

# 1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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ham sky-rocketed during the month of September to reach an all time high for the year. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley reported that "failure to have car under control" was the traffic violation repeated the most times in the total of 33 accidents.

Agreement on zoning the forty acres known as the Porritt Property seemed to be near as the city commission of Birmingham voiced approval of Reid Development company's revised plans.

### Issue of Oct. 15

Bernard E. Fowler, Birmingham postmaster since 1945, received official word from Washington, D. C. Oct. 11, that he had been removed from office. The action came following post office inspections in which, according to N. R. Abrams, assistant Postmaster General, "unsatisfactory conditions" were disclosed.

The Mayor of Bloomfield Hills, Walter O. Briggs, Jr., announced that he was resigning from office Oct. 13 due to pressure of business. The resignation was accepted by the city commission which delayed action on the appointment of a new mayor.

A report on a plan for off-street parking areas on Willets has been presented to the city commission, according to William Yaw, of The Wabek corporation, one of the members of a group sponsoring the plan.

Nathan Rosenfeld, president of Jacobson's Inc., another of the group stated, "We feel that our group has fulfilled its promise to the city to provide it with considerable engineering details and proposals for operating the lot."

Plans for the annual Halloween parade and party for Birmingham children are underway with the selection of Barnum school as the site for the party and a decision to hold a motion picture party for fourth, fifth and sixth graders at the community house following the parade.

Four thousand teachers from the 28 school districts of Oakland county will converge on Birmingham high school Oct. 15 and 16 for the Michigan Education Association Region 7 conference. Principal speaker at the conference will be Robert Vogler, who will tell of his experiences as a prisoner of the Communist Hungarian Government.

### Issue of Oct. 22

Details of the "Northwest



ALL THE GLITTER AND CHEER of the holiday season marked the opening Nov. 13 of the new Kresge store at Maple and Henrietta. Lance Minor, Birmingham mayor-pro tem was on hand to cut the tape to let a crowd of shoppers flood the interior of the modern building. Completely air-conditioned and modernly lighted, it was specifically designed for the latest in customer convenience. Fifty percent of the counter space is arranged for self selection. Many store officials were on hand for the gala opening. The delegation was headed by Stanley Kresge, vice chairman of the board. H. L. Sellers, manager of the old Kresge store at 183 N. Woodward, was named to take over the management of the new store.

Quadrant Parking Report" were made public at a meeting of the city commission, Oct. 20. Site of the proposed parking lot in the northwest corner of Willets and Popward, and half of the property involved has been purchased by Wabek-Jacobson, members of the group sponsoring the plan, at a cost of \$337,000. The commission plans to take the report and to study it carefully before taking action.

Bloomfield Hills police disclosed that over 200 juveniles have been arrested so far in 1953 for invading private property in search of haunted houses. Chief I. S. Banks

promised stern measures to stop these hunts that have featured school groups from Southern Oakland county and Detroit.

The 1953 Torch Drive got under way Oct. 19 when volunteer

workers for the drive met for luncheon at the Community House. Solicitors, a thousand strong, began their collecting Oct. 20 in hopes of reaching a

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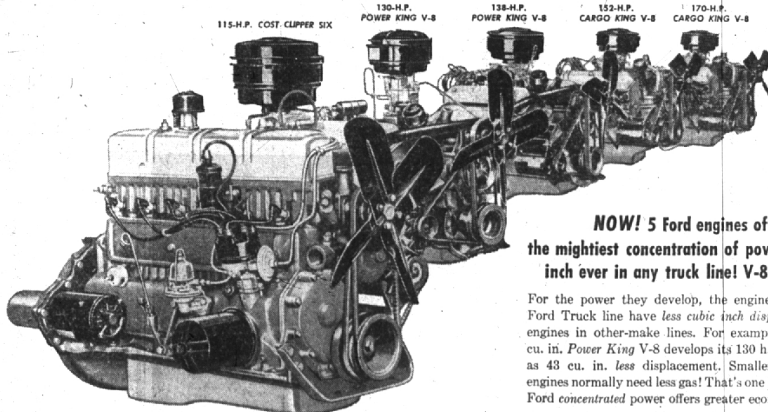
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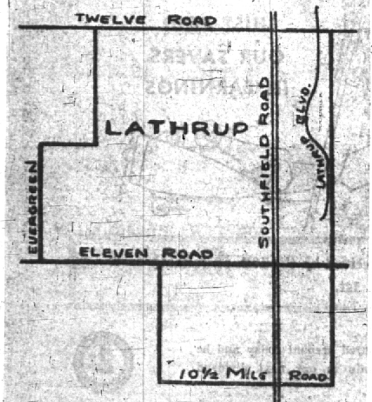


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**JANE AND SUSIE RUSSELL** waited patiently for things to get rolling in the Halloween parade. Spectators at this year's parade acclaimed it an unqualified success. Parents voiced approval of the shorter parade route used this year, stating that the children were less weary when they arrived at the end of the line.



LATHRUP VILLAGE OFFICIALLY became the first city in the history of Southfield township on Monday, Dec. 7, when by a margin of 59 votes electors approved a charter for the area shown above. Officers for the new city were elected at the same time as the charter was approved. At an organization meeting a week later William Harvie was named mayor. Sworn in as councilmen were Harvie, John Campbell, David Redwood, Kathryn Feveryisen, and Thomas E. Eed.

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