

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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and newboys away from that corner. The city promised to help the transportation companies find new locations.

Dr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond, 1195 Woodward, left Birmingham Sunday on the first leg of their Journey to Miraj, India, where Dr. Ormond will establish a training

school for young-native doctors. Officials of the S. S. Kresge store announced that plans were being completed for construction of the new Kresge store on the site of the old Methodist church, Henrietta and Maple. They reported that work on the new building would be started

after the first of 1953.

Dr. Harlan Hatcher, president of the University of Michigan, visited Birmingham to address U. of M. alumnae.

Louisa McCracken, pianist, was featured in the opening program of the Birmingham Musicale at the Community House.

Issue of October 9

The Bloomfield township board called a special meeting Monday Oct. 13, to hold a hearing on a proposed shopping center at the corner of Cranbrook and Lincoln.

Bloomfield township. The Cranbrook development company, owners of 400 acres known as the Merwin farm, requested that a zone change from residential to business be granted on the south-east 40 acres of the property.

Birmingham recorded a record number of intended voters as the registration drive closed. In the city there were 13,045 ready to vote in the November 4 presidential election. Elsewhere figures showed that Southfield had approximately 13,500 registered, Bloomfield Hills counted 1248, Bloomfield township had 2,370, and Troy officials guessed that 5,100 would be eligible.

Birmingham city commissioners hired Matthew Carey, Detroit expert, to act as consultant on the financing of bond issues for any parking programs the city might undertake. They also instructed the city's traffic consultant to report on possible off-street parking locations.

The Birmingham Business Women's Club celebrated its 29th anniversary with a dinner and program at the Community House October 16.

The DAR Antique Show drew exhibitors from all over the nation and enjoyed repeated success in the second year of the event.

Issue of October 16

The Cranbrook Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary with a day-long program that included all six institutions within the Foundation. A featured program during the day was a remembrance service to Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, founders of the Cranbrook schools and church.

The Birmingham Board of Education set November 17 as the date for the \$3,000,000 school expansion bond issue.

A traffic collision at East Long Lake road and Livernoot October 12, took the life of Mrs. Frank Ebarra, age 22, of 3151 Helena, Troy township.

Bloomfield township board members were besieged by irate property owners in Bloomfield Village and Birmingham who opposed any plan for a shopping center at the corner of Cranbrook and Lincoln. Bloomfield township board members promised to call a public hearing on the plan before taking further action on the rezoning request.

By a decision of the Michigan Supreme Court, township boards were reduced in number when they had to release township justices from board positions. Regular meetings were attended by only the township supervisor, clerk and treasurer in Troy, Southfield and Bloomfield townships.

Southfield township's long-sought amendment to the zoning ordinance calling for larger side yard lot restrictions finally was passed by the board.

Issue of October 23

First week of the United Foundation's Torch Drive in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area netted over 33 percent of the area's total goal. Over \$48,000 of the needed \$145,000 was raised in the first seven days by the 700 volunteer workers.

Erik Bergshagen, age 60, 3520 North Adams, owner and operator of the Jagersbo kennels, was killed October 20 in a two-car crash on M-81 10 miles east of Saginaw.

Nearly 200 persons attended the meeting of the Birmingham Neoclastic club at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Roosevelt, October 16 which was highlighted by a visit from Gov. G. Mennen Williams, candidate for re-election.

Future plans for the development of Eton Park, the city's newest addition to its park and playgrounds, were referred by the Birmingham Board of Education to Planning Director Robert Boatman and Recreation Director Frank Whitney for study.

Charles M. Himes, age 36, of 241 Florence, Troy township, charged with manslaughter in the fatal shooting of his brother-in-law John O. Kilgoar, of Detroit, in February, was acquitted by a 12-man jury in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The annual AAUW book sale, in its 25th year, offered over 10,000 books in the Detroit Edison building throughout the week.

Issue of October 30

In the pre-election week, 35,000 registered voters waited for the opening of the polls. The big question that was in city and township officials' minds was how many of those registered would actually make the trip to the polls.

Presidential Candidate General Dwight D. Eisenhower got a quick glimpse of Birmingham when his campaign train slowed down through the Grand Trunk railway station. The General managed to wave to a small crowd gathered at the station.

Birmingham police cracked down on drunken drivers by purchasing an intoximeter, which chemically attests to the amount of alcohol, if any, that an accused driver has consumed.

Birmingham's chances of re-aligning the end of garbage and rubbish disposal problems were given a boost when Royal Oak township offered the South Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority a 35-acre tract of land on John R between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads as a location for the much-opposed incinerator building.

The Birmingham city plan board joined the Board of Education and city commission in submitting written protests to Bloomfield township over the proposed Cranbrook Development's shopping center at Lincoln and Cranbrook.

Troy township board members were handcuffed when they attempted to act on two liquor applications submitted to the board. A third applicant gained a restraining order in Oakland County Circuit court in an attempt to bring there on their request before any other licenses were granted.

Issue of November 6

Voters turned out in record numbers in this area to endorse Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the rest of the Republican candidates in the November 4 presidential election. Weary city and township clerks reported voting between 70 and 92 per cent of those registered. Officials pointed to the months of pre-election publicity and get-out-the-vote programs as the answer to the success of the election.

Plans for the pavement of West Maple between Linden and Glenhurst were ordered by the city commission. City Manager Donald C. Egbert said that it might take a bond issue to finance the 44 foot wide pavement.

Over 5,500 Birmingham school district children attended the city's annual Halloween parade. Balm, dry weather smiled on the youngsters, who, in turn, smiled on the hot dogs and soda pop.

The city commission has approved a \$9,000 appropriation to finance additional trimming work by an outside contractor and to enlarge the city forestry department to fight the Dutch Elm disease.

The city commission accepted the advisory opinion of Melvin Dadd, 881 Madison, and Lloyd Evans, 1456 Henrietta, who will study a smoke abatement program in the city. The committee will have no authority to enforce its recommendations.

Issue of November 13

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area went over the \$146,000 quota with slightly more than \$147,000 collected and final returns not yet tabulated in the United Foundation's Torch Drive. A peace memorial was presented to the city by the Rotary club at the new high school. A limestone block served as a mount for a large bronze seal of the United States created by Marshall Fredericks. Military and civilian speakers dedicated the memorial in Armistice Day ceremonies.

Bloomfield township board members deferred action on the proposed 40-acre shopping center at

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MEMBERS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH moved into their new spacious church building on West Maple and Pleasant Sept. 7. Consecration services were planned for the first part of October as parishioners became acquainted with the ample room, new church offered. Besides the main church there are two small chapels, a large kitchen, Sunday school rooms and meeting rooms.



TINY JEROME DeSOTELL and Jill Beardsley (center) owe their lives to John Anderson (rear left) for the role he played when fire struck the Stanley Mahaffey home at 201 Merrill on Nov. 28. Anderson caught Jill as she leaped from a second floor window after tossing the baby to him. Terry Mahaffey (far right) was taken from the building by firemen while Peter Beardsley made his own escape. The two Beardsley children were visiting the home when an overheated furnace ignited studding in the basement, filling the house with smoke.



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