

### Queen of Martyrs Serves Beverly Hills

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic parish in Southfield Township was created in October, 1951, to serve the rapidly growing Beverly Hills area. The cornerstone of its first parish plant went into place in July, 1952. The building served temporarily as a church and social hall and was to be the permanent auditorium and gymnasium. Plans called for a parochial school, convent, church and permanent rec-

toratory. The new edifice was ready for its initial service at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass that year. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs was blessed May 28, 1953, in a ceremony presided over by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, assisted by 120 area priests. Sid Coale shot this aerial picture for the Eccentric's series.

### B'ham Church Okays Site

At a special meeting Jan. 20, the members of the Congregational Church of Birmingham approved the purchase of approximately nine acres at the southwest corner of the intersection of Cranbrook Road and Woodward Ave. as the site of their new church and Christian education facilities.

This site, one of the most beautiful in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, according to church officials, was selected by the property acquisition committee with the assistance of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach Associates, architects and engineers for the new church.

The members of the committee are Ray Lattimer, chairman, 1457 Cedar Bend Drive, Bloomfield Hills; Donald Barnett, 26550 Red Leaf Lane, Southfield; Mrs. Dalt Lamb, 32370 Norchester Drive, Beverly Hills; Owen Hall, 3586 Bradford Drive, Bloomfield Township; Curtis P. Peole, Jr., 1429 Washington Blvd., Birmingham; and Robert Vibbert, 18966 Beverly Rd., Birmingham.

The Congregational Church of Birmingham was founded 10 years ago and shortly thereafter purchased the former Birmingham Presbyterian edifice at 388 N. Woodward Ave. With the passing years, the need for more adequate

educational facilities has steadily become more urgent. Financing for this \$350,000 project was assured with the successful completion of the \$150,000 Crusade for Tomorrow campaign in 1962, and an active program was started immediately by the building executive committee under the general chairmanship of William T. Arnold, 2727 Square Lake Road.

Other members of this committee are the Rev. Raymond A. Fenster, minister; Hugh Fisher, 1073 Pleasant, Birmingham; John Greenhough, 1064 Oxford Road, Birmingham; Austin Miller, 650 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Township; Edward Morley, 701 Puritan, Birmingham; and Marvin Wood, 885 Fox Run, Bloomfield Township.

DURING THE summer and fall of 1962, the property acquisition committee searched for potential building sites and interviewed numerous leading architectural firms in this area.

On Dec. 10, at the church annual budget meeting, the building committee announced the selection of the firm of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach Associates, architects of 950 N. Hunter Blvd., Birmingham.

The selection of the architect and the purchase of the site completes an important step in the program. In the months to come, a design coordination committee under the leadership of Austin Miller will be working closely with Stephen Page and Henry Haberkorn of O'Dell, Hewlett and Luckenbach in the final designing of the new church facilities.

Occupancy of the new building is planned for the fall of 1964.

### Resolution Opposes New Constitution

Following spirited debate Jan. 19, the Michigan Townships Association voted to oppose the proposed new state constitution.

A standing vote of the more than 400 delegates showed a split of about 3:2 on the resolution opposing the constitution.

Some of the delegates opposing the constitution warned that it would seriously weaken township government. An even stronger opinion in this direction was voiced by Clarence Stenke, treasurer of Sedus Township, Berrien County, who said township officials, government and the association would be lost within five years if the new constitution were accepted by voters.

OTHERS ASSERTED that townships would be powerless to oppose

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### Happenings

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after becoming a city had been announced today by Village President Harry Allen.

Members of the newly organized Birmingham Salvation Army Home Service Board are outlining plans today for the opening on Monday of the first annual Salvation Army Appeal for maintenance of the Army's Home Service. The Appeal will continue for two weeks, with the business section being solicited the week of Feb. 6 to 12, and the residential areas the week of Feb. 12 to 18.

"The church not only has the right, but it is under obligation, as the result of the divine commission which it carries, to lead the spirit and teaching of the Master into political, social, economic, racial, and international affairs," declared Rev. S. S. Marsalis, pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook, in his sermon Sunday morning.

#### 15 YEARS AGO

Jan. 28, 1948

Cleaning up of the Rouge River bed, a phase of the city's flood prevention campaign, is more than half completed, City Manager Donald C. Egbert reported to the city commission Monday night.

"City crews started at the city limits at Northlawn boulevard and have progressed northward to Maple avenue," the manager said.

Birmingham, by nine to one, favors increased activity by the United States in world trade, according to results of a public opinion poll made by the Community Council Institute Committee as part of the program of Birmingham's World Trade Week, which ended last night with a public discussion at the Community House.

