

# '56 Review

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Preliminary estimates early Wednesday placed the 1957 Ford Drive for Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin at 101 per cent of its record quota. This for the eighth time since the "give once for all" drive originated in 1949, this area has overachieved its goal.

Two local proposals on Tuesday's ballot were approved by Birmingham voters. One asked approval of the sale of the sewage treatment plant to the North Edgewood sewer authority and the other authorized the city's charter to permit contracting for sewage disposal.

Richard C. VanHusen, 1722 Pine, Republican candidate for attorney general, led his opponent locally, but lost in the statewide tabling.

**Issue of November 15**  
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, noted churchman, author, radio and TV lecturer, spoke to 2,500 Birmingham women and a handful

of men who attended two Town Hall lectures here last week. Mrs. S. O. Wylie Bell, 86, nee M. Adele Snow, widow of S. O. Wylie Bell and great-granddaughter of John West Hunter, Birmingham's first settler, died Sunday in Tuscon, Ariz.

**Pay your next water bill** with the feeling that you are losing an old friend. Because with the one following, your water rates are going up, almost half again. Special Community Thanking services are being planned by local churches, with a service next Thursday morning sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches, and a Wednesday evening service sponsored by the Southfield Ministerial Association.

**Issue of November 21**  
Ernest H. Breech of Bloomfield Hills, chairman of the board of Ford Motor Co., was the subject of Ralph Edwards' famous television program, "This is Your Life." Death came to former postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, 1141 in Rochester, N. Y., a mail carrier in Birmingham, on a handcar

for 20 years in downtown Birmingham, November 13. Thursday Birmingham's newest business, Jacobson's Children's Shops, opened Monday at the corner of Woodward and Willets. To provide faster warning and to advise firemen of the location of the fire, the Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept. has recently purchased and installed a radio alarm system to augment the present siren. Thanksgiving Day at 8 p. m. has been selected as the opening date for the Birmingham artificial ice rink.

**Issue of November 29**  
Birmingham's third municipal district parking lot will open officially Saturday. Extending from Park through to Ferndale street, midway between Hamilton and Oakland, this newest facility will accommodate 175 cars. Balmage school, one of the Birmingham school system's major maintenance problems, required the board of education's immediate attention last week in a local store. In the certain closer of the state's oldest football rivalry, Royal Oak buried Birmingham 19-0 on a snow-covered field Thanksgiving morning at Birmingham high school.

**Issue of December 6**  
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**VETERAN** down-town mail carrier, Chris S. Ralley, 66, of Clawson, passed away Nov. 15 leaving behind 20 years of pleasant memories for those who worked with Chris or who were on his route. Postmaster Rollie Reese said Chris' warm smile, "It wasn't just a store smile. He truly enjoyed meeting people."



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Persons active for reelection of a commission to write

City of Southfield's third proposed charter has been filed with the county clerk, according to Eugene Swan, Southfield township supervisor. First Methodist church Birmingham will dedicate a stained glass window Sunday. The window, presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dalton, is the story of the nativity, told in 3,540 pieces of stained glass and accented with a preeminence of blues accented with reds and greens.

**Issue of December 27**  
Michigan Bell Telephone Co. has slated almost \$1 1/2 million for the expansion and improvement of the Troy telephone exchange. To be completed in 1958, the expansion will include a new telephone building and a completely new dial exchange.

Westchester Village subdivision residents are investigating the possibilities of forming their area—east of Laber between 11 and 15 Mile roads—into a home rule village. Petitions are being drafted for circulation.

J. A. Latta home at 1948 1/2 trade drive, was first prize prize

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winner of the outdoor Christmas home decoration contest in the West Beverly area sponsored by the West Beverly Garden club. A "hard core" of auxiliary police will be formed in four area municipalities and will come under the direction of Southfield Police Chief Philip La Vigne. Besides Southfield, the areas in the Civilian Defense plan are Birmingham Farms, Tenthon and Franklin Villages, Tenthon, Annette and Suzette Gagnier, two daughters of Mrs. George H. Gagnier, Jr. of Tenthon, N. C. and Bloomfield Hills were featured to society at a dinner (Lance Friday evening in the Detroit Athletic club.

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**DEATH CLAIMED** the life Nov. 11 of Mrs. S. O. Wylie Bell, 80, a great-granddaughter of John West Hunter, Birmingham's first settler, Mrs. Bell, nee M. Adele Snow, was a lifetime resident of the area until she moved to Arizona in 1951 where she passed away. She was born May 11, 1876 on a farm at the northeast corner of Matties and "Town Line" road, now known as Adams road, where stands Pine Hill subdivision.

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