



NATIONAL PROMINENCE was gained in May by the Birmingham high school swimming team when six of its members were awarded All-American honors. Swimmers named, pictured from left with their coach, were Bruce Terry, Martin DeHaan, George Stinnett, Coach Jay Myers, Dave Allan and Russ Hibbard. Tom Sheehan is not pictured.



EXAMINING THE OLD BIBLE used in swearing in ceremonies in June for Franklin Village's new officers are from left to right, Assessor Jack Roberts, Clerk C. Lay Hauk and Treasurer Norman G. Curtin.

Birmingham high school, succeeding Vincent Secotine, Lemie comes to Birmingham from a post as coach at Holland, Ohio.

Lathrop Village city officials have approved a \$66,252 budget for the community's first fiscal year. Under the new budget, administrative salaries will cost \$14,366, and administrative expenses \$5,130.

John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State college was scheduled as principal speaker at Cranbrook school commencement exercises. Cranbrook Institutions marked the 50th year of their existence at a special golden anniversary service in Christ Church.

Birmingham branch of the AAUW announces it is offering two new scholarships totalling \$1,000 to girls living in the area. The scholarships will be granted those interested in preparation for the teaching profession.

Injury accidents in Birmingham were reported higher during the first quarter of this year than in 1953. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley revealed that 1954 personal injury accidents were a total of 27 persons, compared to 19 hurt in the first three months of 1953.

Issue of May 27
City Manager Donald C. Egbert celebrated his 25th anniversary of public service to the Birmingham community. For the past 18 years he has been the city manager, with the exception of a three-year tour of duty with the navy during World War II.

Harry U. Eiler, Oakland county Red Cross chairman, asked for heightened public support for the community independence program. He pointed out that the chapter's proposed budget of \$82,000 will run the chapter \$14,000 in deficit.

Members of the Oakland Hills Country Club honored Al Watrous at a dinner marking the professional's 25th year as a pro.

Two proposals to finance additional fire and police protection were placed on the primary ballot by the Troy township board. Voters will decide in August on requests for two mills for central outlay in the fire department, with an additional mill for department operation and one mill for operation of the police department.

Birmingham high school tennis team defended its title in the state. A regional trophy, and retained its crown, defeating five other schools.

Issue of June 3
Three Birmingham high school girls won top class honors. Achieving the first all-A average since 1942, Louisa Roberts has been named valedictorian of her graduating class. Co-winners of valedictorian honors were Pat Armstrong and Betty Cassady.

School administrators in the Birmingham area gave whole-hearted support to the Oakland county board of education's bid for a 3-mill tax increase to support facilities for education of the county's 5,000 handicapped children.

A proposed method of assessment for Birmingham businessmen for parking facilities was discussed in an informal meeting of the city commission.

George F. Green, for three years a member of the city planning board, this week revealed he would refuse reappointment. He said he believed he had discharged his responsibility to the board, but would remain as a member of the board of appeals.

Issue of June 10
Highest budget in Birmingham's history was approved by city commission, requiring expenditure of \$42,835,852. The total is about \$165,000 higher than the previous budget, and will require a tax levy of \$19.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Installation of Roland W. Reese as Birmingham's acting postmaster ended an eight-month wait for an appointment to the post. Reese succeeds former Postmaster Bernard E. Fowler. Reese is a former school board member and is on the recreation board.

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A MOTHER AND HER TWO BOYS lost their lives early Monday morning, June 11, in a flash fire that ripped through their home at 1189 Brookwood. They were Mrs. Thomas Couper, 40, and sons, Danny, 12, and Larry, 13. Pictured here is one of the victims being removed from the scene.

Issue of June 17
A three-man board of inquiry into the performance of Birmingham Firemen at a disastrous fire in which three persons lost their lives was ordered by the city commission. In the cases, Mrs. Thomas Couper and sons, Danny, 12, and Larry, 13, were killed.

Birmingham school district voters approved, by an eight-to-one margin, a new \$5,500,000 bond issue to finance a building expansion program at the June 12 election. They also joined with surrounding communities to approve a bid by the Oakland county board of education to set up a social program to educate handicapped children in the county.

Commencement exercises for graduates of Birmingham, Southfield and Bloomfield High schools ended the preparatory school education of a total of 611 students at the three schools.

End of school days for 2,000 students in Birmingham Schools brought additional play by the recreation board. Swimming, rifle shooting, radio dramas, play-acting activities, tennis, golf, baseball and a day camp are expected to keep youngsters occupied safely during summer months.

Franklin voters gave the final stamp of approval to village rule when they approved a charter by one to five to finance a five-home market.

Issue of June 21
Birmingham's annual summer page three appointments to the city's municipal board. District 1000 was named to a three-year term on the main board. William H. Burdick was reappointed to the same board for a three-year term, while William Reed was named to the board of appeal for a term of five years.

Plans for a private ambulance service for the city were revealed to commissioners by the proposed Birmingham Ambulance Service. The new service is expected to begin after Aug. 1.

Bloomfield Hills residents had an opportunity to discuss a proposed new zoning ordinance at a public meeting held at Vaughan school. G. John Graham, planning chairman, said the major change effected by adoption would be an increase in lot size requirements.

Outstanding show horses from all parts of the country competed in the 75th annual Detroit Horse Show at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Horses and riders were judged in 101 classes and eight divisions. More than \$10,000 in cash prizes were awarded.

Preparation for the remainder of 1954 will appear in next week's issue of the Birmingham Evening Post.



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