

It would be helpful if, at the close of each day, you could be kept of "unpublished" by Divinity, to give an account of the good performed that day. Since one can't have such an ad, how about each of us doing it ourselves?

The Birmingham Eccentric

1955's News Highlights for Birmingham and Area

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has begun on the Gothic cathedral sanctuary of the Kirk.

Issue of July 23
The Birmingham Junior League announces that a branch of the Oakland Child Guidance clinic will be established in Birmingham under their sponsorship and is expected to be in operation by January 1956.

Children from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Troy will come to Birmingham high school auditoriums Saturday morning to receive second and booster shots of Salk vaccine.

A thorough look into the methods which city assessor Elmer W. Hack uses to assess Birmingham properties was promised by the

Birmingham city commission this week. The commission's eyes were focused on assessing methods several weeks ago by T. P. Gobeck, 1466 Birmingham Blvd., who pointed out several assessing procedures he believes were not equitable.

Issue of August 4
Birmingham's National League All-Stars battled their way through a pair of district tournament games, beating Ponton and upending the Birmingham Americans to enter the state playoffs in Midland.

Four Girl Scouts from Finland visited Birmingham and gave winners of the Oakland County Girl Scout Council a glimpse of their land's scenery.

Dr. George P. Raynal presented Sister Mary William, St. Joseph Mercy hospital ad-

ministrator with a check for \$3,000, the money given over a period of years in memory of Dr. John Gordon. The money will be used to purchase equipment and books for a library at the hospital.

Faced with legal compulsion from the State of Michigan to cease contributing to the pollution of the local River Rouge drainage system, city also confronted with indefinite delay in the further development of the proposed Evergreen Sewage Interceptor system, Birmingham city commission Monday night approved the plan to expand its own sewage disposal plant at Cranbrook and 14 Mile road. The estimated cost of this expansion may run \$700,000 or even higher depending upon further engineering studies of the problem.

Issue of August 11
Extra high demands upon their respective water systems so far this year, brought together representatives of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties to discuss possible cooperative plans for a solution of the water problem. Discussion included the tough presentation of the plan of a New York City group who are desirous of bringing an adequate supply of Lake Huron water down to these counties, through private financing.

A resolution establishing the need and necessity for the development of off-street parking on the six north lots in the block bounded by Merrill, Townsend, Bates, and Henrietta streets was passed by the city commission Monday night.

C. A. Harlan sells 10 acres of property at a price \$15,000 less than expected to the Birmingham school board as a site of an elementary school to be built at Adams and Watlies road and named Harlan school. Reluctant to sell because of the 35,000 trees and landscaping on his property, Harlan has agreed he will do all of the landscaping for the new school that will bear his name.

Issue of August 25
State Department of Agriculture have tagged more than 50 bad elms from the large wooded area on the northeast corner of Derby and Elton in Troy township. Within the past three months, the Dutch elm disease has taken the life of at least one tree on the properties of each of seven residents within the Birmingham city limits, neighboring the wooded area.

Fruehauf Trailer company will construct a new \$2 million office and research building on a 100-acre site at the southwest corner of 15 Mile and Stephenson, Troy township.

A proposed \$300,000 women's apparel shop won't be allowed to build in central Birmingham unless it provides at least 44 off-street parking spaces, city commissioners reaffirmed Monday night. Thus they firmly backed a city building department refusal last week to issue a permit for construction of building at Maple and Bates to house a B. Siegel Co. branch store.

Two new fire stations and a new fire chief mark the beginning of a new era for the Birmingham fire department. The new fire chief office quarters at the Chesterfield fire station is Park Smith who officially becomes the Birmingham Fire Chief with the retirement of Vern W. Griffith, 32 years a firefighter for Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM'S first assistant city manager, 32-year-old former administrative assistant to the city manager, Donna T. Whitman, Jr., reported for duty here Aug. 1.

