

## City to Receive Pedestrian Safety Award from State

Mayor Dean Beier will receive a special award certificate on behalf of the City of Birmingham in recognition of its 1951 pedestrian safety record at Monday's commission meeting.

The presentation will be made by Ernest P. Davis, director of traffic safety for the Michigan chapter of the American Automobile Association.

Davis said Birmingham was one of 17,000 participating cities and congratulated Beier and Police Chief W. Moxley on the no fatality record established here in 1951.

HE POINTED OUT that since Michigan joined the program in

1939, pedestrian fatalities had been cut 17 per cent, although the number of cars had increased from 1,472,311 to more than 2,600,000.

"The citizens of Birmingham, city officials, police, schools and all concerned in traffic safety features in any way should feel proud," Davis said, "of the excellent record which the city has. It certainly is an incentive to them to keep up the good work during the current year and all the years to come."

### At Designers Conference

When the 10th annual conference sponsored by the College of Architecture and Design opens at the University of Michigan today, Erno Saarinen will be among the seven-member panel discussing the factors affecting plant design. This part of the two-day meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m.

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## To Study Removal Of Edging Stones

The much discussed problem of stones plotted around lawns in the public right-of-way came before the city commission again Monday night.

Commissioners instructed Police Chief Ralph Moxley and Department of Public Works Superintendent Norman Knapik to report at a later date to the Commission on the number of obstructions placed on the right-of-way.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert stated that two personal injury accidents in the city have been caused by stones in the paths of motorists and pedestrians.

**COMMISSIONER** Lance C. Minor opined that the city would get these obstructions out of the way of the public fast if it were ever used for damages.

Commissioner Frank Rising commented that more information was necessary before the commission should take action to control edging stones. He wondered whether shrubbery and posts also would be similarly controlled.

### Chair Rental Service

A new chair rental service is operating in the city. The Beer's Chair Rental company offers chairs, card tables and banquet tables on a seven-day a week, 24-hour-a-day basis. Phone number of the company that hopes to move into the office here soon is MI 4-1339.



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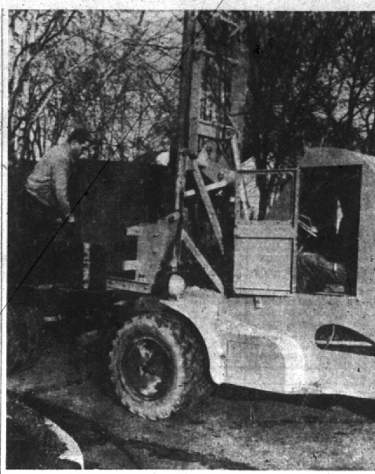
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### AN EASY WAY to load and unload the city's 20-odd voting machines in order to transport them to and from the various polling places was suggested this year by a DPW employee . . . use a mechanical fork lift. These DPW employees are doing just that Monday, the day before the record voting took place. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## People's Column

To the Editor:

It is deplorable to think that the Bloomfield township board is seriously considering the rezoning of acreage along Cranbrook road to permit commercial development across from Birmingham high school.

There are many reasons why this is objectionable but paramount is the disastrous blow it would be to the proper development of the youth of Bloomfield township and Birmingham.

With intelligent forethought and considerable expense, we have provided an educational facility which, in its class, is second to none in curriculum and environment. We felt our youth were not only entitled to this type of facility but that it was a "must" in their development into the high caliber future citizens we expect them to be.

Now, through the self-interest of outside commercial promoters, this well conceived long-range educational project for our youth may be severely endangered.

**THESE PROMOTERS** purchasing this acreage knowing it was zoned strictly for residential use. They cannot justly contend that a refusal of their petition to rezone their acreage from residential to commercial would be unfair, because the acreage is unchanged and must therefore retain the same conditions which impelled them originally to make the purchase.

As citizens of Birmingham, we have no standing with the Bloomfield township board in their consideration of this proposed rezoning project to be open to public discussion on Nov. 11 at the township hall. Nevertheless, we wish to express ourselves as members of this association as being opposed morally to this disastrous project.

Anything you can do to bring about the rejection of this rezoning petition will be public service of the first order in behalf of the future welfare of our two communities.

**JOHN MININALL**, President  
Golfview Heights Property Owners Association, Inc.

To the Editor:

By writing to you I hope the merchants of Birmingham will read this in The Eccentric.

What I want them to know is that I and the thousands of other children in Birmingham wish to show our appreciation to the merchants who not only kept us out of trouble, but gave us a good time on Halloween. We had free hot dogs, free sandwiches, free cider, free movies and a very very good time watching and marching in the Halloween parade. Every boy and girl I've talked to had as good a time as I did. I do not know I can say thank you from all the kids.

ONE OF THEM

## Reese Says Halloween Committee Maps Plans Now for 1953 Event

According to Rollie Reese, general chairman of the 1952 Halloween party, about 5,500 children took part in Friday's event.

"To estimate the spectators this year would be impossible," Reese said. "With the judging discontinued on Maple, the crowd was strung out more. At no one spot did there seem to be many people, but they were lined up around the whole route."

Reese added that the affair this year enjoyed a greater turnout than ever before. Service clubs, PTA groups, women's organizations, Boy Scouts and school groups sent greater numbers of workers.

"IT HELPED US to handle the larger crowd much easier," he commented. "This was especially true in distributing prizes. The women in this section really did a wonderful job."

"It's all over now, but let me assure our residents that right now plans are being considered for the next party. If we are able to develop them, I think it will be the best affair for every age, including the parents, that we have ever scheduled."

## Postoffice Seeking Bids On Messenger Route

Postmaster Bernard Fowler said bids would be received until Nov. 10 for the mail messenger route between the Birmingham post office and Grand Trunk station.

Persons bidding for this work must be over 18 years of age and willing to assume the responsibility of performing the task. Such person must reside on or contiguous to the route.

Applications for bids may be obtained from Fowler and after being filled out should be returned to him in person.

## Club Hears About Cranbrook Founder

Personal sidelights on the life of Cranbrook founder George G. Booth were related to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon by Lee A. White, public relations director of Cranbrook Foundation and personal friend of the late Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

In his introductory remarks, White mentioned that the various Cranbrook institutions are world-famous and have "an amazing record of achieving honors and awards."

"An impoverished farmland 45 years ago, the six Cranbrook institutions today comprise one of the finest cultural centers in the world," White stated.

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