

Writing these little "cars" each week is, of course, one of many editorial "hoers." This I have been doing for The Eccentric for more than twenty years. I gladly accept the assignment for it also helps me to remain acquainted with details and incidents.

## 1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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on the task of passing an ordinance to provide off-street parking.

Riding against some of the top senior riders at the Detroit Horse show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club Sunday, 12-year-old Donald Marzano of Palo's Park, Ill., took high honors in a high jumping event on a Ten Pin Farms entry.

Birmingham's Legion baseball team, on top of the American Legion league with a win over Bloomfield on June 24, is bracing for a July 4 tilt with Milford at Pierce field.

### Issue of July 9

Wally Burkham, Franklin Hills pro, was crowned champion of the Professional Golfers Association following his victory Tuesday over Felice Torza in the PGA tournament at the Birmingham Country club.

Howard R. Estes, state representative from Oakland county, announced his decision to retire from the Michigan state legislature so that he could devote full time to his new post as manager of the Oakland county infirmary.

City commissioners ran into stiff opposition when they decided to request Troy township to rezone the site of the Walker gravel pit to industrial. Nearby residents objected to the move. Commissioners agreed to discuss the future of the city owned site at greater length, while Troy township set July 15 as the date to consider Birmingham's request for rezoning.

Weather jitters continue to plague residents of Birmingham. During a fire alert this week, 22 calls flooded the police switchboard to ask if a tornado was on its way. Both police and fire department officials urged that citizens should not regard the city's fire siren as a warning of storm conditions. They advised residents to listen to their radios or consult the weather bureau concerning climatic conditions.

Birmingham has been announced as the site for three amateur baseball tournaments, July 16 and 17 will see teams from the American Legion vie for the chance to go to State finals in Bay City. On the same weekend Little Leaguers will meet at St. James field in quarter finals, and on July 27 Little League teams will vie for state championship and the chance to enter national competition.

### Issue of July 16

Citizens of the Bloomfield Hills school district turned out 100 strong to a board meeting July 13 to celebrate the board's retiring of the 1949 building bonds.

Bidding on the South Oakland

County garbage and rubbish incinerator was thrown into a panic when a representative of the Morse Bogler Destructor company of New York claimed he was prevented from submitting the low bid last week when he was arrested for speeding as he rushed with his bid to beat the deadline. Officials, who have agreed on a low combination of bids amounting to \$1,854,855, visualize a drawn-out court battle.

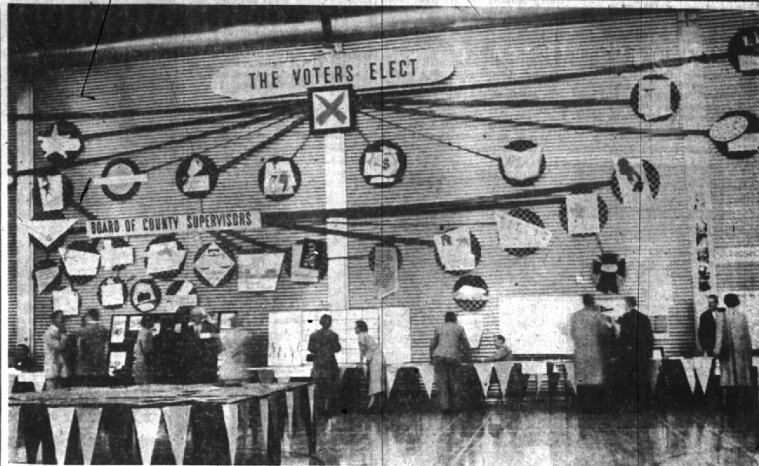
City commissioners approved an appropriation of \$6,780 to restore the West Lincoln bridge. The Jaton-Kelly firm of Detroit was given the job of reworking the structure's concrete sides and walks.

A local Annie Oakley swept all honors at the state small bore rifle championship meet over the weekend. Eighteen-year-old Roberta Gubbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gubbins, 1598 Southfield shot her way into a position to compete in the national meet to be held in Camp Perry, Ohio with high score of 3189 out of 3800 possible points at the meet held at the Oakland County Sportsman's club.

Vandals raided Birmingham high school sometime during the weekend. Custodians opening the school Monday morning found eight rooms on three different floors damaged. Windows were broken, walls smeared with paint and ink, and contents of drawers were strewn on the floor.

### Issue of July 23

An interview with city commissioners reveals that a 6 to 1 majority of the city's legislators favor passage of a zoning ordinance that would require all new or expanding businesses to provide a square foot of parking space for each square foot of new or expanded floor space. Statements by commissioners indicated that the ordinance would pass unless someone came up with a better plan or if evidence was presented that indicated the ordinance to be illegal. A decision is expected in next Monday night's commission meeting.



BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS got an insight into the workings of county government at the County Government Fair held at the Birmingham high school gym in September.

The display pictured above showed the county offices and their relationship to each other.



PHILIP L. LAVIGNE, right, is congratulated by Supervisor William Roeser for his appointment as chief of police of Southfield's first police department. LaVigne's salary was disclosed as \$4,200 a year, one-half the amount formerly paid by the township to the Sheriff's department for police protection. The new department was approved by township voters at the April meeting.



SCORING KILLS DURING the first hour of the opening day, Oct. 1, of the bow and arrow season were two Birmingham residents, Tom Shearer (left), 339 Henrietta, and Bud Wynkoop, 5440 Brookdale, are shown with the bucks they downed in the Gaylord, Mich. area.

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ROBERT S. PORRITT, 74, lifelong resident of Birmingham died at his home, 1200 Latham, on Sept. 29, following a long illness. Mr. Porritt was well known for his interest in the Birmingham Gun Club which he helped to found.

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