Issue of August 18
Construction of a half-million dollar Birmingham branch of the B. Siegel Co., at the southeast corner of Maple and Bates streets will get underway immediately with completion expected by spring of 1956. It was announced today by company president, C. A. Kramer and executive vice president, Bernard F. Walker.

Tighter restrictions were adopted by the Birmingham board of education Tuesday for controlling student parking and mid-day activities at Birmingham high school. Under new rules, students will not be allowed to leave the school grounds from the time school starts in the morning until the closing of school in the afternoon and all students' and teachers' cars shall be parked in the school parking lot.

Adult education classes may be introduced into the Bloomfield Hills school system. Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson was authorized by the Bloomfield Hills board of education to begin adult classes and to proceed with a study of the community's needs for them.

With construction of Peace American Lutheran church, 13 Mile road well underway, cornerstone ceremonies were held Sunday afternoon, directed by the Rev. Paul Wistake.

Three Ford executives have been promoted. R. A. Best was named to the newly established position of general vance manager, Ford Motor company; S. J. Gillen, who has served as controller, Steel division, Ford Motor company since 1947 has been appointed divisional controller and F. C. McGee has been appointed manager, financing department.

Issue of Sept. 1
Schools of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Troy anticipate 21,500 students when school opens. The Birmingham school district has estimated its 1955-56 total enrollment to be 8,665, about 900 more than last year.

Three of four Birmingham area communities were told to have plans for abating pollution of the Rouge river by May 1, 1956 or be declared in contempt of court. The decree, filed in Oakland County circuit court, also ordered the three communities, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township, to have specifications ready by July 1, 1956, grant contracts by Oct. 1, 1956, and have the project completed by Dec. 31, 1957.

Issue of Sept. 8
Classes started yesterday and today for students in the area's school districts. In Bloomfield Hills 650 students are enrolled in the new high school on Long Lake, west of Telegraph.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, 176

Abbey, former governor and state highway commissioner, has been named consulting engineer for the Michigan Turnpike Authority to George H. Higgins, MTA chairman.

For his notable contributions to education, Paul D. Carter, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction for Birmingham public schools, received an award from Gov. G. Mennen Williams at ceremonies at the Michigan State Fair.

City commissioners approved the proposal made by City Manager Donald C. Egbert and Bloomfield Township Supervisor David Anderson to make \$120,000 to \$130,000 worth of additions to the city sewage disposal plant at Cranbrook and 14 Mile roads.

Lathrup's city council appointed Mayor John G. Campbell to serve in the council-mandated seat on the county board of supervisors after a stormy session.

Issue of Sept. 15
Dr. George P. Raynal, Birmingham physician for more than 50 years, was honored yesterday as the "Doctor of the Year" by the Oakland County Medical Society.

A campaign to emphasize Birmingham's prestige as the leading shopping center of Southern Oakland county will be launched Friday evening with the first of a series of spectacular three-hour-only special bargain periods.

Tom Sheehan, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sheehan, 1038 Wilminton, received the Eagle Scout award at Troop B-1

court of honor at the First Presbyterian church.

By unanimous vote the city commission assessed 40 per cent of the cost of the city's first municipal off-street parking lot on southwest business area merchants and owners and gave them three equal pay-

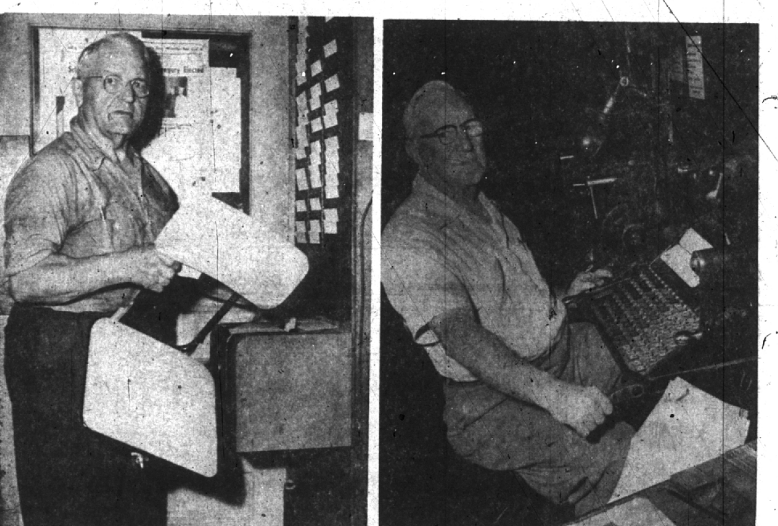
ments to get their share in. Southfield voters approved the \$3,500,000 bond issue, largest since incorporation of the Southfield school district in 1947, by a wide 4-1 margin.

