

## Top News Stories for July-December, 1957

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smashed and the glass scattered over the 10 1/2-mile road. Latest intersection in Southfield township when a car struck a water delivery truck broadside.  
The Franklin volunteer fire department revealed that it would soon be getting a new \$15,000 com-

batron pumper tanker fire truck. Lathrop reported that juvenile vandalism in the city was on the decline.

### ISSUE OF JULY 11

A violent thunderstorm, the morning of July 8 brought light-

ning and fires, downed wires, flooded streets and basements and caused traffic tie-ups in the Birmingham, Bloomfield and Southfield areas. Construction on the first portion of the N. Evergreen interceptor system was scheduled to begin in less than a week.

Bloomfield Hills City Clerk-

Treasurer Robert J. Stadler was appointed to the newly created post of director of public safety.

Alphonse, who had been Long Lake's "phantom alligator" for two years, was captured as he crept out of the bushes on an easement between Long and Island Lakes.

The first steps towards repairing the fire-blasted Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian church began with removal of wooden beams from the structure.

J. Robert Mitchell resigned his post as Franklin's road administrator.

### ISSUE OF JULY 18

Birmingham residents asked the city to take the lead in seeking revocation of a state law permitting 14-year-olds to obtain licenses to operate motor scooters on grounds the scooters were noisy and dangerous.

Rev. Kenneth H. Gass was named rector of Birmingham's St. James Episcopal church.  
Mrs. William T. Gossett of Bloomfield Hills was elected to the board of trustees at Barnard college, of Columbia University, New York.

The Southfield township board tabled action on whether to commit itself to the 12 Towns drain area after it and 200 residents heard the 12 Towns board discuss the project at a public hearing.

Lathrop decided to delay its cracking down on the downspout ordinance until violators were sent one more warning letter.

### ISSUE OF JULY 25

Swimming pool entry fees for children were lowered to 25 cents by the Birmingham recreation board.

Birmingham city commissioners were making a list of names for the city's new manager after Harold K. Schone suddenly submitted his resignation.

Burglars staged two daring daylight robberies in Bloomfield



**Traffic Fatality**

Howard C. Holah, 73, of 280 Euclid, Birmingham, died July 22 of head injuries suffered in an accident at Hunter and Bowers.

township while the housewives were working outside the homes being robbed.

The Southfield township board tabled a decision indefinitely on whether to place an additional 1250 fees in the 12 Towns drain area.

Burglars struck twice in Southfield township and escaped with more than \$5,000 in valuables.

### ISSUE OF AUGUST 1

Birmingham city commissioners said they planned to wait another week before naming a successor to Harold K. Schone who resigned as city manager July 17.

Negligent homicide charges were drawn up against a Royal Oak man involved in an auto crash which resulted in the death of former Birmingham theater manager Howard Holah.

Bloomfield township was revealed to have had the third highest total of residential building permits issued in the first six months of 1957 in Oakland county and Southfield township was fourth highest.

The Southfield township planning board was told a proposed north-south expressway through Southfield and Bloomfield townships probably would go up Southfield road and west of Lathrop and on through the Westchester area.

Eight-year-old Kenneth Miller of Troy was struck and critically injured by an auto when he dashed into the vehicle's path.

### ISSUE OF AUGUST 8

Birmingham city commissioners agreed unanimously to promote De-

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**New City Manager**

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