



### Miss Torch Lighter of 1961

Birmingham's little Ann Rule became the sweetheart of millions when she became the symbol of hope as Miss Torch Lighter during this year's United Foundation torch drive. The seven-year-old not only pressed the button which lit the giant torch in downtown Detroit, but she also attended daily luncheons during the campaign.



### Governor in B'ham

Governor John B. Swainson (center), Regional Traffic Safety Conference in August. More than 300 local and state officials attended the meeting at Devon Gates in Bloomfield Township.

## 1961--in Retrospect

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A partial eclipse of the moon was watched by many area residents. Some of them went to Cranbrook's Institute of Science to view the event through a six-inch telescope.

Ignoring a suit for damages brought against its members, Bloomfield Township's board of trustees unanimously adopted an amendment to the township zoning ordinance providing for multiple dwellings.

Issue of Sept. 7  
The attention of thousands of observers focused on little Ann Rule of Birmingham as she lit the torch

of hope for the United Foundation's annual drive.

Birmingham's world-renowned architect Eero Saarinen died at the University of Michigan Medical Center after a two-hour operation, to remove a brain tumor.

The Piety Hill Chapter DAR met for a buffet luncheon at the home of Mrs. Donald Hirschman in Orchard Lake.

Homer C. Bloomfield Township treasurer, was injured when he apparently lost control of his car on Telegraph Road. Police said he struck the island and swerved into the path of a Southbound semi-trailer.

Daniel Pierce, 2405 Buckingham, a caddie at Bloomfield Hills Country Club, was awarded an Evans College scholarship by the Golf Association of Michigan.

Issue of Sept. 14  
George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric for 42 years, announced his retirement and the sale of the paper to his brother, Paul N. Averill, and Paul's son-in-law Henry M. Hogan Jr. George William Averill, managing editor for 15 years, announced his resignation.

A prominent Birmingham area physician, Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, died at William Beaumont Hospital shortly after suffering a heart attack at his home, 1055 Yarmouth, Birmingham.

He operated the Kemp Clinic at 525 Southfield, Birmingham for 28 years.

A double ring ceremony at St. Hugo of the Hills united two leading families outstanding in the automotive and advertising field when Margaret Anne Wilson became the bride of John Patrick MacManus.

A retirement and death benefit plan for Beverly Hills public safety officers went into effect. It was two years in the planning stage.

Joseph F. Paulus, 1111 W. Glenary Circle, Birmingham, was named vice president of the Detroit Thunderbirds. Greater Detroit's entry in the new 10-city National Bowling League.

Issue of Sept. 21  
Plans to dedicate its exhibition gallery to the memory of the late artist Romeo DiMarco were announced by the Bloomfield Art Association as it launched a campaign to raise \$75,000.

Construction plans get under way for a \$675,000 school in the Westchester area.

Kenneth R. Weaver was named managing editor of The Birmingham Eccentric. He

succeeded George William Averill, who resigned.

A pilot copy of the master plan for the village of Beverly Hills was presented to councilmen, marking the end of a three-year project for the Beverly Hills Planning Board.

Mrs. Richard Anderson was appointed to the Lathrup Recreation Commission to finish the term of Mrs. William O'Brien.

Issue of Sept. 28  
A "save some cash" incentive plan was offered to area municipalities by the Oakland County Road Commission seeking approval of a proposed \$11 million network road improvement project.

Birmingham City Commission issued a proclamation honoring Dr. George P. Raynale as "Michigan's Foremost Family Physician for 1961."

The proclamation followed recognition of Dr. Raynale by the Michigan Medical Society.

Funeral services for Charles E. Wilson, who died of a heart attack near Baton Rouge, La., were held at Christ Church-Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The State Supreme Court ruled that Southfield Township and Southfield City must pay Oakland County for the cost of several unsuccessful incorporation elections.

Issue of Oct. 5  
Owners of property fronting on Pine Lake lost their fight to have restrictions raised in use of the lake by offshore residents.

Birmingham City Commission considered a road improvement program proposed by the Oakland County Road Commission. Birmingham's cost of \$2,000 would represent 25 per cent of the total cost with the county providing 75 per cent.

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