

Rev. Towne Ends Ministry Here, Honored Sunday

Approximately 650 persons expressed their goodbyes and good wishes to the Rev. Harold E. Towne Sunday afternoon at a reception honoring him at Birmingham Community House.

The event was given by members of the parish of St. James Episcopal church, where Mr. Towne presided at services for the last time that day. He leaves this week to accept a call to the ministry of an Episcopal church in Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania, exclusive Pittsburgh suburb, beginning July 1.

Church members presented Mr. Towne with a farewell check and a large watercolor of the modern church on W. Maple which was constructed under his 11-year ministry there.

THE ST. JAMES Woman's auxiliary has created a Harold E. Towne music fund as a tribute to him and his love of music.

In the reception line Sunday were representatives of the vestry, the minister's mother, Mrs. Floyd E. Towne, his three children, Judy, Chris and Susan, and Mrs. Wallace R. Ivers, formerly of 1753 Midvale, Birmingham to whom Mr. Towne will be married tomorrow.

The ceremony will be performed in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Towne has asked the Rev. Fletcher Plant to be his best man, and Mrs. Ivers' attendant will be Mrs. Kent MacDonald.

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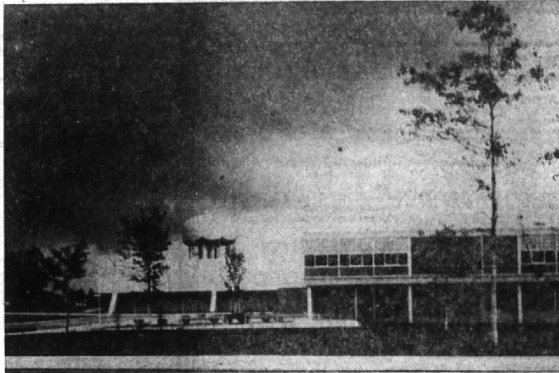
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Tumultuous Thursday!

Storm

Ominous clouds thundered over the Birmingham area Thursday, bringing with them torrential rains, high winds and lightning that recurred through the day. Most intense winds and rainfall struck at noon, when power and phone lines and trees were downed all over the area. Mrs. Phyllis B. Manypenny, 32, of 1280 Cranbrook, Birmingham, escaped uninjured when a large tree fell, pinning her in her car as she



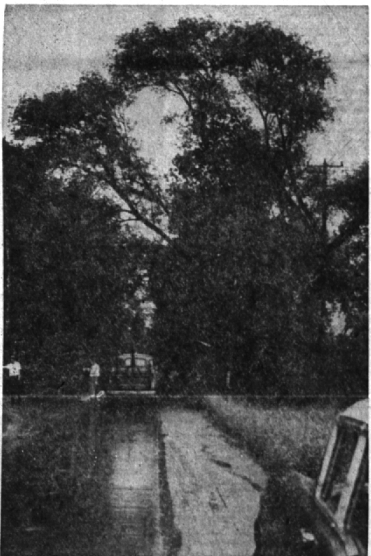
THIS WICKED-looking storm cloud passed over Birmingham with only a few rain drops. It is the same cloud which Pontiac and Birmingham observers saw go into a funnel shape, but which did not touch the ground. A rain cloud followed a short time later, dumped a lot of wind-whipped water in a few minutes.



A fallen branch almost covered this car parked near 511 N. Woodward when the Thursday noon storm hit, but did only slight damage. Car belonged to Harold McCall, of 1940 W. Big Beaver, Birmingham, employee of Murphy's service station.



WIND UPROOTED nine trees, felled power and phone lines at the century-old residence at 5051 Beach road near E. Long Lake road where Mrs. Bea St. Peter resides. At right, utility workers prepare to shut off power to remove live wire resting on fallen pine tree. Freak gusts snapped off branches at top and bottom of one tree, leaving only middle portion intact.



THE NOON STORM split this tree on Maple, west of Telegraph, causing motorists to take a two-block detour for several hours.

drove on East Maple near Adams road.

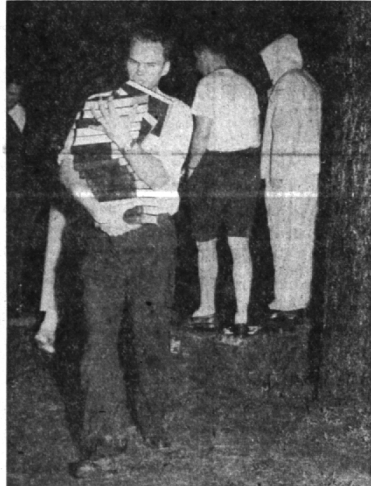
As though Thursday's windstorms weren't enough, fire broke out in Kirk-in-the-Hills church, a blaze that seriously damaged the huge structure before firemen from numerous departments could halt it. Dense smoke and sirens of emergency vehicles attracted hundreds to the scene. (Story on Page 1-A).

And Fire!



Glaring spotlights from fire trucks and smoke pouring from huge Kirk-in-the-Hills present an eerie scene as firemen battle the blaze that swept the structure last

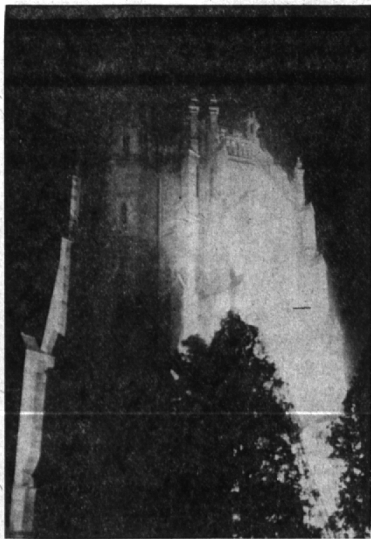
Thursday night. Two fire trucks and the portable water tank used by firemen as a central supply are in the foreground.



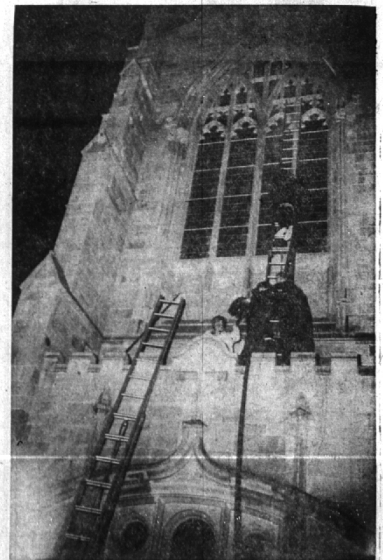
An unidentified youth struggles with a load of books rescued by volunteers from blazing Kirk-in-the-Hills. Volunteers braved smoke and the threat of the roof collapsing to remove furnishings and books from the sanctuary of the church.



OVERCOME by smoke, a volunteer gets an assist down the ladder from one of his buddies. Several others also had to be given oxygen when they also inhaled too much smoke. None was seriously affected.



Flames and spotlights from numerous fire trucks at the scene light the south tower of Kirk-in-the-Hills.



Firemen hoist hose up ladder in an attempt to reach the fire burning in the upper part of Kirk-in-the-Hills. This stained glass window, valued at \$10,000, had to be smashed to allow firemen to reach the flames with water.