

1962: Eventful Year for Birmingham Area

Issue of Jan. 4
The Birmingham Board of Education awarded construction contracts totaling \$485,444 for school additions. Work will be done on Harlan, Franklin, Pembroke and Bloomfield Village schools. The board also designated Tarapata and MacMahon of Bloomfield Hills, as architects for the new Valley Woods Junior High.

Richard Schlosser was appointed building official for Birmingham by the city commission. The vacancy had been created with the resignation of Andrew Butt to take a commercial position.

Birmingham Church of Christ began the sale of \$150,000 in bonds to finance its proposed building on Big Beaver near Adams Road. The new building is the first of three phases of the congregation's building program.

Issue of Jan. 11
Edward H. Lorch, of Bloomfield Hills, was named to take over the Birmingham area branches of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. He replaced Herbert H. Garner, who retired.

Birmingham decided to continue publishing all ordinances except ordinance codes. The city commissioner directed the city attorney to rewrite a proposed amendment to the city charter, which they intend to submit to voters in the spring. Wording of the proposed revision will be made to limit the posting of ordinances to codification of laws.

After a year's furlough of speaking in about 100 churches throughout the United States, Birmingham First Methodist missionaries Drs. Dr. and Mrs. Robert White prepared to take on new assignments in the Congo.



Lions Award Safety Patrol Trophy

THE LIONS Safety Patrol Trophy, to the school with the most outstanding patrol work during the year, was awarded in February by Birmingham Lions Club President Harold Kallblich (right). Accepting was Roger Holtz, 545 Oakland, for Adams School.

Also pictured are Lt. Robert Shaule (left) of the Birmingham Police Dept., who determined the winner; Lion Claude Kidd, 560 Rivenoak; and Cris Le Messurier, 750 Big Beaver.

Issue of Jan. 18
Gov. John B. Swanson keynoted a kickoff meeting of the Democratic Party's statewide members.

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became the new pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church. Rev. Gieseke came to the Hills from Forest Park, Ill.

St. Dunstan's Playhouse was transformed into a Great Hall, complete with armor, flags, swords, six-foot shields and battlements as the group made plans for their "Camelot Ball."

Issue of Jan. 25
Birmingham city commissioners authorized the drawing up of three plans for a possible golf course on the site of the old sewage disposal plant on W. Lincoln and Cranbrook roads. W. Bruce Matthews was commissioned to make the drawings that would convert the 66-acre tract into Birmingham's second municipal golf course.

A one-and-a-half million dollars in school bonds to finance construction in the Birmingham School District were approved by the State Municipal Finance Commission.

Issue of Feb. 1
The Birmingham Eccentric won an award in the Michigan Press Association annual newspaper general excellence contest. The Eccentric took second place honors.

John C. Emery Jr. was elected president of the Bloomfield Open Golf and Club's 42th annual meeting.

The Albert Sheetz Candy Co. opened the second of their new stores in the Birmingham area at 165 Pierce. The retail outlet was the old home of the Birmingham Little League.

Issue of Feb. 8
A \$50,000 fire destroyed the Suetter shop in downtown Birmingham. Firemen battled the blaze for more than 45 minutes before bringing it under control. Owner Morris Goldberg and a dress salesman were the only persons in the store when the fire broke out. Neither were injured. It was believed the fire started in a trash container.

The complete renovation of the Hincheloch Bros. store on W. Maple is nearing completion. The new facade featured black Italian tile

and gold decor. The new modern set resigned to devote more time to activities of a public service nature.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church celebrated its fifth anniversary as a mission church of Christ Church Cranbrook. The Rev. Gerald O'Grady officiated at the service.

The use of safety belts by two Beverly Hills youths saved them from possible serious injury in a two-car collision. Emory C. Master, 17, and Richard C. Ladd, 18, suffered only minor injuries because both wore safety belts, according to Hills police.

Issue of Feb. 15
George Romney, 51, officially entered into the 1962 gubernatorial race. The former American Motor president made the announcement at a press conference in Detroit. Romney said his campaign plans will hinge on the adjournment of Con-Con.

William T. Gossett resigned as general counsel of the Ford Motor Co. Wright Tisdale was named vice president-general counsel. Gos-

Birmingham City officials expressed concern over the possibility of a metropolitan airport in northern Oakland County. The County Board of Supervisors are expected to be asked to appropriate \$355,000 to initiate work on the project.

Birmingham received a unique Valentine from the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. in the form of the area's first complete motor bank. The new bank is located at Woodland and Oakland. Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett was the first customer.

Issue of Feb. 21
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce pooled the merchandising talents of its members to launch an expansion program to increase its membership and double its financial support. Plans for the program were announced at a meeting at the Community House.

F. M. Brock was re-elected chairman of Max Brock, Inc. and Frederic C. Pew was re-named. (Continued on Next Page)

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Lathrup held its traditional Christmas tree lighting in early January bringing warmth to the hearts of local residents who enjoyed the spectacular sight. Teen-agers who were present found it a warm accom-

paniment to a skating party sponsored by the Police Youth Recreation Department. Although the annual lumiere has become quite a tradition in the city, it was delayed this year due to icy weather.

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The District, presently 24 square miles in area, centers around the City of Birmingham and includes parts of three adjoining cities, three villages and three townships. It is a highly restricted residential area with practically no industry but it does include an excellent shopping area in Birmingham City. The entire District is strictly zoned and is better than 90 per cent improved. The average value of homes is \$20,000. Several of the first golf courses in the Detroit Metropolitan Area lie within the school district boundaries.

Recent surveys show 95 per cent of the homes owner-occupied and over 95 per cent of the employes of population of the District is engaged in professional, industrial and business enterprises in the Detroit Metropolitan Area. District schools report average annual income of \$2,000 per family. The District consistently sends 70 to 75 per cent of its High School graduates to college. The nationally known Cranbrook Institutions lie just over the District boundary but impart to the school area cultural opportunities found in comparatively few communities in the Midwest.

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