

1961--in Retrospect

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Issue of Aug. 10 Municipal Parking Lot No. 5, in downtown Birmingham, opened for business. The cost of the lot, built on property that city purchased in the Willis-Baker-Woodward area in the northwest quadrant, has been estimated at \$500,000.

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ment at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

The Rev. John H. Albrecht replaced the Rev. Lester L. Dohy as an associate rector at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Rev. Dohy, who was with Christ Church for five years, accepted a position as director of college work for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in Detroit.

Officials of Medical Village Inc. a proposed development for the southwest corner of Beverly Road and Southfield, were granted approval on their request for rezoning a strip of the property.

A nationwide football competition that was planned to give boys a chance to display their prowess in punting, passing and place-kicking, was announced by Lee A. Isaac, 5654 Tall Oaks, Bloomfield Township, and Peter Kozelle, National Football League commissioner.

Issue of Aug. 17 Celebrities of the state's political world, local officials and area residents, rubbed elbows and talked traffic safety in Birmingham's Governor's Regional Traffic Safety Conference.

Mayor Florence H. Willett was hostess to more than 300 participants including Gov. John B. Swainson.

Students and teachers at Groves High School and Harlan Elementary School met their principals for the first time when school opened Sept. 7.

Charles E. Landy of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Robert L. McBride of Farmington, were named to replace principals James Burchett at Groves and Edwin Crandall at Harlan.

Birmingham's first major fire of the year caused an estimated \$35,000 damage to a building at 277 Pierce.

The two-story building housed the Varsity Shop, sports goods, McSweney's Fine Footwear and upper floor doctors' offices.

Barbara Marx of Community Services, Birmingham Public Schools, was a delegate to the national convention of Theta Sigma Phi, professional fraternity for women in journalism.

An interstate group of Lathrup residents appeared at the city's council meeting to protest the "unsightliness and health hazard" of what they termed a "dump" and to complain about odors emanating from the Evans ditch.

Issue of Aug. 24 Two 15-year-old Bloomfield girls were victims in similar horseback fatalities within a four-day period.

The girls were Judy Anne Brantton, 3535 Lane Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, and Donna Roth, 328 Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills.



Change in Ownership

Paul N. Averill (right) and Henry M. Hogan Jr. (left) in September joined retiring editor and Publisher George R. Averill in looking over one of the past issues of The Birmingham Eccentric. Occasion was the announcement that George had sold his share



of the paper and the Averill Press to his brother Paul, and to Paul's son-in-law, Henry Hogan. The sale moved Paul, who owns the controlling share, to publisher. Hogan became associate publisher.

Arthur Shafer, 23071 Parklawn, Oak Park, was named advertising manager of The Birmingham Eccentric. He succeeded David Gibb, 552 Baldwin, Birmingham.

William M. Brownfield, Birmingham resident and an employee of the Royal Oak planning department, was named Birmingham's new city planner. He succeeded Herbert Herzberg, who resigned to accept a position with First Federal Savings and Loan Co., Detroit.

Gar Meadowcroft, 1011 Forest, Birmingham, former manager of Birmingham's WHF-PM, was appointed general manager of Chief Pontiac Broadcasting Co. owners and operators of WFOZ Radio, Pontiac.

Charles M. Dutterer Jr., who led the field of candidates in the March 12 election, announced that he would resign his position on the Beverly Hills council.

Dutterer, 39, was transferred to New Jersey to be manufacturing



How Do You Do? Republican George Romney (left) and Democrat William O'Brien, who vied for the 12th senatorial district seat at the Constitutional Convention, took time off from their campaigning in July to shake hands for the first time at a Citizens for Michigan meeting in Birmingham.

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Issue of Aug. 31 Exploding ammunition and 200 gallons of flaming fuel oil plagued township fire fighters when they fought a blaze in a home at 188 Barrington Road.

The owner of the home, Gilbert Brown, told fire officials that his hobby of gun collecting and shooting was the reason for the ammunition in his home.

Kathy Ruhl, daughter of Mrs. Hilda Ruhl of Baldwin Court, Birmingham, returned from Lamsberg, Germany, where she spent the summer as an exchange student of Michigan Council of Churches.

Ralph J. Roney, 18365 Bungalow, Lathrup Village, vice president of The Detroit Bank and Trust Co., retired Aug. 31 after 27 years service in the commercial loan department.

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