

Chronology

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Key for detecting symptoms of the fatal fungus disease.

Retirement of Harry J. Klingler, Cranbrook road, vice president of General Motors and group executive in charge of passenger car divisions, was announced this week. Klingler's retirement follows a career of more than 35 years with General Motors, including 12 years as a vice president.

Issue of August 12
Two Birmingham girls, Jane Alexander and Virginia Engelhardt, returning home from a "welcome home" party, died when a car carrying them and four other companions ran head-on into a tree on Rochester road north of Long Lake road. The accident claimed three other lives and critically injured a sixth person.

Birmingham will be served by two units of the Detroit Presbytery. Plans for construction of a Presbyterian church to serve the northeast area have taken their major forward step, with a possible fall starting date for the building of the first unit. The Rev. Mac Taylor has been assigned pastor of the new church.

Southfield township with 575 new homes ranked second in Oakland county for the most residential building permits issued during the first six months of the year.

Issue of August 19
After a 35-year term, during which she has held every office save that of postmaster, Gladys (Mrs. Russell) Heine will retire from active duty Aug. 31.

Three veteran patrolmen with the Birmingham police department received promotions effective Sept. 1. They were Robert Schaulie, to detective; Milton C. Jones, patrol sergeant; and Robert Pepperell, desk sergeant.

Birmingham's recreational program until mid-1955 was signed by an agreement with the city of Birmingham. The program was attended by over 16,000 children during an eight-week period. The summer program opened June 21 and concluded last week.

A fire contract which will provide protection for Lathrup by the Southfield township fire department until mid-1955 was signed by Lathrup councilmen at a special meeting.

When the Birmingham school district opens for business in early September, a total of 295 teachers will be in their various classrooms. Since the schools closed last June, 40 additional teachers have been hired.

Oakland county road commissioners this week agreed to share the cost of the extension of Oak street from Woodward to Hunter. The county's share of the project was estimated to be \$5,700 of the \$24,000 improvement.

While parking lots in the northwest quadrant of the city's business section stood ready for patronage, officials of National Garages, operators of the lots, held up the opening of the lots until determination of certain lot set-backs had been cleared by the owners and city officials.

Bloomfield Open Hunt club's swimming pool officially was opened in a brief dedication ceremony Sunday, Aug. 29. Swimming contests and a water show highlighted the afternoon program.

Representatives of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup and Southfield, Troy and Southfield township learned this week of the estimated costs of the proposed interceptor sewer to the City of Detroit. The group heard a cost breakdown on the \$2,740,000 sewer venture planned to finance the lot that would serve the Evergreen and Drainage District.

A 21-YEAR-OLD gas station attendant was the victim of a shotgun slaying early Sunday morning, Sept. 12. The attendant, Doyle D. Howe, 971 Benaville, was a lone in the station at the time the shooting took place and his body was found slumped forward on the washroom floor of the station at Woodward and Chapin as if he had been forced to his knees before the shooting.

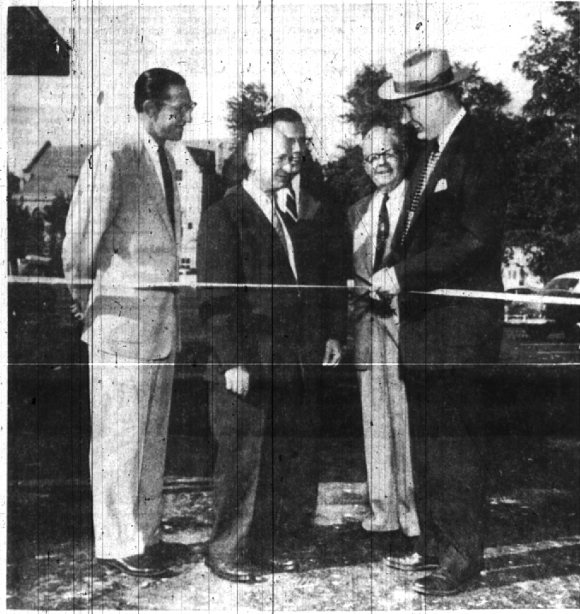
Monday, the water demand in Birmingham set a new record of 5,435,000 gallons pumped from the ground during the 24-hour period. The record demand created a critical water shortage as all storage tanks were drained dry.

Frank Duffy, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Duffy of Manor road, qualified for the Western Hemisphere Olympics in Mexico City in March, 1953, when he rode successfully in the Olympic equestrian trials in

Nashville, Tenn., over the Labor Day weekend. The grueling run was made in 100 degree plus heat.

Resumption of school this week found the doors open to the new \$300,000 Stuart K. Baker junior high school in Troy township. The 11-classroom building was attended by an opening day crowd of 425 students.

Most homes in the \$18,000,000 Westchester Village subdivision (Continued on Next Page)



SPACE FOR 500 CARS was to be provided, when the city granted a temporary permit in September to Jacobson's and the Wabcock corporation to give the go-ahead sign to National Garages to open the three paved parking lots on the northwest side of the city's business section. On hand to witness the cutting of the ribbon were businessmen and city commissioners, (from left to right) Will Mason, Nathan Rosenfeld, Commissioner Robert Navin, Harold Kuder and Mayor Charles Renfrew.



"DROP DEAD" is the horse Frank Duffy, 17, rode to top honors in the tough Olympic equestrian trials at Nashville, Tenn., over Labor Day weekend.



THE STORY of a ten-year-old hero came to light when neighbors told The Birmingham Eccentric how Steven Richard Erwin saved the life of an unknown three-year-old girl. Vacationing at Crooked Lake in Grand Rapids, he forgot his fishing when he heard a splash and saw a girl disappearing below the surface of the water. Only because his clothes were wet is how his mother found out how he dove to the rescue after learning to swim only a year before.



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Issue of August 26
Birmingham established two all-time water pumping records—a daily and a monthly—during July which brought the city as close as it ever was to a water shortage. A monthly report from the city's fire department bureau of water supply revealed a new record of water consumption was set with 115,811,500 gallons pumped during the 31 days in July.

Plans for the city's east side fire station at Bowers and Adams were presented to city commissioners.

More than 300 persons are expected to attend the formal opening and dedication of the new swimming pool at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club. The program will include a swimming meet for youngsters under 18, a bathing beauty parade, a water show featuring a 1948 Olympic diving champion and a comedy water team.

Faced with the problem of caring for an increasing Sunday school and church congregation, Franklin Community church is preparing to launch a program of expansion whereby it can meet the religious demands and requirements of the area.

Final amendments to the Southeastern Oakland County water authority articles of incorporation concerning voting powers and capacity demands of authority members, were approved by Southfield township board.

Issue of September 2
Estimated enrollments for the 1954-55 school year reached the 38,934 mark as schools in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Southfield and Troy districts prepared for opening day, Sept. 7.

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