

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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Issue of March 12
The Bloomfield Hills school district No. 2 lost its second school expansion bond issue proposal within the last year when 16 votes counted the death blow in Tuesday's special election. The proposal to finance construction of a new high school, an addition to the Wing Lake elementary school and the purchase of two school sites was defeated by a 484 to 468 vote. Three city employees killed and two others were seriously injured in a traffic accident on Dixie highway at the M-15 intersection over the weekend. Dead are Margaret A. Polley, Mrs. Margaret McClure and Susan Wendell. Beth Ann Abbott and Mary Ann Fairbrother were hospitalized after the crash that also claimed the life of the driver in the second car involved. Paul E. Clements, a native of Colorado, was named administrative assistant to City Manager Donald C. Egbert. Clements replaced Earl Sandquist who resigned in February. Marcus W. Joslyn, outstanding Birmingham High school athlete and student and a freshman at Williams College, died after a three-month illness. Construction bids for the six classroom addition to Quanton school were awarded by Birmingham board of education members and preliminary plans for the new Beverly school were also approved as the school district's expansion program got underway.

Issue of March 19
John Jacobs, superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills school district for five years, resigned his post effective July 31. The board of education accepted Jacob's resignation following the district's second

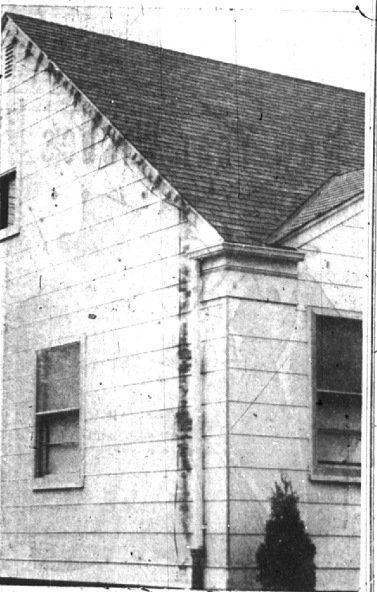
failure to pass a school expansion bond issue at the polls. The Birmingham board of education finally purchased a 10 acre parcel of land in Troy township as the site for the Pembroke elementary school after a delay of nearly a year. Purchase price of the site was reported as \$15,000. The Oakland County Board of Supervisors set the date of the Lathrup incorporation vote for May 12. The Lathrup vote becomes the second incorporation vote within the township. Mrs. Peter B. Loomis was elected president of the League of Women Voters for 1953 with Mrs. Charles Gullford, vice-president; and Mrs. Dayton O. Slater, Jr., secretary. Southfield township residents prepared to celebrate the formal opening of the Southfield school district's \$1,732,000 high school at Lahser and Ten Mile road on Sunday, March 22.

Issue of March 26
Plans were announced under way for the formation of a Birmingham chapter of the National Junior Achievement program. Harvey B. Greene was named chairman of the general committee that began searching for business sponsors to equip junior achievement companies in the city and help them get into business. In an unprecedented action, the city commission called a meeting of all opponents of the city's joining the Southeastern Oakland County Sewage Disposal District to hear objections to the membership and attempt to explain the city's stand in seeking to join the district. The Douglas-Cloud company of Detroit was awarded the general

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COMPLETING HIS 100th mission over North Korea with the U.S.A.F. 58th Bomber Fighter Wing, Lt. Miles C. McDonnell is shown climbing out of the cockpit of his F-84 Thunderjet. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McDonnell, the lieutenant has flown over 90,000 miles and dropped more than 75 tons of high explosives on Communist targets. His home is in Indianapolis.



THE STORM was brief, just a matter of a few minutes, but the William Vendrahn home at 415 Bird was badly damaged. Striking the TV lead-in (upper photo) the bolt followed the lines into the house, tearing out walls, wall plugs, damaging fixtures and electrical appliances. (Lower photo). In the attic the force of the bolt shattered rafters. Fire damages to the building were minor.

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