

# 1959's Area Highlights in Review



## Speaks at Town Hall

Backstage, Dr. Arthur Larson checks over his speech before talking to the Town Hall audience in October at the Birmingham theatre.

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million dollar Nottingham Forest subdivision.

Birmingham area horsemen took 11 firsts in the Detroit Horse show that was held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Issue of July 16  
Birmingham police warned novice skin divers of the danger in attempting too much too soon. Several accidents involving young swimmers who were learning the sport, prompted the warnings.

A public hearing on the proposed Chrysler expressway route brought few protests. Oakland country residents affected by the route had already filed their complaints.

The John Bekolays' Luau

party in Beverly Hills proved to be the big social event of the week.

A lot size proposal before the Beverly Hills council would make property tops in the county for premium type developments.

Birmingham's American Legion baseball team blew a 3-0 lead in the ninth inning and bowed, 4-3, which dropped them to fourth place in the league standings.

Issue of July 23  
The Bloomfield township home of Teamster business agent Charles O'Brien was completely ruined by a fire that was started by an arsonist. Damages were finally tallied at \$30,000.

Herbert Herzberg, Beverly Hills village plan board chairman, resigned his post because of conflicting interests.

A record field of 150 tennis players entered the two-week Birmingham high school's name

change has brought another petition of protests to the local board of education. More than 85 students signed the petition protesting the renaming to Ernest Seaholm high school.

The long hot spell caused Birmingham area residents to set a new record of water use and a \$12,000 blaze struck the Arcadia plant on Eton.

Birmingham country club members enjoyed the garden setting dinner dance held that weekend.

Miss Vida B. McGiffin, journalism instructor at Birmingham high school for the past 31 years, quietly resigned this week.

Bell Telephone company announced plans of a \$2,000,000 expansion program for the Birmingham area.

A special meeting of the village council approved the second major step in the village's \$200,000 road improvement program.

Mrs. Edith L. Goddard, 855 Madison, Birmingham, won the Michigan (Continued on Next Page)



## Birmingham's Torchbearers

Mrs. Clyde C. Bennett, general chairman for the 1959 Torch Drive in the Bloomfield-Birmingham-Franklin area, and Jack Kershbaum, chairman of the Birmingham business solicitation, received symbolic torches last August from Walter Laidlaw (center), executive vice-president of the United Foundation for Greater Detroit.



## A Critical Opinion?

There's somebody in town who thinks our municipal off-street parking lot meters is a pumpkin-headed idea. In November about half a dozen carved pumpkins adorned this row of meters in Birmingham's city lot at Ferndale and Hamilton.



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