

Most of our citizens accept the existence of politicians as part of the province of self-government; we must, you see, elect people to govern us. There is little basically wrong in this... except when we neglect to see wisdom in putting them into office, and they oppress us.

APPARENTLY OUR hot, dry summer has been just what the sunflowers ordered. There have been a number of big fellows reported, the latest to come from "Mel" Collins. At her home, 1510 Pierce, Mrs. Collins has one plant which has tried to imitate the famous beanstalk. It's 12 feet tall, and to really prove that it's been ideal weather for its species, is currently "boasting" about the 38 blossoms it has.

IF YOU ARE one of the persons unable to join the Community House contract bridge classes this term, take heart. You have a second chance by contacting the Royal Oak board of education. Their classes for contract bridge will start Sept. 30, and are open to all residents of Oakland county. The Community House classes, which start Sept. 22, have a waiting list.

"THE MARK OF ZORRO," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., will be shown at the Henry Ford museum in Greenfield Village this weekend as the current "Old Time Movie" program gets underway. During the season more than 40 films of the 1910-38 period will be shown. The Zorro film will be presented at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

VISITING NEWSPAPERMEN also find it difficult, while on vacation, to resist dropping in on other newspaper offices. So Monday Ellis Walker, assistant editor of the Advance-Star, the daily newspaper in Burlingame, Calif., just 15 miles up the peninsula from San Francisco, stopped by The Eccentric editorial offices to swap a few stories and experiences. Walker was here a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Sears, 17928 Buckingham, Beverly Hills. He had some very nice professional comments to make about The Eccentric, one of them being, "You give very good and abundant coverage of the news events in Birmingham and the area."

THE MASSED BANDS of 105 Michigan high schools will play during the half-time period at the Michigan-Indiana game on Oct. 11, a part of the annual University of Michigan Band Day program. Among those appearing will be the Troy high school band of 46 young musicians, under the direction of Raymond Schultz. The bands will have a one-hour rehearsal during the morning to prepare the eight selections they will play.

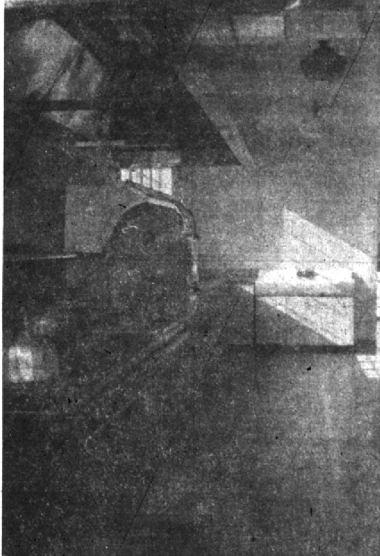
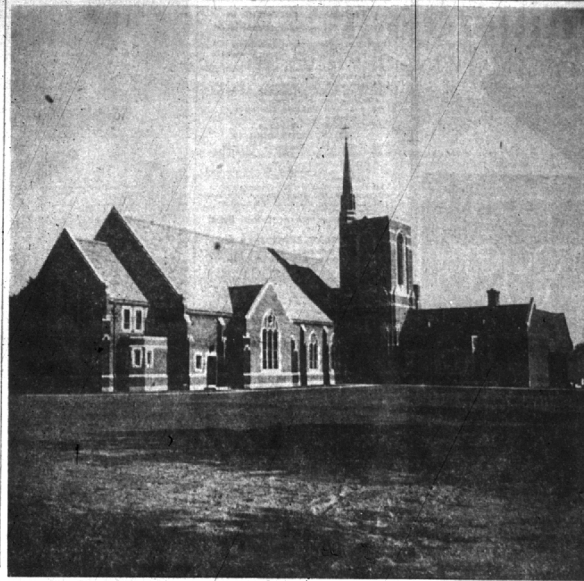
NEWSPAPER ARTICLES and public opinion locally repeat again and again, "Who is going to replace Tracy?" The stocky Birmingham High school basketball star romped to a glorious record during his football and baseball years on Maple teams and certainly earned state recognition as an outstanding athlete. But why should a high school coach, any coach, be placed in a position to fill such a star's boots? This isn't college or professional ball. Harried college coaches, besieged by alarmed alumni, can look to a national field to replace the Tom Harmon's, Kyle Rotes, Jim Mellos and Otto Grahams. The high school coach can only hope that some player within the school district can take over where a Tracy left-off. Good football fans look only for a spirited team giving their all... they don't demand all-state candidates every year. Tracy has made the big time with his enrollment at Tennessee, one of college football's power-houses.

ONE DISAPPOINTED SWIMMER can have his or her faith restored in the sport by calling at Frank Whitney's office in the Birmingham Board of Education building. When school officials drained the swimming pool at Barnum Junior High School recently, they found a yellow gold wedding band. School authorities guess that it may be a man's ring. On the inner surface are the initials M. E. P. and C. B. E. with the date June 18. No year can be made out on the worn surface. The ring's owner can regain his loss by a trip to the school board's office.

A NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT at the Cranbrook-W. Maple intersection may be in the offing. Several city commissioners have noted the difficulty high school students have been having since school opened last week in trying to get across Maple in the face of the heavy traffic.

NOT A WORD has been heard back in city hall from City Manager D. C. Egbert, now on vacation at his summer cottage on Wildfowl Bay, on the west side of the state's thumb. Just before he left last week Tuesday, he said he "was going to forget about city affairs for two weeks." He's due back at his desk this coming Monday.

THAT OLD W. MAPLE BRIDGE'S days are numbered. Its removal was included in the paving contract, but the city had a few things to do before it would let the contractor take it out. But City Engineer L. R. Gare says the old structure will come out yet this fall.



Services Moved To New Edifice

Plans are being formulated for the consecration services of the new First Methodist church at West Maple and Pleasanton during the week of Oct. 5-12.

First Sunday service in the new building was held Sept. 7, although a few items of furnishing still had not been installed at that time. This work has since been completed.

The entire building is a pleasant blending of soft, light colors. Painted walls are in grays, creams, pale greens and yellows with floors of gray plastic tile.

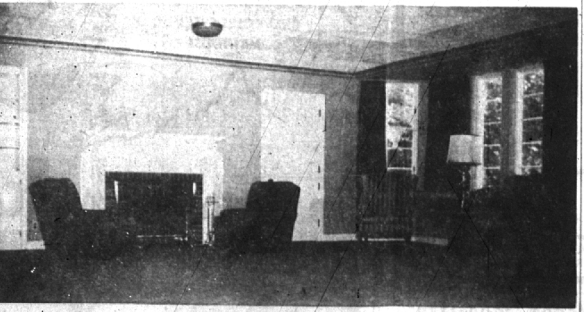
TOP LEFT: An over-all view of the church exterior and area to be landscaped. Shrubbery planting will be completed this fall and lawns already have been seeded.

TOP RIGHT: A view of the sanctuary, taken from the balcony of the church. The simple architectural beauty of the structure and the loveliness of the three leaded windows is one of the church's most impressive features.

AT LEFT: The completely equipped kitchen, with its modern facilities and airy lightness, is a section of the new building which has drawn favorable comment from the ladies who serve on the many church supper committees.

BELOW: The Youth Chapel on the second floor is one of two small chapels outfitted for complete religious services. It will be available for small wedding parties and regular church activities.

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