

# The Birmingham Eccentric

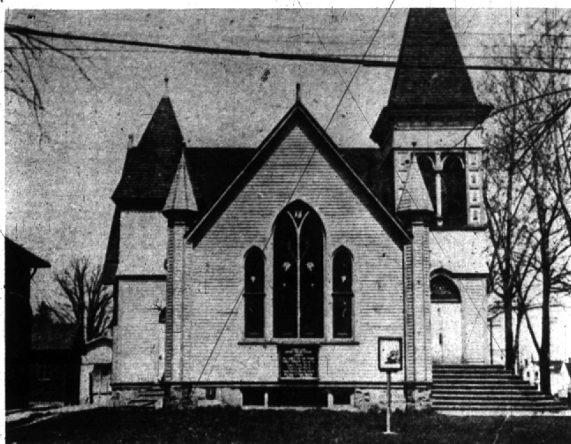
**New Books at the Baldwin Library**

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**GERMAN**—Challenge of Being a Woman  
**SCIENCE & THE USEFUL ARTS**  
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**MEAKIE**—A Doctor Talks to Women  
**HEARD**—The Book of the Dead  
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**McULLOUGH**—Illustrated Handbook of Child Care  
**FINE ARTS**  
**NOTHSTEIN**—Modern English Painters  
**LARAGNE**—Dust  
**HEARD**—The Book of the Dead  
**LESHAW**—Kalamazoo: The Man and His World  
**SCHWEITZER**—Music in the Life of Albert Schweitzer  
**EMBORE**—Bible Student's Primer  
**LITERATURE**  
**SOETY OF MAGAZINE WRITERS**—Guide to Successful Magazine Writing  
**BEKEN**—Collected Poems  
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**TRAVEL—HISTORY—BIOGRAPHY**  
**CRANWELL**—North  
**MURRAY**—Complete Handbook of the Vorn Island  
**EARLY**—Washington Holiday  
**LETTER**—American Demagogues  
**MURPHY**—21 Masters of Politics  
**FRANK**—Modern German History  
**JUVENILE NO FICTION**  
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**JUVENILE FICTION**  
**COMMEMORATIVE**—Birthdays  
**CLYMER**—Character  
**CLYMER**—Character  
**PEECHAM**—Tangle Branches  
**ROGERS**—John's Best Yard Camp  
**ROGERS**—John and the Flying Jenny  
**WATSON**—Habitat  
**YOUNG AND PICTURE BOOKS**  
**HAWKINS**—The Best Birthdays  
**YOUNG MODERN'S COLLECTION**  
**HEARD**—The Book of the Dead  
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**OGILVIE**—White for 'n' Wind

Actually, there is no such thing as a completely self-made man or woman; while many people have achieved success because they strictly did more than average for themselves, each of us depends upon outside aids to a considerable extent.

## Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •  
As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DEDICATED OCT. 1897  
Photo from the Stanley Ford collection.

## New Location— New Membership— But It Looks the Same

United Presbyterians were meeting in Birmingham in 1879 at Library Hall, northwest corner of Merrill and Bates, with the Rev. J. P. Gibson as their minister.

After wandering about town for a while, they finally worked out a satisfactory arrangement with the Adventists who had a church on the northeast corner of Martin and Henrietta.

Since Adventists observed their Sabbath on Saturday, this made it possible for the United Presbyterians to hold their services on Sunday in the same church building.

These two church organizations were the smallest of all church groups in the village. In 1883 United Presbyterian church membership numbered only about 15-20.

IN NOVEMBER 1896, the United Presbyterians, having gained in strength and numbers, purchased the Woodward avenue property of Mrs. S. J. Harris for \$1,000 and made plans for the building of their house of worship. Woodward avenue still was called "Saghuw" street by some folks and in 1908, a new street, Forest, was cut through, so the church eventually stood on the northeast corner of Woodward and Forest.

The church was erected under the guidance and leadership of the Rev. A. H. Orr, who had been the United Presbyterian pastor for eight years. It was completed in the fall of 1897.

THE OCTOBER DAY of dedication was perfect in autumnal beauty and throngs of interested representatives of sister churches far and near assembled to witness the ceremonies. Three services were held at the new church that day.

At the morning service, Matthew McBride read the financial statement and revealed that the total cost of the new church was \$4,500 of which \$1,917.25 already was raised by subscription.

## Active in Army Test Exercises

PFC Orville A. Shippel, III, PFC Frederick K. Ipperlatz and Cpl. James R. Laidig recently participated in a special army test exercise at Fort Hood, Tex.

Purpose of the exercise was to test combat command experimental formations organized by the first armored division to adapt to the latest concepts of atomic age ground warfare.

Shippel, a cannoneer in Battery D of the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, entered the army last May and completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He is a graduate of Baldwin high school and the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Shippel, 1387 Ruffner.

Ipperlatz, a tank gunner with Company A of the First Tank Battalion, entered the army in February 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Cleland C. Ipperlatz, 1051 North Adams.

Cpl. Laidig, a personnel specialist in Headquarters and Service company of the division's Fourth Medium Tank Battalion, entered the army in 1953.

His wife Bonnie lives at 425 Benaville and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Laidig live on Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills. A 1952 graduate of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Laidig is a member of Delta Phi Rho fraternity.

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