

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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land County Sewage Disposal District and the increased millage for the public library operating fund. Elsewhere in the area, Republican incumbents were swept back into township offices and in-

cumbents were again favored in the City of Bloomfield Hills. Annexation of three parcels of Troy township land to the City of Birmingham was under discussion this week when the city-

commission, city plan board and Troy township board held a joint meeting to study problems shared by both municipalities.

Beth M. Abbott became the fifth victim of a traffic accident on March 16 when three other city employees were killed at the Dixie-18 intersection. Miss Abbott died early this week from injuries suffered in the crash.

Dr. Ethel T. Calhoun, student of Sister Elizabeth Kenny and physician at the Sister Kenny Polio Center near Pontiac, was feted at a testimonial dinner at the First Baptist church this week.

Issue of April 16

City Commissioner Ralph A. Main was elected city mayor by city commissioners following spring elections last week. Main served as mayor between 1947 and 1948.

The Birmingham Lions club completed final plans for the club's 25th anniversary that was celebrated by a banquet at the Birmingham Country club Saturday night, April 18.

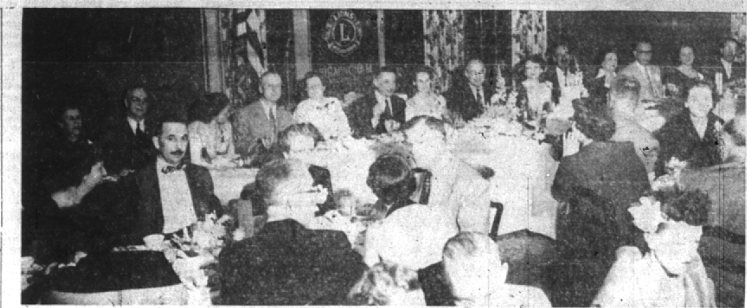
Township voters at Southfield's annual meeting early this week approved an appropriation to be included in the 1953-54 budget to finance the creation of the township's first police department.

Birmingham property escaped serious damage in a flash hail and electrical storm that lashed the city last week.

Walter O. Briggs, Jr., was elected mayor of the City of Bloomfield Hills by fellow city commissioners. Briggs has been on the commission for five years.

The Red Cross campaign here went over the top as \$14,583.28 was collected at the end of the annual drive.

Birmingham Gun club members planned an invitational shoot for Sunday, April 19, to celebrate the opening of their new club house on



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS of the Birmingham Lions Club filled the main dining room at Birmingham Country Club to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the service organization in April.

Richardson road in Commerce township.

Issue of April 23

City plan board members were expected to receive plans for the annexation of the Forritt property on Adams road to the city of Birmingham as city commissioners discussed the issue this week. Commissioners handed it back to the planners for one last look before taking a stance on the annexation.

Birmingham's YMCA's Men's club received its charter at an induction banquet at Christ Church Saturday, April 18. Norman James was elected the club's first president.

Off-street parking lot sponsors told city commissioners this week that they were not intending to go into the parking lot business and intimated that the city would be asked to take over the operation and maintenance of the lots after all property was purchased. Spokesmen for the Wakeek Corporation and Jacobson's, Inc., reported that nearly 75 percent of the proposed 4 1/2 acre parking lot was already purchased at a cost of \$439,000.

Construction bids for the Torry elementary school additions were accepted by the Birmingham Board of Education. Bids were reported to be within the estimates set by the architect as low bids totaled \$403,635.

Issue of April 30

Members of the Southeastern Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority asked the city's approval for the use of the city dump site on East Maple as a land fill site for the Authority's ten member communities pending completion of the incinerator in Royal Oak township. Commissioners gave tentative approval to the contracts.

Second ranking suburban weekly newspaper, the United States was the honor bestowed on The Birmingham Eccentric by the National Editors' Association meeting at its annual convention in New Orleans April 26-30.

Birmingham asked the Michigan Water Resources Commission

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IT WAS A HAPPY day in May when The Birmingham Eccentric observed its 75th birthday. Among the first to extend their congratulations were territory officials of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, who brought along a large anniversary cake to represent their good wishes. Admiring the gift are (left to right) Publisher George R. Averill, V. J. Raymond, in charge of A&P dairy sales; E. Poyner, territory supervisor; James Tuuk, manager of the Birmingham store, and Paul Neal Averill, business manager for The Eccentric.



PROPOSERS OF A JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT program for the city began an active campaign in spring for financial assistance in bringing the program here. Merritt Hill, left, and Harvey Greene, right, discuss the work of Junior Achievers with Doreen Orlovski and Lee Jewel, already members of a JA organization. The program was to become a reality in October when eight firms began production at the Birmingham Theater building.



SHOWN ABOARD the Queen Elizabeth in New York harbor, Mrs. George McDougal of Walnut Lake was the only Lusitania survivor to attend the "Remunion" sponsored by the Cunard Lines last week. Mrs. McDougal traveled first to Chicago where she was a guest on the "We, the People program", then to New York to be entertained by line officials.

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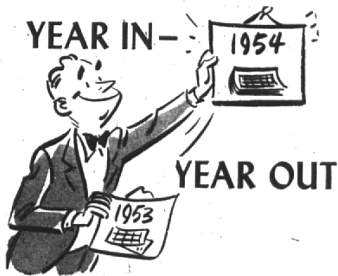
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