

Highlights of 1958

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also approved the sale of the Old Hickory Grove school. Only 389 votes were cast, with 134 favoring the proposal.

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce launched a campaign to induce desirable new business to the city.

Troy voters cut the city's tax limit from \$15 to \$6 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in an election vote which was 1087 to 808. The

tax limit cut came after the city tripled its valuations last year.

Southfield township determined a \$500 connecting charge would be its method of paying for its share of the Evergreen interceptor sewer.

WXYZ got approval from Southfield township to build its television tower near Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Southfield's charter commission finally approved a charter calling for a tax of 7 mills.

Week of Jan. 30

The Central Catholic high school campaign got underway to raise funds for construction of two high schools, one for girls and one for boys, at a 35-acre tract on Lahser north of 14 Mile road, near Westchester village.

Franklin's historic village hall was gutted in a \$12,000 fire which threatened the surrounding frame buildings and village records.

Southfield set its charter vote for April 21.

Westwood village residents prepared to go to the polls with some opinion expressed that this might not be the right time for the village to incorporate because of doubts about the future of Southfield.

Birmingham high school swimmers chalked up their 17th straight dual swimming triumph and set one new Birmingham school record. Pete Sims broke his own freestyle record with a :52.1 clocking.

Week of Feb. 6

Harry Denyes announced his intent to seek re-election to the Birmingham city commission for a second three-year term, while Commissioner Charles Delbridge, Jr. declined re-election. William H. Merrill, attorney, announced his candidacy for a commission seat.

Birmingham clergymen passed a resolution stating, "It is not apparent that the relative freedom from 'other' groups in our community is the result of a largely unspoken general agreement that we must at all costs keep our community a desirable place to live." It was signed by 16 Birmingham area ministers appealing for Christian brotherhood, who also stated, "We are people who are genuinely indignant at the Southern repudiation of the Supreme Court ruling, yet are anxious to keep our own schools as they are."

Westwood approved its first village charter 2 to 1, and elected seven trustees and a clerk.

Week of Feb. 13

Philip A. Hart, who maintains his legal residence at 577 Westwood, Birmingham, announced he would seek the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator from Michigan.

Skaters prepared to present Birmingham's second annual ice show at Eton park ice rink.

Police Sgt. Richard E. Brown was presented the city's first medal of valor for his action in a gunfight last October with an ex-convict at the scene of a hold-up.

Marvin Gline was picked unanimously by the council as president of the new Westwood village.

Richard Voorhees and Robert Risk, partners in the Night Watch Protection service, agreed to become Westwood's temporary police.

Week of Feb. 20

A Birmingham woman, Mrs. Loretta Sidney, died in a fire at her home at 1339 S. Eton.

Education study committees were organized by the Bloomfield Hills citizens' advisory group. The committee members are to explore all phases of the school district's operation to suggest ways of improving it.

John S. O'Gorman announced his candidacy for Birmingham city commission in the April 7 city election.

Lathrup voters turned down the bond issue for Lathrup's separate storm sewer system, and approved the downpour ordinance.

Westwood appointed Howard I. Bond as its village attorney, adopted an interim budget of \$40,100, and named Donald C. McCobb as treasurer, at a salary of \$200 monthly for part-time work.



Located on 35-Acre Tract on Lahser

JANUARY 1958—Proposed Girls' Central Catholic high school will have quarters for the sisters attached. Now in the planning stage, the school will have complete facilities, including auditorium-gymnasiums and cafeteria. It will be located on the 35-acre tract with the Boys' school on Lahser.

Week of Feb. 27

Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley promoted Sgt. Robert Schulte to the rank of lieutenant. Patrolman Charles Blackfield was promoted to sergeant, and Patrolman Richard F. Chambers was named to the position of detective.

Budgeting of funds to beautify Birmingham's Shain park was tabled by the Birmingham city commission.

Southfield's charter commission held a hearing and finally signed the final draft of the charter to be voted on April 21.

A traffic ordinance for the village of Westwood was passed, to be effective immediately. The ordinance gave Westwood police authority to ticket violators.

Franklin Community association announced it may sell the property and remains of the community hall.

Week of Mar. 6

Birmingham Town Hall announced the signing of Stewart Alop and Oleg Cassini to speak here next year.

The school bus bill for which The Birmingham Eccentric campaigned in its pages was passed by the Michigan Senate, and will go to the house of representatives next.

Birmingham area police cleared over 75 garage breaking and entering and larceny cases from their files with the arrest of six youths.

Westwood considered a proposed budget calling for \$63,000 revenue from property taxes, of 4.8 mills per thousand of assessed valuation.

Westwood named Robert Murphy, retired Detroit police inspector, as its public safety director.

Westwood set the salary of Village Clerk Alice Spencer at \$3600 a year, based in a work week of approximately 40 hours.

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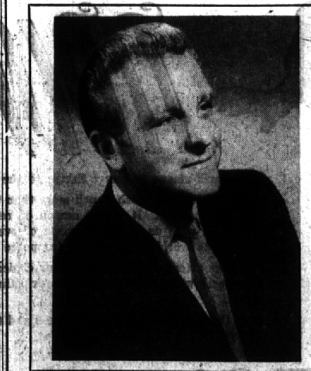
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Receives Heroism Award

FEBRUARY 6—Police Sergeant Richard E. Brown received the city's first medal of valor tonight. City Commissioner Charles Rottfraw leads the applause at the city employees' recognition banquet. Brown merit-

ed this heroism award because of the gunfight he had last October with an ex-convict, who died of wounds inflicted by Brown. The police officer was wounded in the chest.



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News from Home

FEBRUARY 6—A letter from her parents in Cologne, Germany, brings a smile to the face of Barbara Fredrich. She is spending a year in Birmingham with the Sherman LaMeasure family, while the LaMeasures' daughter, Judy, is staying with her parents in Germany.



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