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more, 250 residents gathered April 15, stood on a site when a clock tower to stand if they favored the law.

Issue of April 28
It appeared that public sentiment had hardened temporarily at least, the proposed turnpike route, if not the act itself, although Michigan Turnpike authority officials were carrying on as though nothing had happened. Blueprints, maps, and discussions revealed their proposed route. Bloomfield township residents began opposing a freeway as early as they had the toll road. State Highway commissioner Ziegler spoke at Franklins April 28. Associated Press from this area heard the April 29 senate highway hearing talks in Lansing.

H. L. Sellers was elected president of the Birmingham chamber of commerce, following addition of James Couzens. Walter I. Moreland, Richard A. Wilson, and O. C. Thompson to the CC board. Avonview Lutheran church at Maple Ridge, Mass. a church opening, while Mrs. Peter Vermeire's committee received fund-seekers among church members as gifts and memorials.

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A circuit session ruled Bloomfield township could prevent street removal after a two-year fight between township and defendants. Southfield's relocation of its first place and junior Jay Filar pitched battles, leading to 15 "W" Lake battles, and a one-hitter to Van Dyke. Player auction for little league teams was held May 1, forming 12 unincorporated teams and "farm" league teams.

Issue of May 5
Sen. William Bradford Huie's bill that would require purchase approval by voters if passed through in senate committee, but a House bill was being reported that would change. William Slaughter said would kill the bill if he could.

A city committee recommended to the Birmingham board of education a "\$525,000 investment" in the community and children's future. Suggestions include adequate classrooms, modernization, completion of high school swimming pool and another junior high one. Marvin J. Brokaw was chairman.

Chesterfield contingent of Birmingham fire department reached to move about May 10 into new west side fire station.

William C. Newberg was organization's highest official as of National AMAVEI organization for war plane engine production. Morgan D. Douglas died. Mrs. George Henric was given a scrapbook of letters from Women's International League for Peace and Freedom members for her long work.

Woodcrest Lake children's center for the late Walter O. Briggs, opened May 21 at Bloomfield Hills Garden club. Flower show to be held public event there. A men's club formed at Our Shepherd Lutheran church May 17. Mrs. R. C. Hoffman was first president of Woman's association for new Northminster Presbyterian church.

Lathrop was expected to deny permits for three gas stations, at May 8 meeting. Clerk Mrs. Florence M. Bennett was refused an open hearing on her firing.

Issue of May 12
Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith announced plans to retire Aug. 27, went off 24-hour duty.

Mrs. Alfred E. Grant was given Danish Knighthood by King Fredrik IX, being first woman to take the high Danish honor. Birmingham and Southfield polio vaccine clinics were to go into operation May 14, after work had stopped a week earlier on U. S. investigation of west coast vaccine. Birmingham Women's Painters staged first outdoor sale of paintings in Shain Park on May 14, with musical accompaniment. Top flight artists' miniatures, were featured at a tour of five area homes as Birmingham college benefit.

A LONG TIME resident and Detroit financier, John Endicott, 87, died Feb. 6 in Florence Crittenton hospital. His home was at Chesterfield and Quorton road in Bloomfield Hills.



BANQUET, ALBERTA, CANADA—National Editorial Association President E. M. Anderson (left), in June presented to Birmingham Eccentric Editor and Publisher George R. Newell, the plaque representing top place among the nation's suburban weeklies in general excellence.

Mrs. John Cooper's new novel "Thunderbolt," was published May 12. Dr. Luther Leader was elected president of Wayne County Medical society. Armand L. Jesette retired from Michigan Bell telephone Co. Allan Harlan became vice-chairman of United Negro college fund in Michigan.

Michael Vermeire was fined for 50-year parking violation and the city and county planning commission for Dr. Ziegler's motion picture. Lathrop's zoning ordinance was passed May 27 after objection of William H. Harvey, chairman, that would change business sites might have been made at Mrs. Florence Bennett, city clerk, was held and revised by Andrew Barr at the meeting. An oil company was suing the city to stop claims why a gas station could not be built at Glenmont and Southfield.

Issue of May 19
A dry spell ended city officials to refuse spending limitation to conserve water supply, starting May 15.

Ernie Babcock became chairman of the 1956 Truck Drive. Brig Gen. S. L. A. Marshall was covering the Formosa situation for the Detroit News. Eccentric staff photographer took \$300, second place in Graflex photo contest. Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem James Aiken exchanged roles for a day with Cadillac mayor May 10. Day Tennille was well manager for Met's State News.

