

# 1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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Issue of Sept. 10

City Manager Donald C. Egbert, following commission approval Tuesday night, had begun an investigation into possible costs involved if Birmingham should choose to adopt use of Detroit water when it becomes available in 1955.

Dec. 7 is the date set when voters of Lathrup township will go to the polls to decide if they want to accept a charter that would establish the area as a city. The charter has been prepared by a nine member charter commission and calls for a council-manager type of city government.

Clerks for the City of Oak Park and Southfield Township have been ordered to appear in circuit court Friday, Sept. 11, to show cause why an election scheduled for Sept. 15 to annex a portion of the township to the city should not be stopped. An injunction against the election has been sought on the grounds of violation of election laws.

City Commissioners Monday night voted to sit tight and await final action on treatment of raw sewage for the city's west side and sewage from Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Oakland Hills, and a portion of Bloomfield township.

Organization of a Junior Achievement program in the area seemed assured when sponsors for the program were named: Ford Tractor Division, Watts Electric, and The Birmingham Eccentric have offered to sponsor a JA group.

Issue of Sept. 17

Southfield township residents living in a 2½-square mile area adjacent to the City of Oak Park voted Sept. 18 to reject a proposal that would annex them to the city. The city voters approved the annexation by a wide margin, but the township voters turned it down by a vote of 243 to 25.

Organization has been completed for the kick-off October 20 of the 1953 Torch Drive in the Birmingham, Bloomfield, Franklin area. Fifteen major committee chairmen were named this week by Everett E. Fisher, general campaign chairman.

Off-street parking plans commanded attention this week with the promise by Nathan Rosenfeld, president of Jacobson's, Inc., that he would be prepared with a comprehensive plan to solve the problem by Oct. 15. Rosenfeld said that he would present the plan to the city commission by that time.

A county government fair will open to the public Sept. 19 at the Birmingham High school. Purpose of the fair is to give citizens an insight into the workings of county government. Each department will have an exhibit of its resources and responsibilities.

Restrictions on the use of city water were lifted this week by City Manager Donald C. Egbert. Cooler temperatures were given as



IT WAS COFFEE AND CAKE at the municipal building, Friday, Nov. 20, as city employees gathered to honor one of their number, Miss Alice Upward, for her 25 years of service to the city. Miss Upward, seated, prepares to cut a cake baked for the occasion while "Boss" D. C. Egbert, right, stands by to get the first slice. Miss Upward's fellow workers presented her with a bouquet of baby-mums and a wrist watch for a memento.



COFFEE CUPS ARE RAISED in a toast to the success of the United Foundation fund raising campaign. The campaign in the Franklin, Bloomfield, Birmingham area went over the top by several thousand dollars. Participating in the victory toast are Foundation Committeemen Elmer Sylvester, Jack Thompson, John Averill and Bill Roberts.

the reason for a drop in the demand on water sources.

Issue of Sept. 24

With approval by the Birmingham city commission of a "gentleman's agreement" for the zoning of the 40 acre plot on Adams road, known as the Porritt Property, W. E. Reia, president of the company which will develop the land, promised that steps will be taken in requesting Birmingham to annex the land upon the consent of Troy township under whose jurisdiction it now falls.

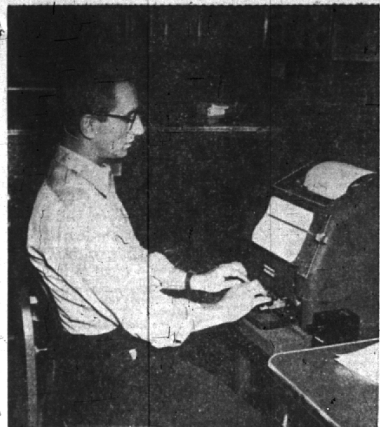
To add to the already formed garbage and rubbish authority of South-Eastern Oakland County, some thinking has been given to the creation of a sewage authority to serve Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Troy townships. Birmingham commissioners learned Monday night.

Lathrup charter commissioners discovered Sept. 22 that their efforts to register electors for the Dec. 7 charter election may have been in vain. An attorney general's opinion stated that such a registration in an unincorporated area is not necessary.

Clark T. Morse, 64, prominent Detroit industrialist, of Hillcrest drive, Bloomfield Hills, died Sept. 18 in Ontario, after a brief illness. Mr. Morse was president of the American Blower corporation of Dearborn.

Approximately 3½ new students per school day have arrived in the Birmingham school district during the last year, according to figures released this week by Superintendent Dwight H. Ireland. Enrollment figures at the close of the first week of school were reported at 6,797 as compared to 5,766 one year ago.

Issue of Oct. 1  
In a move calculated to speed opening of Fourteen Mile road as a major east-west highway, the city commission Sept. 28 voted to finance preliminary engineering surveys of the section of the road (Continued on next page)



ANTHONY STEIL, one of the Birmingham policemen who will operate the newly installed teletype equipment, gets in a little practice at the keyboard. The machine will provide a closer link with law enforcement officers in Wayne and Oakland counties. Wayne messages will be received in Pontiac and relayed there to departments in Oakland county. The local hook-up, scheduled to start Sept. 1, will, it is believed, help greatly in the apprehension of criminals.

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It is common practice to deposit the check with a determination to select a gift in the immediate future. The result is usually to put off the selection and eventually to have no tangible evidence of the Christmas gift.

We do not mean to sermonize but, we are sincere in emphasizing the obligation of selecting a gift as evidence that their thoughtfulness was sincerely met.

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