

for later in the month, officials of both the Little League and Babe Ruth League began making plans for another season of organized play.

Parishioners of St. Columban's church joined in an all-out effort this week to decorate their new rectory on Dunstable. The men handled the painting chores while the women made drapes for the smart-looking red brick home.

Issue of April 8

City voters backed construction of two new fire halls in the April election by overwhelming majorities. They also elected William E. Roberts, Robert E. Navin and James C. Allen to the city commission and approved the city's annexation of the Porritt property.

A budget of \$143,500 for the 1954-55 fiscal year was approved by Troy township voters this week at the annual township meeting of the electors. The figure is only \$1,631 over the township's 1953-54 year.

Lathrup councilmen were investigating the possibility of creating a combined police and fire department for the new city as negotiations for township fire protection bogged down at the conference table.

City commissioners this week approved a new smoke abatement ordinance to rid the business area of the black pall of smoking chimneys.

Walter J. Howard, 60, well-known Detroit contractor, died early this week after a four-month illness. Mr. Howard was a Lathrup resident.

Issue of April 15

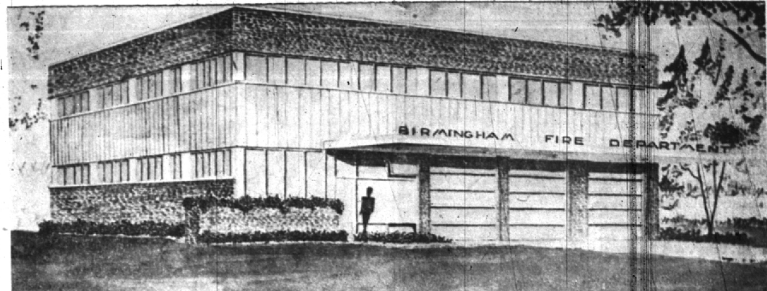
Charles W. Renfrew, Birmingham city commissioner, was elected mayor of the city in a vote of commissioners this week. He succeeds Ralph A. Main who resigned from the commission. James A. Beresford was the mayoralty choice in the City of Bloomfield Hills.

Southfield township electors approved a 1954-55 fiscal year's budget of \$200,000 at the annual meeting April 10. The record budget is over \$100,000 more than the 1953-54 budget.

The annual Community House drive went over the top again as residents pledged \$45,000 to the support of the community center.

The golf season was opened officially at the city's course, Springdale, this week.

The Johnson Memorial award, considered the highest honor a boy can win at Birmingham



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of Birmingham's east-side fire station now under construction at Adams and Bowers. The Maple-Chesterfield station is of similar

design. The \$225,000 total cost of the two stations was financed by a bond issue, submitted to and approved by voters at the April city election.

high school, was presented last week to Birmingham's all-time swimming star, Russell Hibbard. Increased operating expenses threatened to phase both the school districts of Troy and Southfield in the bid for the 1954-55 year, both boards learned this week.

Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster learned this week that he had been named acting postmaster for the city. Reese's appointment had been delayed for months, while postal head here, Bernard Fowler, awaited his dismissal.

Issue of April 22

A tentative budget submitted to the Lathrup city council this week revealed that if Lathrup decided to operate its own police and fire department, expenditures for the 1954-55 year would be near \$80,000.

Dr. Kenneth B. Babcock, 315 Fairfax, director of Grace Hospital, Detroit, this week was named director of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in the United States and Canada.

Philip A. Hart, legal advisor to Gov. G. Mennen Williams and former United States district attorney for Eastern Michigan, last week announced his candidacy for the state's lieutenant governor post in the fall election.

A year of planning and preparing around was broken Easter Sunday for the first part of the Southfield, United Presbyterian church.

500 boys turned out for opening tryouts of the Little League baseball program this week.

Birmingham board of education members this week prepared to discuss plans for a further bond issue to finance construction of building additions and school sites.

Issue of April 29

An Oakland county circuit court injunction which, if allowed to stand, would prevent the city from enforcing single family zoning requirements on a triangle of land adjacent to the Grand Trunk railroad, is to be carried on a general appeal to the Michigan Supreme court, city commissioners decided this week.

J. M. Ball was reelected president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the Chamber last week.

New directors named to the board were Mark E. Bears, Herman E. Eke and Arthur P. Blakeslee.

Several Birmingham organizations stood ready this week to participate in the city's first clean-up, fix-up program scheduled for May 1-10.

Officials of the Oakland hospital, under construction at Thirtieth Mile and Colledge, announced this week that the hospital's name has been changed to the William Beaumont Hospital.

Ralph E. Hunt, 294 Cranbrook, was elected general chairman of the 1954 South Oakland County Fair drive this week.

City Commissioner James C. Allen (Continued on Next Page)



EX-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Adlai Stevenson is shown studying pictures brought to him by Mrs. James Allen (left) and a Huntington Woods woman while the former Illinois' governor enjoyed a garden party at the Birmingham home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goldstein.



Chronology

(Continued from Preceding Page)

Commissioners for the city have agreed to the arrangement.

"A This Is Your Life" program at the Troy high school cafeteria honored Stewart K. Baker, school district superintendent, for his 25 years of service to the district. School officials from nearby districts attended.

Issue of April 1

As a city election workers prepared for the April balloting, nine candidates also awaited the outcome of the vote to seat three men on the city commission. Proposals on the ballot included annexation of the six-acre, 100-15 property and issuance of bonds for two new fire stations.

Soaring temperatures and an hours-long deluge of rain early in the week threatened to usher in an early spring but four days later snowplows were busy shoveling the city out from under a heavy blanket of snow.

A Wyandotte woman was killed and two men seriously injured in a two-car collision on Telegraph at 11 Mile road March 28.

With baseball tryouts scheduled

ARMED WITH A MOVIE CAMERA and disguised as "bums", three Birmingham high school seniors toured Detroit's "skid row" early this year—in the interest of educational advancement. The boys (left to right), R. Jenkins, M. O'Conner and E. Goddellow, made the tour in an effort to prove their theory that the economic system of the United States could not be blamed for conditions "on the row."

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