Monday is the day. The day on which the fate of a city, yes, a nation depends. It is the day which foretells the fate of farmer and city dweller alike, of industry and pleasure, of fact and frivolity. It is as serious as were the Ides of March to Caesar, for Monday is the day on which the ground hog sallies forth from the deep nest he digs in the earth, looks slightly around, and—well, will he, or will he not see his shadow? Will we, or will we not have another six weeks of winter?

the will of cities in areas that are largely urban. The abandonment of justice courts and also of the biennial spring election under the new document also drew fire from delegates. The latter said that township elections would thus have an unimportant position of fall election ballots.

Frances Finch of Mattawan, speaking for supporters of the new constitution, said the fears voiced by the document's opposition in the association were baseless. Finch said the opposing resolution was railroaded through the convention.

In other business, the association urged legislation to prohibit cities from levying an income tax on suburbanites who work in the city.

### 14 Reasons Why RAMBLER '63 Wins Motor Trend Magazine's Award as "CAR OF THE YEAR"



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- 5.** "Rambler is now one-up on every other car"... with its new sports-car option, Twin-Stick Floor Shift with overdrive.
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- 9.** All Ramblers have, in effect, "two separate braking systems for the front and rear wheels. If either one should suddenly fail, the remaining one can bring the car to a safe stop." Self-adjusting brakes standard.
- 10.** "Quality has always been one of American Motors' largest selling points and continues to be in the new models."
- 11.** The sedans' trunks are "large with a good amount of usable space."
- 12.** "We've never seen a heater that produced more heat. At its maximum it should be up to any climate."
- 13.** "In addition to long-recognized owner-appeal features... the factory has doubled the new-car warranty to 24 months or 24,000 miles!"
- 14.** Rambler's "an even better buy this year," according to Motor Trend experts. Here are some outstanding examples: the American 220 for \$1846\*, the Classic Six 590 for \$2055\*, the Ambassador V-8 880 for \$2465\* (all 2-door sedans).

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### Health Official Gives Warning About Polio

Only three cases of paralytic polio were reported in Oakland County during 1962. One case of the non-paralytic type was also reported.

"That's good, but it's also bad," Dr. John D. Monroe, director of the Oakland County Department of Health, points out.

"It's bad," Dr. Monroe says, "because it may lead to an air of complacency, and people may not bother to be vaccinated this year because they still figure we've got the disease pretty well licked. Remember, too, that in 1961 we had no cases of polio in Oakland County."

"THIS IS WHAT happened in 1957, the previous low year with 27 cases. The following year there was a booming increase of 66 cases of polio. A good deal of the increase was credited to complacency and the failure of people to seek vaccination after the previous year of a scarcity of crippling polio," Dr. Monroe says.

An immunization law amending the school code and effective two years ago requires that all children entering school for the first time be checked for one of three alternatives concerning immunization:

1. SIGNED statements from the

family doctor stating they have been vaccinated against polio, whooping cough, lockjaw, smallpox and diphtheria.

2. A signed request from parents or guardians that the local health department give the vaccinations.

3. Statements signed by parents or guardians saying they do not wish their children immunized because of religious or other convictions.

"THIS NEW immunization law is credited with bringing more beginners to school for the first time protected against these five communicable diseases than ever before," Dr. Monroe says.

It is recommended that immunization against these diseases start at age three months with booster shots at age two.

"Adults cannot afford to be lax either," warns Dr. Monroe. "One of the paralytic cases this year was a year-old father of three children."



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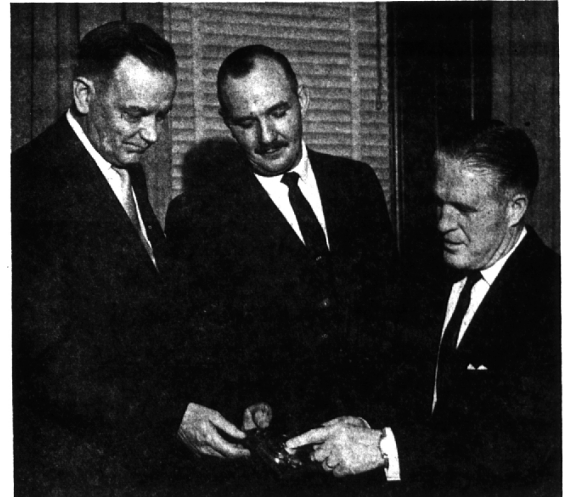


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### Award for a Child's Life

Governor Romney checks the wording and symbols on a bronze plaque awarded to David R. Humble (center) of Owosso, Mich., an employee of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. At left is Harry A. Sanders, of 780 E. Square Lake Road, Troy, vice president and general manager of the GTW.

The plaque is emblematic of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers' "Fireman of the Month" safety honors earned by Humble for saving the life of a child at Greenview, Mich. Gov. Romney made the presentation in his office at the state capitol.