

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

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record goal of \$152,000. In a stormy session Oct. 19, the Bloomfield Hills board of education voted to place a \$1,750,000 bond issue before the district voters on Nov. 23. Purpose of the bond issue is to provide funds for a proposed new high school and an addition to an elementary school. Fifty district residents were on hand to voice their approval or disapproval of the board's decision. City commissioners, Oct. 19, after studying reports on the use of Springdale Park ordered that the park be closed to persons living outside the city limits of Birmingham. This rule will hold true for both golf course and the picnic grounds.

Issue of Oct. 29
The Michigan Bell Telephone Company, today, Oct. 29, made public details of a plan which will make it possible for Birmingham phone users to dial their long distance calls direct to many cities in the nation beginning Nov. 20. Franklin, "The town that time forgot" will have an opportunity to become an incorporated village at a special election scheduled for Nov. 3. The rush of building development in surrounding areas has urged some residents to desire incorporation to stave off the possibility of the hamlet being caught up in some larger incorporation move.

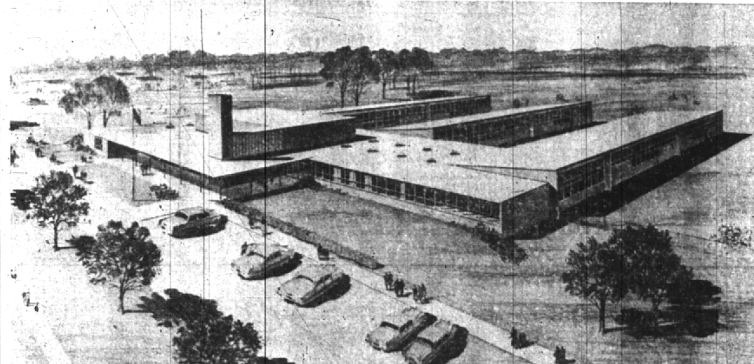
Bernard E. Fowler, dismissed Birmingham post master, has announced that he will appeal

his removal from office. Fowler will remain at his post pending the results of his appeal to the regional director in Chicago. The Torch Drive in Birmingham is off to a flying start with approximately 49.8 per cent of the spots for the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin area in during the first week of collections. Annexation of the 49 acre Porritt Property to the city of Birmingham, a long discussed proposal, may have to be put up to voters of both Troy township and Birmingham according to opinions coming out of a Troy township meeting Oct. 28. Said Norman Barnard, township supervisor, "I could be wrong, but reactions we've been receiving from both the board and township residents lead me to believe that questions of this nature should be referred to the people."

Issue of Nov. 5
Eighty-six percent of the qualified electors of Franklin turned out Nov. 3 to approve incorporation of their area into a village. Five charter commissioners were elected to begin formation of a charter to be submitted to voters next year. Rollie Reese, 51, of 1847 has been named as the man to succeed Bernard Fowler as Postmaster of Birmingham. The actual appointment of Reese must wait while Fowler appeals his discharge from the job on charges of "irregularities." Fowler has stated that (Continued on Page 2, Sec. 4)



FOUR BIRMINGHAM Scouts, Bob Podlesak, Tom Sheehan, Warren Hardy and Phil Barger, get the grill ready for cooking a meal at the 1953 National Jamboree at Santa Ana, Calif., last July. The four were among the 12 Birmingham boys who met with some 50,000 other Scouts from every part of the United States and 30 foreign countries.



BIDS WERE RECEIVED for construction of the Pembroke elementary school (pictured above) on Nov. 17. Progress in building the school had been held up for lack of disposal facilities for storm and sanitary sewage. An agreement between interested parties and the municipalities of Troy township and Birmingham solved the problem. The school will have a library, multi-purpose room, kitchen, offices, teachers lounges, two kindergarten rooms, and 12 additional classrooms.



WHEN THE STROKES were tallied at the 1953 PGA tournament at Birmingham country club course, Wally Burkemo found himself in top spot. Immediately after the tournament Burkemo was interviewed for WJR listeners, with the huge trophy in the foreground, received a congratulatory kiss from Mrs. Burkemo.

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Banker—what can I do for you?
Mrs. Jones—I—ah—would like to get a little loan on the \$25 I paid down on my car.
Joe—Oh, I guess your rich aunt will remember you. You made a big hit with her by going into mourning when her cat died.
Mother: Willie, sit down and tell Jim—True, but listen; now the other relatives accuse me of poisoning the cat to get the opportunity.
Little Sister—Bobbie, quick—I've dropped my tart under the table. See that Rover doesn't eat it.
Bobbie—Don't worry—I have my foot on it.
Mother: Willie, sit down and tell Jim—True, but listen; now Willie: I can't sit down; I just told Daddy a story.
Abby: What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?
Andy: A centipede with corns.
"Is this milk fresh?"
"Fresh? Why three hours ago it was grass."

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