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pliment each other for many of the  
nice things they do every day. This  
is a fortunate circumstance to be  
boastful of, of course. Showing ap-  
preciation, we all know is an excellent  
habit to cultivate.

## Ground Breaking Program Scheduled For Presbyterians

Birmingham's First Presbyterian church will break ground Sunday afternoon at its new site on West Maple at Chesterfield. The brief ceremony, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., will be presided over by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., church pastor. The program has been arranged by Frank Reynolds. The design of the building will be in modern colonial style, entirely functional, and centered around the religious education of the entire congregation. One of the features of the future site is to include ample parking facilities. The contract for the building was awarded last week to E. H. Reisdorf and Sons, Detroit builders. When completed the church will cost in excess of a million dollars. The building committee is headed by E. J. Barney with Earnest W. Seahorn in charge of planning; A. E. McCall, new building finance; E. H. Starr, construction; William H. Milligan, general solicitation; V. B. Watkins, special gifts and N. W. Barry, publicity.

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PL. OTTO JOHNSON PFC. JESSE R. MULLINS  
Birmingham soldier fights Missouri river flood near Omaha.

## Servicemen In Battle Against River Floods

Two Birmingham men were among the Army and Air Force groups called to help combat flood waters of the Missouri river in Nebraska and Iowa.

Cpl. Otto Johnson, 29385 Lehigh, is with the 35th Engineer Construction group at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. A/IC Erling E. Landsnae, Jr., 1898 Birmingham boulevard, is with the Strategic Air Command, Offut Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebr.

Cpl. Johnson moved in with the crews operating portable pumps at a point where a sewer break threatened to undermine a vital levee and flood the low-lying industrial area of Omaha.

Airman Landsnae, whose normal duty is that of administrative supervisor, spent his time filling sandbags and shoveling dirt on weakened levees during the emergency. SAC moved into the emergency

area supplying transport aircraft to carry in supplies, photo reconnaissance planes to keep close check on the river and manpower to strengthen and patrol the levees.

A flood operation office was established at the base, just outside Omaha, and 600 airmen and officers worked on the levees for more than a week. The group was split into two units of 300 men each, working 12-hour shifts.

It was estimated that nearly a million pounds of equipment was flown into the base, including cots, tents, blankets, generators, medical supplies, flood lighting equipment, life preservers and rations for military and civilian personnel fighting the flood.

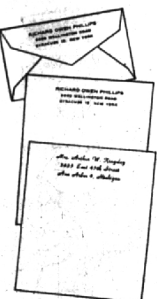
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## Junior Chamber To Hold Election

The Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual election of officers Wednesday, May 14, at the new YMCA building, Edgewood and Lincoln. The slate drawn up for members includes Jim Couzens for president, Bob Guy for secretary, John Botsford for treasurer and Roger Cummings as director with one director's post open for nominations from the floor.

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