigned in August when he moved into his new Bloomfield Village home.

New mayor pro tem, also by unanimous election, is Richard Patterson.

#### 2 More Cases Bring Polio Count to 9

Two young Birmingham women were stricken with polio on Wednesday, bringing the city total to nine for this year.

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Showing poise and polish that would do credit to mid-season form, the Birmingham football team romped its way to a convincing 27-0 victory over Dearborn here Friday night in the Maple's first tilt of the 1951 season.

In snapping Dearborn's 12-game winning streak, the Birmingham gridriders displayed fine steady team play in one of the best exhibitions of concerted action Maple fans have seen.

SCORING 21 POINTS in the first half, the Maples had a chance to give some seasoning to less experienced members.

Birmingham halfback Tom Tracy hurdled over right tackle for a touchdown in less than six minutes of play after his alert cohorts recovered a Dearborn fumble on the 29-yard line.

A few plays later behind beautiful blocking, the Maples sent Tracy on a 65-yard dash for a second tally, and he kicked the extra point.

Tracy was pulled in a lateral from Gordon Mutch after he pulled in a lateral from Tracy, and an 18-yard pass over the head to Jim Newman, set up the third Birmingham score late in the second quarter when Maple pilot Bill Hodds passed to Tracy for 23 yards and a goal.

AGAIN TRACY KICKED the conversion and the score stood 21-0 for the home team.

A refreshed and determined Dearborn eleven returned to the field after the half. The Pioneers drove the locals back to a spot only 13 yards from their goal posts where Bob Karch made his second pass interception of the game.

The Maroons were on the march, going 87 yards to send fullback Mutch crashing over the goal line and running the ball out 22 yards to end the Pioneer threat.

Striving to prevent a shut-out, Dearborn's quarterback Dick Roman took to the air, calling for 12 desperation passes in 14 plays. But Tracy foiled the Dearborn plan by intercepting a pass on his goal line and running the ball out 22 yards to end the Pioneer threat.

HARD FOUGHT and rugged; the contest ended at this point, Dearborn's longest gain came on a fumbled punt. On fourth down the Pioneers punted and the kick was fumbled by Birmingham, Dearborn recovering for a 21-yard jump.

Maple linemen and backs didn't allow their opponents to yield the ball on downs.

Statistics as well as the score show the superiority of Birmingham.

ham. The Maples gained a total of 375 yards to Dearborn's 143.

An unusually large contingent of fans rooting for Dearborn displayed commendable sportsmanship during the game and after it.

Before the tilt, Birmingham players and Coach Vincent Seconine made a "secret agreement" to win the game for Tackle Andy Dennison, who suffered a pre-season knee injury and will be out for the season. Dennison was later presented the game ball, which was signed by all the team members.

REESE HEADS Celebration Birmingham Recreation board Thursday evening appointed Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster, as chairman of this year's civic Halloween celebration.

A former board of education and recreation board member, Reese also has served as co-chairman of the annual Halloween event.

Mrs. William Jackson, vice-chairman of the recreation board, will be secretary and treasurer of the Halloween committee.

First committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in the Community house.

Committee officials have estimated that total attendance for the Halloween festivities this year will reach 15,000. A total of 100 adults are needed to aid in the evening's activities.

THE TOOLS WERE fully recovered from a private garage in Pontiac, where they were hidden. Moxley complimented the work of Service, Holmquist and Gilchrist in the case. He pointed out that Service and Holmquist put in about three straight days of investigation work.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. David Bell, 752 Ann, told police that a burglar had been in their house but was frightened away. In fleeing, the man left his shoes behind.

Later arrested was Ray Johnson, 774 Ann. After questioning, he admitted being in the home and stated he was after Bell's wallet. He waived examination when arrested in Birmingham Justice court Monday.

He was bound over to circuit court on \$2,500 bond.

MONDAY, A STOLEN car was recovered when Patrolman Gilchrist arrested a 15-year-old Detroit youth after the boy had sidwiped another car. Following the accident, the car Sunday when arrested by local police for a traffic violation. They also were turned over to Detroit authorities.

Police are now investigating a burglary Monday at the Schwartz Service station, 1591 North Woodward. Cigarette and candy machines were broken into and an auto, which had been left for servicing, was taken.

Quick thinking by Patrolman LaMar Gilchrist and steady investigation work by Lt. Delye Service and Detective Merwin Holmquist resulted in the arrest of three men now charged with the Sept. 18 theft of \$6,200 worth of tools from the Schauer Tool and Die Co., 2099 Cole.

