

# Chronology

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Edward S. Sfire, a partner in the Sfire grocery firm here for 34 years, died Nov. 4.

Police Sgt. Leo A. Stiers accepted a gold watch from the city this week marking his retirement from the force after 25 years of service.

Officials of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup, Bloomfield and Southfield townships learned this week that the State Water Resources Commission may seek an order from the state attorney general's office in January to force

a solution to pollution of the River Rouge, a problem that has perplexed area authorities since 1952.

**Issue of November 18**  
The annual United Fund Torch drive went over the top in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area again this year and led all suburban units in the Detroit Metropolitan region by contributing 110 percent of the goal for \$205,128.

A red-letter day was observed by the John Fawcett family, 908 S. Adams this week when father, mother, two sons and a daughter gained United States citizenship in a mass ceremony in Detroit.

City officials of the 12 communities in South Oakland county this week toured the new SMC authority's garbage and rubbish incinerator in Royal Oak township in a preview of the new plant.

Mrs. Anna Margaret Green, wife of Bloomfield Township Police Chief Clark J. Green, died Nov. 11 in St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac, after a prolonged illness.

An underdog Berkley High school eleven defeated Birmingham high school gridders last week, 14-13, as the football season neared the end of the season for both schools.

**Issue of November 21**  
Mrs. Velma Isley, director of the Birmingham Community House since 1947, died at her home, 1749 Fairway, Nov. 17, after a long illness.

The Birmingham PTA Council this week agreed to create special study committees to review Birmingham school district's needs in buildings, salaries and curriculum in the recommendation of the school board.

Jean Kuslander was chosen Miss County Fair at the Birmingham High school's annual variety show this week at the high school. Over 500 students participated in the mammoth presentation.

Latest reports from the Detroit Area Regional Planning Commission revealed this week that Bloomfield and Southfield townships continued high in the rate of development of suburban Detroit areas. Bloomfield was fourth among the city's 119 communities in percentage growth while Southfield was one of the twelve highest communities in actual numerical growth.

Final committee reports for the 1954 book sale of the Birmingham AATW revealed a net profit of \$1,775, the largest receipt of the 27-year-old book sale history.

**Issue of December 2**  
Birmingham city commissioners this week announced their intention to issue \$400,000 in revenue bonds to finance immediate construction of off-street parking lots in the southwestern section of the city's business area.

The mortgage on the city's \$122,000 sewage disposal plant on Cranbrook road was finally burned this week when officials learned that all bonds had been retired. If surrounding communities fail to pass the necessary steps to finance the proposed Evergreen Drainage Trough, a second bond issue may have to be issued to pay for needed improvements at the plant.

Southfield township board members this week prepared to make a complete review of a new zoning ordinance submitted by the township's planning commission and Consultant Dave Geer. The ordinance, if approved, would bring

township laws up to modern-day zoning practices.

Birmingham High gridders fell to a stronger eleven from Royal Oak high school in the annual Thanksgiving Day game last week by a score of 12-0.

Final contracts for the purchase of water from the City of Detroit by the South Oakland county water authority were submitted to the City's water board this week. Bids for construction of the system are expected to be taken the first of 1955.

**Issue of December 9**  
The third annual Men's Night, yearly shopping spree for the city's menfolk, met with greater success this year than in the past. Merchants reported greater sales and larger numbers of shoppers on Monday night.

One of the first installations of pre-fabricated, low cost bomb shelters in the state was slated for a Birmingham home, Builder Philip E. Sheridan reported this week. First to take this precaution against atomic warfare was Edwin C. Mork, 1800 Pine.

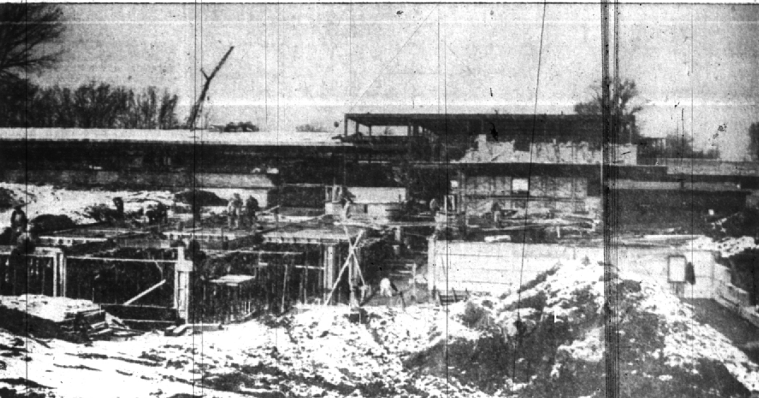
With the way cleared for a city-sponsored off-street parking lot in the southwest quadrant of the business section, city officials disclosed that options to buy 21 parcels in the proposed 223 car lot bounded by Pierre, Merrill and Brown had already been secured.

Earl B. Wilson, one of the original Chrysler executives, and for more than 20 years the company's director of sales, died in a Detroit hospital Dec. 4 at the age of 70 after a long illness. Mr. Wilson lived at 1314 W. Lincoln.

Plans for a \$195,000 new church this week after a special meeting of the church membership. The new church, of colonial design, is hoped to be under construction by early spring and will be located in the middle of the Franklin Village Green.

**Issue of December 16**  
First indication of the proposed route for the Toledo-Bay City's turnpike through Southfield and Bloomfield townships were learned this week when survey stakes were discovered placing the route somewhere near a line west of Telegraph, south of 15 Mile through Southfield and Franklin; and east of Telegraph north through Bloomfield township and a corner of Bloomfield Hills.

Officers of the Detroit YMCA disclosed this week that \$100,000 had been earmarked for the local Detroit Building Fund when monies



CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW \$1,500,000 Bloomfield Hills high school began last summer and school officials hope to have the building open for the term which starts in September, 1955. Designed to hold

some 700 students in its 22 classrooms, this building is being erected on a 33-acre parcel at Andover and West Long Lake road.

**AUTHOR AND LECTURER**, Emily Kimbrough kept a capacity audience roaring with laughter as she related some of her hilarious experiences of the past when she spoke at the Birmingham high school little theater Nov. 29.



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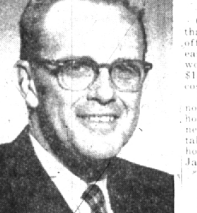
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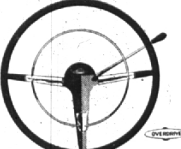
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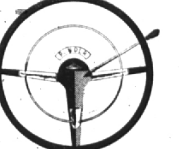
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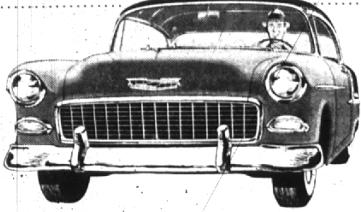
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