



TREES COME down along West Maple as work gets started on the street widening program. Baldwin school, for the first time in years, stands without the friendly

covering of the branches. Although some residents protested loudly, the tree removals were required by the widening of the street in that particular block.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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...pound bull dolphin for the week's prize.
Nearly half of the current budget of \$35,000 being sought by the Community House Roll Call already has been received. This represents early contributions received in response to letters mailed to former donors. No canvassing has, as yet, been done.

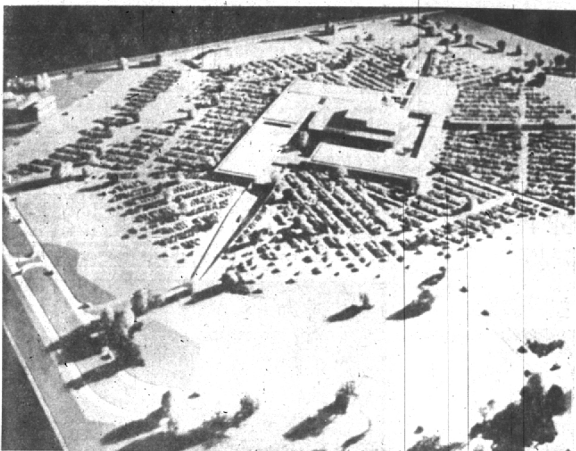
Issue of February 28
E. W. Seaholm, building committee chairman for the First Presbyterian church, has been notified of federal approval of the construction of a new million-dollar church on West Maple. Construction on the building will be started soon as weather conditions permit.

"Individual Liberties" has been selected for the Institute topic which the Birmingham Community Council will sponsor on March 21. Installation of an automatic fire alarm system for the new DPW garage and plans for yard improvement have been approved by Birmingham city commissioners. The first alarm, which will cost about \$675, will represent an annual saving of \$230 in fire insurance premiums.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith has announced the promotion of two members of the fire department. Milford Fuller has been made acting fire inspector. His duties as deputy mechanic have been assigned to George Wallace.

Development of the 46-acre Porritt site, now owned by Reid-Patterson, Inc., will cost about \$5,000,000, according to the developers. The property, a part of Troy township, has been designed by them as a residential area of two-family houses with a small shopping center on Adams road. The section will be known as "Adams Village" if proposed plans go through.

Issue of March 6
Norman E. Frides, 48, of 947 Henrietta, and Claude E. Parmelee, of Royal Oak, died Friday evening in a gas explosion at the latter's sporting goods store on Woodward avenue just south of 14 Mile road. Investigators said a gas main had been ripped into earlier in the day by a construction crew, apparently creating a gas accumulation in the building.
Nearly 2,000 persons were typed during the two-day blood typing drive sponsored by Troy township schools last week. Both students



GROUND WAS broken in May for the Northlands Shopping Center of the J. L. Hudson company in Southfield township. The architect's drawing shows the overall plan for the 70-store project and parking facilities for 6,000 automobiles. Two years will be required for the completion of the project.

and parents took part, with the 1,500 estimated total greatly exceeded.

Charles Mortensen, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said the sale of license plates in Birmingham topped last year's figure by about 2,000. He added that this year's sales saw few of the rush hours experienced in the past, in spite of the issuance of 12,000 1952 tags.

Five candidates—Robert S. Owens, Vincent Watkins, Carl S. Ingraham, Charles Benfrew and Richard M. Patterson, incumbent—are in the race for three vacancies on the Birmingham city commission. Scott-Shuprine, dealers in fine furniture, have purchased the Adams Square building. The structure, now the location of several firms, will be used exclusively by the new owners, they said.

Issue of March 13
School Supt. Dwight B. Ireland said this week that if Birmingham is to continue its present educational facilities, approval of the proposed \$5.5 million city taxpayers will cast their vote at a special March 31 election to determine their opinion.
Proposed special assessment districts for seven new paving projects were approved by Bham City



BIRMINGHAM VOTERS decided on April 7 not to construct this building on Adams road to house a second unit of the city's fire department. The architect's plans for the

proposed \$300,000 building included space for a training center for personnel, repair center and water department equipment in addition to living quarters and trucks.

commissioners. This will launch the city on one of the largest street-improvement programs in its history.

For the second consecutive year and the third time in its 23 year history, the Birmingham Community House Roll Call has been topped. Residents contributed

\$1,841.84 over the \$35,000 quota. The Birmingham Country club has announced its intention of submitting its bid to play host to the 1953 Professional Golfers' association meet. If accepted, it would mean the second major tournament to be played here within two years. The 1951 National Open match was

held at Oakland Hills.

A second unsuccessful attempt was made early Sunday morning to break into the Troy high school safe. Police said entry to the building was made by breaking down a section of a cinder block wall but

attempts to open the safe failed.

Issue of March 20
Shortwave radio, operated by Dean Burnett, made possible a visit between Sgt. James Woodhouse in (Continued on Next Page)

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