

Highlights of '57

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nic Briar is leaving to attend the state Democratic convention in Grand Rapids as a candidate for nomination for University of Michigan regent.

A detailed report of police department activities in 1956 revealed to Birmingham city commissioners this week that major crimes in the city increased almost 10 per cent over 1955, with burglary cases 19 per cent over the previous year. An additional \$450,000 a year should be spent by the Birmingham school district to greatly strengthen its instructional and administrative staffs, a 25-member



Tragedy

The only child of the Lewis C. Newirths, 12-year-old Lewis was killed Jan. 28 when he darted into Hunter boulevard near Maple. The sports-loving safety patrol boy had been bowling at Northwood lanes after school and was returning home for dinner when the accident occurred. Former residents of Maple east, the Newirths now live at 32850 Bellvue trail, Southfield township.

with Bloomfield Hills board of education in seeking road improvements was named when more than 50 irate parents met to protest Eastover school road conditions.

Issue of March 14
Birmingham's 1957 tax assessment roll is \$61,457,000, reflecting a 4.35 per cent increase, or \$2,677,060 more than the previous year. City Assessor Clark Hagstrom revealed.

Bloomfield Hills Police Chief Stanley Kevers notified the Hills City commission of his intention to retire on July 1.

North Evergreen sewage disposal authority came into being and has assumed responsibility for operation of Birmingham's disposal plant on Cranbrook road.

A street light will be installed at East Rutland and 13 Mile road, as soon as the township board receives a letter from the Beverly Artisan association stating the association will pay for the light.

What could be more embarrassing

for a police chief than to have his car stolen? That's what happened to Jack Robert, Franklin chief.

Issue of March 21
After suffering a broken neck in a gymnastics class at Derby junior high school, Douglas Witters was taken to Harper hospital by his father.

Issue of March 28
The Rev. Harold E. Towne has announced he is leaving St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, to accept a call as pastor of the Community Episcopal church, Fox Chapel, in the diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Southfield board of education voted to retain an architectural firm to draw up proposed plans for an addition to the high school.

It seemed likely before the post-season tournament started that First Presbyterian and St. James, the No. 1 and 2 teams, during the regular season, would wind up opposing each other in the YMCA church league playoff finals. And that's just the

way it worked out. First Presbyterian won 66-58.

Issue of April 4
A \$300 across-the-board raise to the Birmingham school system's teacher staff was approved last week by the board of education at a special meeting.

Inter-county supervisors' committee was urged last week to take immediate steps to bring into existence a new water supply for the Southeastern Michigan area for security reasons alone.

Mrs. Irene Murphy of Birmingham won one of two positions as a regent on the board (Continued on Next Page)

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