The men denied any connection with the theft. They were taken to East Lansing Friday for a hearing, which they failing to pay the fine, were held in jail.

The trio finally confessed, and waived examination. They were bound over to circuit court charged with breaking and entering at night, and were unable to post \$2,500 bond.

All the men had previous police records and Thompson was on parole.

MEANWHILE GILCHRIST, who lives on the same street about a block away from crossing the Chief R. W. Moxley, 1945, noticed a car approaching with headlights on. Moxley, who the driver turned them on. Suspicious, the officer made a mental note of the make of car and license plate number.

The next morning, Gilchrist heard fellow commission discussing the robbery. Still remembering the license number, he rattled it off to Police Chief Ralph Moxley.

The car's ownership was traced to Robert Thompson, 34, of Pontiac, who was arrested by Pontiac Police. Also implicated were Lloyd Porter, 38, and Paul Cox, 40, both of Pontiac.

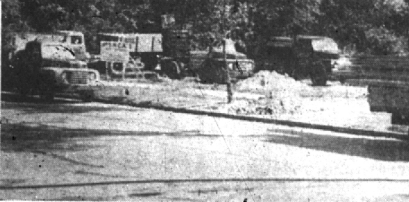
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APPROVE Columbia Sidewalk Assessment Payments for the special assessment district for paving of the Columbia sidewalk will be made in one installment, the city commission ruled Monday evening.

The contract, will be awarded next spring. Sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of Columbia from Haynes to a point 115 feet north, and from Villa 125 feet south.



THINGS WERE REALLY HUMMING last week when the building materials and eight companies arrived at the site of the new YMCA building on W. Lincoln. Seven trucks were being unloaded simultaneously with crews from rival companies assisting each other. Lumber came from Michigan Lumber, Currier, Restrick, Braun, Bach, McCall,



Lumber Engineering and Tappen brothers. The temporary building, a ranchhouse type, is being erected for the Y by members of the North Woodward Builders association. Member companies are donating material and labor for the project which is scheduled for completion this fall.

### \$118,000 Job Goes to Local Firm

If local traffic is to use the new W. Maple bridge this winter, it would have to drive over temporary approaches, city commissioners learned Monday evening when they awarded the paving contract to Taylor Bros. Co., Inc. of Birmingham.

City Engineer L. R. Gare explained that the company might be able to get considerable excavation and drainage work done this fall, but it probably will be spring before any pavement is laid.

The \$118,176.35 bid by Taylor Bros. was the low bid. It includes two jobs, Gare said.

FIRST IS the widening and straightening of W. Maple between Linden and the point where Martin street extended would meet Maple. This will cost about \$52,000.

The second portion of the contract calls for the paving of St. Andrews and eastbound traffic lanes, and of Manchester, Windermere and Buckingham, all from St. Andrews to Coolidge. This will cost about \$62,000.

Gare emphasized that the portion of W. Maple between Martin street extended and Chester is slated for contract award in the early spring.

Commissioners indicated they would like to have the W. Maple paving done in the season as possible, but Gare said the contractor is not finished with work in Dearborn and Lincoln Park.

"He also said cement deliveries are tightening up again," stated the engineer.

POSSIBILITY of temporary approaches for the new bridge were considered by the commission.

S-curves, bottlenecks, speeding, and weather all entered the discussion.

Westbound traffic using temporary approaches to get over the new bridge and eastbound traffic traveling over the old bridge was mentioned.

Commissioners finally decided to have Gare study costs of temporary construction and Police Chief R. W. Moxley investigate the safety angle, then report his findings to the commission for possible action.

### 2-Cent Wage Boost For City Employees

All city employees this week were granted a two-cent an hour cost of living wage increase by the city commission.

Effective Sept. 24, it will require an additional \$3,736 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952. This is the third such salary adjustment granted city employees since October 1949.

The boost is figured on a one-cent per hour differential for each of 134 change in the department of labor's price index.

### Vandals Break Into Wing Lake, Franklin Schools Monday Night

Vandals entered Wing Lake and Franklin schools Monday evening, according to sheriff's detectives.

Although no money was taken from the Franklin school, a filing cabinet was damaged. Last week, it was also entered and \$30 taken Monday evening, \$60 was taken from the Wing Lake school.

Detectives stated the break-ins appear to be the work of juveniles.

### Contracts Signed By All Members

Members of the South Oakland Garbage and Rubbish authority met at the Pleasant Ridge commission room Wednesday evening. Contracts have now been signed by all 10 member municipalities, and it is expected that the group will soon start to make definite plans for a disposal plant.

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