

### Annexation

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in the case of the Porritt property and the Mercer farm."

He added, "In these two cases, the city can't avoid being involved with the drainage and sewage from the area. The city has its own problems but it has been recognized that solving our own problems will not improve the general situation unless these problems are solved by adjacent areas."

### Sewage Fund Assets

Assets totaling \$32,936.44 have been built up in Birmingham's sewage treatment bond and interest redemption fund, according to a report from Russell Berger, city treasurer. Of the \$11,241.39 cash balance, \$6,000 will be used to pay maturing bonds and interest on April 1. Monday night the city commission approved the investment of \$4,500 in U. S. Treasury Notes, Series "A."

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### Forum

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gining at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Minnie Schwinger, Democratic party national committeewoman, who figured prominently in the Michigan Democrats' rally in Detroit Saturday, will appear with Mrs. Ika C. Hooker, Republican party national committeewoman, to talk about the workings of their respective parties nationally.

### SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH THE LEAGUE WILL PUT TO THE GUESTS DURING THE DAY ARE:

"Does the voter really help nominate the President of the United States?" "How are the delegates to the national convention of the parties chosen?" "Who calls the state conventions?" "Can the citizen vote for the delegates to the state convention of the parties?" "Is there a city, town or county convention in this community?" "How can the voter tell what candidate the delegates from his state will support?" "Is the caucus in this area simply a meeting to ratify the dictates of the organization?"

Troungold of the day's "education in politics," James Lincoln of the League, will take up the question of what the voter should and can expect from his elected representative.

Lincoln and Youngblood, in their respective capacities as secretary to Senator Moody and former congressman, will discuss and answer questions regarding the rights and responsibilities of a legislator.

"THE LEAGUE of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization," said Mrs. John Rumsey, Birmingham League, "Our aim is better government and since government in the United States is run by political parties, more citizens must be willing to share in the work of the party organizations in order to make our government truly representative."

"Too frequently a self-centered minority is voted into office and uses its power to advance its own interests at the expense of the community. The League believes that every citizen should take a personal interest in the party of his choice. He should know how and where his party functions from the precinct level to the national convention. Know who the people are who represent him. Work actively himself in his party if possible."

"This political school" is offered by the LWV as a service to the community and can only be successful if the people of Birmingham will participate. We invite everyone to come—bring their questions and find out what goes on behind the scenes in politics. Luncheon is \$1.05 and will be served at 12:30. Reservations may be made with Mrs. William Crawford. The meeting is free. Birmingham Mayor Dean G. Beier will be chairman of the day.

### January Accidents Drop 8 From Previous Month; Property Damage Rises

Birmingham's traffic report for January shows 27 accidents, including one personal injury, causing an estimated \$10,650 in property damage. The previous month saw 35 mishaps with \$8,598 property damage.

Contributing factors in the January accidents were excessive speed, 16; disregarding signs and signals, failure to yield and improper signals, four each; right of way violations, improper turns and driving under influence of liquor, three each; following too closely, improper passing and improper parking, two each; miscellaneous, one.

Figures for Jan. 1951 showed 29 accidents in which six persons were injured. Property damage was \$4,450.

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STAMP CLUB PRESIDENT R. B. Parker and his wife preparing their entries for the bourse and exhibition co-sponsored by the Birmingham and Ferndale clubs in Ferndale last Sunday. Parker, head of the local club, included several postal covers and cards in his display. The exhibit also included a special department for juniors in an effort to get more young people interested in one of the country's most popular hobbies. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

### Oak St. Report Due in Next Two Weeks

Engineering designs and costs for the improvement and widening of Oak street between Woodward and the Rouge River will be presented to the city commission next Monday or the following Monday, City Engineer L. R. are said this week.

For some years the city commission has been considering such an improvement program for this portion of Oak street, and several years ago even went so far as to conduct special assessment hearings.

But pressure from residents along the street was applied against the proposal, and it was shelved temporarily.

Gare's statement was disclosed as commissioners discussed better east-west traffic facilities for the northwest section.

### New Ordinance For Greenwood Cemetery Passed

With the passage of the new Greenwood cemetery ordinance by the city commission Monday evening, the cemetery will become an operating department of the city as of July 1, 1952.

The ordinance provides that the care, maintenance and operation shall be under the city manager's supervision. In addition, the city clerk will have control and supervision of the sale of lots and issuance of burial and other permits pertaining to the use of lots in the cemetery.

### Three-Way Tie In Church League

First Methodist Church this week moved into a three-way tie with Lathrup Townsite and St. James Episcopal Church for first place in the Birmingham YMCA church league with a close 21 to 20 win over the Townsite quintet.

It was the first defeat for Lathrup whose winning streak stopped at five straight.

The game from the first whistle developed into a defensive battle for ball control. Only six baskets and two final shots were scored in the first half as Lathrup held a half-time lead of 8 to 6.

Bob Gibson's ability to sink foul shots and Dick Shell's three buckets in the third quarter put the Maple Avenue boys in front 18 to 12 as the teams entered the last eight minutes of play.

Lathrup held First Methodist to three points in the final quarter but could not score the clincher and hence suffered its first defeat.

First Methodist, Lathrup and St. James teams have records of five wins and one loss.

### Community House Drive Opens Feb. 18; Section Captains Plan Luncheon

Fifty section captains of the Community House Roll Call will hold their kick-off luncheon at the House Tuesday noon. Co-chairmen, Frederic C. Pew and Mrs. Paul Wagner, Mrs. C. H. Lacey, House director, and members of the board also will attend.

The drive opens Feb. 18, continuing through March 3. Various captains will be hostesses at coffee meetings in their homes on the opening day. More than 500 workers will receive final instructions before taking to the field in an effort to raise \$35,000.

The block system again will be used and will cover the Birmingham, Wing Lake, Bloomfield Villages, Bloomfield Hills and Beverly Hills areas.

### Street Light Changes For Woodward-Willits

Upon the recommendation of City Manager D. C. Ebert, Birmingham city commissioners have approved the installation of two additional street lights near the Woodward-Willits intersection.

Ebert presented a Detroit Edison layout of the installation which also will include relocation of the present three lights. He said he felt the change and new lights would greatly improve visibility on the three intersecting streets.

The commission's action Monday evening also approved the transfer of \$6,516.28 of assets of the perpetual care fund to the cemetery's operating fund. A balance of \$24,433.01 will be retained in the perpetual care fund.

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### Five Hurt Friday In Two-Car Crash

Only one headlight on a car driven by Joseph Van Dyke, 45, of 1012 Henrietta, was blamed for an accident which sent five Birmingham persons to the hospital last Friday evening.

Frederick Lockwood, 47, of 137 North Eton, told police he was driving east on 14 Mile and mistook the approaching headlight for a street lamp. He started a left turn onto Eton and struck Van Dyke's car almost head-on.

A passenger in Lockwood's car, Ernest Elliott, 739 North Eton, most seriously injured, suffered a fractured right knee.

Others treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, were Mrs. Elliott, 51, and Mrs. Lockwood and Van Dyke.

### Builders Take Out 40 Permits During January; New Terrace Planned

The January report of the building inspector's office shows a total of 40 permits issued at a construction cost of \$423,200. The same period of 1951, 95 permits were issued for \$1,078,485 in building costs.

Permits last month included one for a new 16-unit terrace to be erected on Adams road. The terrace will be built by the Roger Lawrence construction company on the block bounded by Abbey and Wimbledon roads.

January permits also included the \$6,800 alteration of the Redeemer Lutheran church property to permit the construction of living quarters for a church caretaker.

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