Issue of Sept. 22

Carl Miller, resident sculptor and head of the department of sculpture of Cranbrook Academy of Art, for 21 years, died at his home near Stockholm, Sweden. Southern Oakland county cities and townships get boosts in equalized valuations when re-alignment

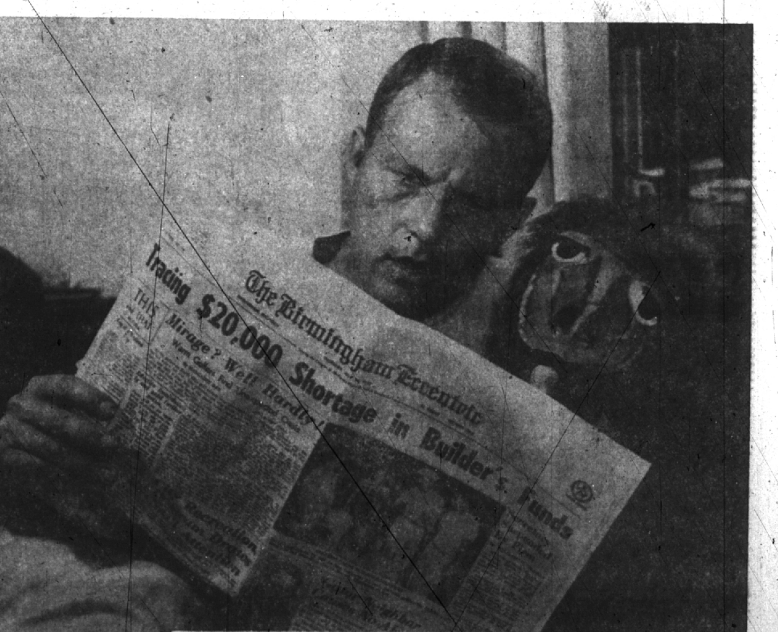


WHEN DADDY gets in the water goes up. Be that as it may, Gilbert Goode, Jr., 860 Abbey, Birmingham, found the children's pool a comfortable spot in the August heat. Perfectly relaxed after a day's work, Goode shares the backyard "ring" with daughter Judy and sons Gilbert III, Ronnie and David.



IN THE PRINTING TRADE for approximately 50 years, two members of the composing room crew of The Birmingham Eccentric retired this year. Clarence Abernethy hung up his compositor's apron in July and parted with his boat fishing

seat, a gift of his fellow workers. Raymond A. Todd, who set type for The Eccentric's pages for 31 consecutive years, chose Sept. 23 as his day to retire.



"DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH AN ALLIGATOR!" pleads Oliver J. Dragon as Burr Tillstrom reads him the story of the rumor that he was the creature that had been mistaken for an alligator in Long Lake.



TEEN-AGE GOLF STARS, Wiff Smith from St. Clair River, gets the congratulations of Sally Sharp (right) of Birmingham after winning the Women's State Amateur Tournament at Oakland Hills in July. Miss Smith defeated Miss Sharp, 6 and 5, in the finals of the tourney. Both girls are 18 years old.



NEWLY-APPOINTED FOOTBALL COACH at Bloomfield Hills, Donald Hoff (right) gets a tour of inspection of the new high school in July by Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent of the schools.