

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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Birmingham youth this week acted to revive the Youth Council. Reorganization of the Council included the setting up of an advisory committee comprised of adult representatives. Howard Johnson, Birmingham High school junior and newly-elected president of the Council, summed up the move by stating that students wanted adults to work with youth members and not for them.

Contributions received by the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children through the recent Easter seal sale totaled \$28,970, society officers reported.

As final plans and specifications for the new Pembroke elementary school were approved by Birmingham Board of Education members this week, board members were advised of the lack of sewage facilities in the area and learned that

the city would hold off water and sanitary sewer facilities to the site in Troy township unless the storm water problem was answered by the school board.

Issue of June 25

With an advanced ticket sale already over 2500 books and an entry list of nearly 140 professional golfers, officials and workers are hurrying the final plans for the Professional Golfers Association's tournament at Birmingham Country Club July 17.

Ground was broken on June 19 on the site of the Oakland County hospital on Fairview Mile near Woodward. Hospital Board Presi-

dent E. A. Tomlinson turned over the first shovel of dirt as top medical men in the area attended the ceremonies.

City commissioners proposed extension of temporary sewer services to a parcel of Troy township land north of Derby and east of Eton. The sewer would enable the Birmingham Development company to build homes in the area and would also enable the Birmingham school district to go ahead with plans for the proposed Pembroke elementary school.

Southfield township board members this week initiated action to establish the township's first police department. Township residents voted an \$8,000 appropriation at the annual meeting to bring police protection closer to their homes.

Birmingham was selected as the host city for the Little Bigger League state tournament July 27-29. Five cities were to send teams to the city to compete for the right to represent Michigan in the regional tournament.



A BIG ONE that didn't get away is displayed proudly by Leo Renault, 1638 Stanley. Renault landed the 32 pound muskie while fishing the Detroit River near Belle Isle.



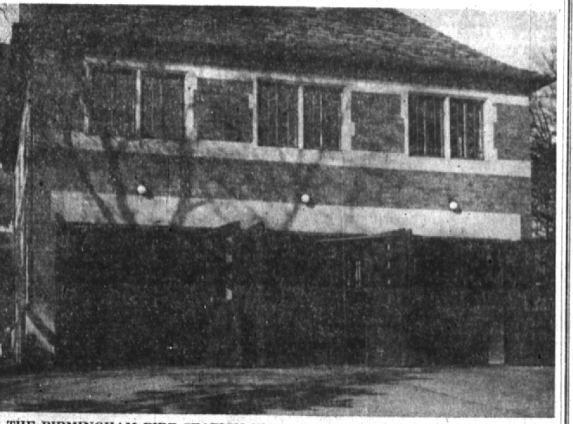
THE PLAQUE PICTURED HERE became a part of The Eccentric in May when the National Editorial Association awarded this paper the ranking of the nation's second best suburban weekly newspaper during 1953 in general excellence. The award was the fifth national rating for The Eccentric in the past four years.



AERIAL LADDERS AND EVERY available piece of fire-fighting equipment were pressed into service in February when a fire started by faulty machinery wiring touched off the city's most damaging fire at the Lawson Lumber company.



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN AT THE HEIGHT of the Lawson Lumber company's fire in February, shows the destruction wrought by the wood-fed flames. Neighboring fire departments were called to either help in pouring water on the fire or on a standby basis.



THE BIRMINGHAM FIRE STATION WAS EMPTY for nearly 30 minutes while all pieces of equipment were fighting the Lawson Lumber company fire early in February. City officials pointed to this vacant garage as reason enough for more fire fighting equipment for the city.



A TWO-HEADED TULIP was the prize of Mrs. William C. Yobey, 1861 Humphrey, early this summer. Rare in the tulip family, the bulb produced only one bloom last year.

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