

Chronology For 1955

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Senate and House committees on roads and highways were meeting at Dearborn Inn to hear George N. Higgins, turnpike authority chairman.

Plans for a new Providence hospital at 9 Mile and Greenfield were told by the Sisters of Charity petitioning for rezoning to permit erection of the hospital and nurses' homes. The garden club marked its 25th anniversary with flower arrangement program.

Birmingham school district was selected by Michigan State college as one of four centers in Michigan for its student teacher training program, and 26 practice teachers began working here this fall.

Birmingham high school's course was chosen for the Oct. 22 Eastern Michigan League cross country contest, and the Oct. 29 regional meets of nine class A and nine class B schools.

The Maples crushed Hazel Park in football, 35-13, and were leaders in the EML, while Southfield was Inter Lakes conference leader after blasting Van Dyke, 19-0.

Issue of October 27. The city readied for 6,000 at its annual halloween party, under guidance of Roland Reese and Mrs. Phyllis Jackson and a committee of 200.

Rep. Richard VanDusen refuted statements and requested a public retraction by Robert Vanderkloot and members of the Citizens Protective association which a week earlier made charges against the legislator for his pro-turnpike stand. In reference to VanDusen's efforts for community interests, Vanderkloot said that the official had come out definitely in favor of the turnpike and was employed by a law firm connected with the law firm connection and said he felt the turnpike was in the area's best interest.

Two Troy township officials were ordered to show records and information of a corporation which holds options on land eyed by a racing syndicate or face possible grand jury investigation. Malcolm Hildebrandt, attorney, and Fred Hildebrandt, treasurer, were said to own between them 75 percent of corporation shares, and to have bought options on land resold to the Michigan Thoroughbred Turf club.

Over 900 attended open houses as the fire department opened two new fire stations, at Chesterfield and at Adams.

Mrs. Barbara Gibson Williams won an international singing contest in Italy in October, arrived home the following week.

The Rev. Roy Pitts, minister at Beverly Hills Baptist church, turned ground for the new building at 13 Mile and Fairfax.

Football was tops in interest, with Birmingham's go at the title being threatened by Port Huron. The Maples had defeated the Shamrocks 25-9, the Cranes tied Nichols 13-13, and little league teams were active.

Issue of Nov. 3.

Surveys showed that people moved into the Birmingham, Franklin, Lathrup village triangle in greater numbers in 15 months previous to July, 1955, than the average yearly increase for the previous four years. Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Bloomfield and Troy townships showed stepped-up pace, with Birmingham and Franklin village slackening.

Birmingham high school won its seventh straight game of the season and captured its first Eastern Michigan league title by downing Port Huron, 14-6, Oct. 28 on its own gridiron.

Troy township attorney Malcolm M. Heber was fired and township treasurer Fred Hildebrandt refused to allow fellow members to oust him at a special board meeting Oct. 28.

W. A. P. John retired from



W. A. P. JOHN, board chairman and co-founder of MacManus, John and Adams, Inc., advertising agency, retired Nov. 1 from active participation in the company's daily affairs.

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A \$250,000 municipal parking lot opened in Birmingham's downtown section Oct. 28, containing space for 231 cars, was packed full as parents brought youngsters for the Halloween parade. An estimated 10,000 watched the parade of about 6,000 youngsters.

City agreed to maintain Eton

park rink, while the recreation board will plan programs, operating hours, special uses, supplemental services and fees. Troy voters approved a \$1,500,000 bond issue Oct. 31, for the area's schools.

Cottillions for the young set in the area were initiated by a new group, with Mrs. Ernest Kern and her son Fritz, Mrs. Thomas E. Nelson and Anne, and Roy Ridley among leaders.

Issue of Nov. 10.

Birmingham's artificial ice skating rink cost went up another \$5,247 Nov. 7, with both city officials and the architect admitting share in responsibility. It will cost \$175,000 plus the new figure, they estimated.

State garden club officials attended the Nov. 16 International Ten staged at the James Nancy home on Lone Pine road, which about 600 attended.

At an informal ceremony Nov. 3 at Cranbrook house, Mrs. Ellet Saarphen accepted a posthumous Founders Medal for her late husband, resident architect at Cranbrook from 1926 until his death in 1930.

Allegations were made Nov. 7 that outside pressure had been the reason for withdrawal of petitions for vacation of Monterey street, before Lathrup city council. Community Church Congregationist, Dr. James T. Howell had withdrawn the petitions after a

week of negotiations with Charles D. and Louise Lathrup Kelley. Cranbrook took honors in the Inter-State conference, with the Crane's 25-0 victory over Shady Side Academy of Pittsburgh. Maple teams finished in sixth place in the 33rd state meet at Ypsilanti.

Issue of Nov. 17.

The Torch Drive was setting a new record, already up to \$216,000, and beyond the \$200,485 goal, and expected to reach \$225,000 after the 10 days of tabulation. Prize-winners in Michigan Artists exhibit, were Robert Herzberg, \$200, Donald Smith, \$250, Max Averill, Frederick Simper, Zoltan



IN SPECIAL CEREMONIES Oct. 9, Edward J. Green, representing the congregation, accepted the deed from George Wellington Smith for the new Franklin church site on the village green.



"DEAR MR. EISENHOWER: We hope you will enjoy this laprobe we have knitted for you" was the message sent along to the president in November by the Ladies of Senior Workshop of the Birmingham Community House. Displaying the robe are (from left) Mrs. Andrew Wylie, Mrs. W. R. Smith and Mrs. John Orr. Ages 60 to 93.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT at the members' reception given by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook the afternoon of Sept. 18 to celebrate the opening of its 25th season, was this special anniversary cake donated by Harris Machus. Jervis McMechan, president of the club, samples the first piece cut by Frederick C. Pew, one of the earliest presidents of the local dramatic group.



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