

# Highlights of '57

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**Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers** at the annual spring conference and workshop district VII, Oakland county. Assignment of a full time executive director to coordinate Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin community social welfare activities was requested of the United Community Service this week.

Nationally known designer of modern furniture and dinnerware, Russel Wright and his young daughter paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Petrakis of South Williamsbury.

**Issue of May 2**

Mrs. Hazel McGirr was presented with several gifts in recognition of her 25 years as a teacher and principal by friends, pupils, former students and colleagues at a surprise party in her honor.

If a street in Birmingham's business area is made any wider than 37 feet, should the city pay the additional cost? City commission debated at its meeting as it completed a public hearing on necessity of widening two blocks of E. Maple. The question will be studied further.

Richard J. Wilson was elected Birmingham chamber of commerce president for the new fiscal year, which started May 1.

West Bloomfield township board voted to pay for one application of chloride on township gravel roads this summer if residents agree to assume responsibility for at least two additional applications.

Judy VanderPyle was crowned Miss Junior Achievement of Southwestern Michigan at the eighth annual April Reign ball in U. of D.'s memorial building last week.

**Issue of May 9**

The Birmingham board of education in a special meeting incorporated a special \$6,800,000 bond issue proposition as part of the annual June 10 school district election. The money would be used to rehabilitate and construct schools, build a service building for school buses and storage of school equipment.

Reception last week of a 1937-58 budget of \$68,614 meant that Troy taxes would go up 70 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

According to a nationwide study of consumer spending, residents of Birmingham spend \$2,990,800 a year for cars, other automotive equipment and supplies.

Construction of separated storm and sanitary sewage systems was recommended at a last-ditch council meeting by an Ann Arbor engineer.

After three weeks of trouble, Birmingham Babe Ruth league managers selected 39 boys for the squad and began immediate practice sessions in preparation for the coming baseball season.

**Issue of May 16**

Six candidates are in the race for the single four-year Birmingham board of education term to be filled at the annual district election last week.

Michigan Week in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills was marked principally by the exchange of their mayors with the chief officials from Battle Creek and Auburn respectively.

Position of a director of public safety to have jurisdiction over both the police and fire departments was created by the Bloomfield Hills city commission.

Mrs. Barron C. Ketchum of Birmingham was elected president of the Michigan League of Women



## Million Dollar Fire

Damages totaled \$1,000,000 in the fire which swept Kirk-in-the-Hills Presbyterian church June 13. Here firemen send a stream of water from a heavy hose, but lack of wa-

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**Issue of May 23**

Bloomfield Village protective association at its 15th annual meeting elected three trustees, heard civic reports and tackled the annual problem of voting dates.

A would-be bandit held a talk-along with the chief clerk at Manufacturers' National bank at Telegraph and Maple in an isolated area of the bank while at the same time Brinks guards were delivering fresh bags of money to another part of the bank.

Battle Creek's recreational facilities and program astounded Birmingham Mayor William Roberts when he made a special tour of them during Mayor's Exchange day as part of Michigan week activities.

Kevin McCann addressed the Victory luncheon of the Oakland County Republican women's fi-

ance drive. He is a member of the White House staff as a special assistant to President Eisenhower.

**Issue of May 29**

Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd, 41, was found lying near the entrance to her kitchen Monday night, fatally stabbed with a large hunting knife. Police are questioning her husband, James D. Shepherd.

Louis J. Colombo, Jr., chairman of the Detroit Red Cross chapter for the past two years, was elected to the 50-member board of governors of the American Red Cross.

Plans for a \$15,000,000 development of nearly 400 half-acre homesites on a gently rolling 130-acre Bloomfield township parcel known as Birmingham

Farms was announced today. Birmingham Farms' controversial zoning ordinance was approved by a 4-to-2 roll call vote of the Farms village council Monday night despite numerous protests from property owners and a warning from the village's attorney that the ordinance could lead to a costly court battle.

Birmingham city commissioners awarded a contract to Oak Construction Co., which included the E. Maple paving and widening. To be done this summer, the job also included widening of Southfield between 14 Mile and Lincoln.

**Issue of June 6**

Michigan Supreme Court this week ruled in favor of Birmingham school district which was sued for

damages by a Royal Oak dentist, injured at a Thanksgiving day Royal Oak-Birmingham football game. The bleachers he was seated upon had collapsed.

Voting precincts in the northeast portion of Southfield township were divided last week by the township board to meet a state requirement that no voting precinct contain more than 1,400 registered voters.

Spring sports boys, their dads and coaches were honored by team moms at the annual Birmingham high school spring sports dinner.

The University of Detroit conferred an honorary doctor of science degree on C. Allen Harlan at its 74th annual commencement.

**Issue of June 13**

Bennett Root polled nearly twice as many votes as his nearest opponent to win the single 4-year vacancy on the Birmingham board of education.

A weekend of home and garden tours was planned this week in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Featured will be several rose gardens as well as contemporary plantings using masses of Florida-bunda roses.

Southfield school district voters overwhelmingly supported a

\$4,000,000 bond issue and a three-mill operating tax increase in this week's election.

Some timely hitting by Frank Tatomir and Duane Dunham and fine all-around play by the Spartans marked the Birmingham Babe Ruth league last week as the Spartans took the lead with three wins and no losses.

At a recent Great Lakes ceramic hobby show, several Birmingham residents won 11 awards for entries in a number of categories.

**Issue of June 29**

A record class of 418 seniors was graduated from Birmingham high school at its commencement program.

Chief witness at James Shepherd's examination was 13-year-old Janet Hutton, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Hutton Shepherd who was fatally stabbed May 27 at her home on Pierce street.

Representatives from five subdivisions in North Adams joined forces to seek a solution to the problem of safety and transportation of children who will be commuting to the new Hartan school.

With a record number of entries expected, the largest outdoor horse



**Youngest Mayor**

Mayor William E. Roberts, 33½ years old, won his second city commission term in the April city elections. He is Birmingham's youngest mayor.

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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT



- Mental Telepathy
- Bleeding Gums

Q. Can some people broadcast their own thoughts?

A. Scientists say that mental telepathy isn't impossible but thought transfer hasn't been proved. The brain does give off tiny electric impulses so in theory we have a sending device. What's missing in humans is a workable receiving set. Birds and bees must have some sort of sending and receiving apparatus. Birds migrate to the same spot every year and they do it without maps, radar, compass or clock. Bees locate water in some mysterious way. To brush this off as instinct explains nothing. Still, in humans, such "supernatural" things haven't been proved. Most mental telepathy studies depend on "guessing" designs on cards. Usually there are 25 cards in the deck, with five different designs. The subject tries to identify the design on each card by "reading the mind" of a person who is looking at the card. Anyone can guess and just by chance get five correct answers. Some people may get seven correct answers. Maybe these are "mind readers" but 18 wrong answers out of 25 isn't anything to write home about.

Q. If your gums bleed is it a sign of pyorrhea?

A. No, but most bleeding from the gums is due to some local trouble. The word pyorrhea simply means a discharge. Bleeding may be due to encrusted tartar on the teeth, to food packed between the teeth and gums, or to dental plates that cut or pinch. Gum bleeding, especially if it occurs often, can be a sign of general disease. If your gums bleed frequently consult a dentist or physician.

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