Lockwood's Cardstock Village closed last spring, but with a second try to locate, it is now Southfield town plot.

Alfred Lewenstein, Jr. reported theft of from \$25,000 to \$100,000 worth of jewelry belonging to his home. Ernie Baptists, with a 20 percent membership increase in the church, joined to adding an educational building wing, pastor Rev. and Mrs. Emil Kuntz's summer abroad.

In Frankston, Mrs. Lynn Beecher directed, had appointments to the Civilian Defense program. Dan Hoff and Harold Toft were named football and basketball coaches respectively at Bloomfield Hills, high school.

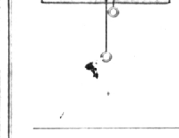
Babe Zaharias was among pro golf women expected to play in First Lake women's Open tourney, with \$1000 in prizes, over Memorial Day weekend.

Issue of May 26
May 21 saw record amounts of city water used, while May 22 saw a record 11.4 inches of rain fall on the area.

Birmingham board of education approved 1956 budget, \$1,859,347 and construction was to begin in November. Junior high school to be named Dorcy junior high. Mayor Charles Estess announced May 22 that future convention meetings of Birmingham city commission would be open to press and public.

David Diamond pleaded guilty to second degree murder of Kathy McLaughlin on Feb. 17. Holy Trinity school district, with 25-year-old building and 160 students, wanted where to send the school students rather than to be closed in Birmingham.

Troy township approved construction of a \$4 million race track at 14 Mile and John R.



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Wolverine Ladies' Open golf tournament opened at Forest Lake. Babe Zaharias was medically prevented from entering class. Sally Sharp, Fay Crocker, Wilfrid Smith were among 20 entrants.

Issue of June 2
Grand Trunk Western railroad promised to safeguard the area between its tracks and the Grandfield area, in answer to petition from area parents for new fencing. Christopher Alton and Robert Mitchell, both 25 years, on April 29 had climbed through the fence and were found on the track as a freight train approached.

The board found a major industrial research center June 12 when Ford Motor company's new farm machinery research and engineering center opened on E. Maple road.

William E. Roeser, 67, supervisor of Southfield Township for four years, died May 29 after a brief illness. James Gillett was named valdicator and Richard Silbar salutatorian for the 1955 class at Birmingham high school. Mrs. Philip Hart was named a Elizabeth Keens foundation trustee.

Birmingham city budget maintained the 1955 tax rate, but \$100,000 assessed valuation, according to proposals for the June 6 and June 13 hearings. Total budget would be \$1,405,200.90.

Troy school parents honored Board of Education as they stepped from their principals' post under the board of education.

The Rev. Ernest Kuntz was given an honorary doctor's degree and preached the June 5 graduation sermon at Hill-side campus. Plans for construction of an elementary school unit on the south side of a three-story gymnasium by the board of education, with site planned to eventually include a junior high school, were given by Wilfrid Smith, amateur, and Fay Crocker, pro, won the Wolverine Ladies' Open golf tourney, with Fay taking the \$1000 top prize.

Issue of June 9
Reopening in Troy was requested for a \$2 million office building on a 10-acre site on East Maple, but name of the manufacturer was withheld.

Ernie Babcock was named Bloomfield Hills' high school class valdicator, and Marjorie DeWald was salutatorian at all high school planned graduation activities. The Rev. Robert Woodruff, Jr. of Newton, Mass., was inaugurated pastor and the Rev. Edgar J. Wain Jones of Detroit spoke at commencement.

Birmingham's speakers were the Revs. Paul Kuntz and Allen Wittkop.

Favorable votes brought three new incorporated areas to the Southern Oakland county area in June 8 elections. Troy and Southfield

townships favored, status as home rule cities, and Bingham Farms subdivision okayed a village government.

A triangle northeast of Adams and Dorcy roads had not legally been returned to commercial use, according to county zoning committee ruling on June 1. Township officials had approved the commercial usage.

City Manager D. C. Ebelert Evergreen Interceptor sewer and commissioners accepted his idea to proceed on their own to solve the Rouge pollution problem.

Clark Stevens was elected president of Detroit's Adelfast club. Roy Blanton was named a plant manager by Chrysler. J. Warren Plattner on an advanced research award for work and research in Rome. Completing its first season since joining class "A" ranks, Birmingham track team clinched its debut season with winning the 1.0 M. track work at Hazel Park.

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