

1961--in Retrospect

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percent. The cost ratio in previous years had been 80-60.

Funeral services for Charles Wilson of Bloomfield Hills, former president of General Motors, were held Friday at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Wilson was buried at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

The City of Birmingham was formally introduced Oct. 12 to Michigan communities with a WJ public service radio program entitled "Suburban Salute." Among communities featured were Birmingham's communities. Mayor Florence H. Willett, Sgt. of Schools Dr. Otis M. Dickey, Recreation Director Donald Martin, Harvey A. Kresge, manager of S. S. Kresge in Birmingham, Ward Ouradnik, executive director of the Community House, and the Rev. Raymond Fenner of the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

Birmingham Board of Education initiated an information campaign to inform residents of the school system's needs incorporated in the Nov. 20 special school election proposals for increased millage and bonding authority.

Board neared completion of a master plan for the township. The plan involves studies of projected trends in growth and development and changes in present property zoning.

Groves Football squad Friday surprised area coaches when it won its first game of the season over experienced Whitmore Lake 60-0.

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Anna Roosevelt Halsted, F. D. R.'s only daughter, and her husband, Dr. James Halsted, acquired a quaint Cape Code house and three acres of land on Birmingham Lane in Bingham Farms. The couple moved here from Lexington, Ky.

Beverly Hills Village officials sought an alternate route for the 14 Mile Road extension proposed by the Oakland County Road Commission. Officials planned to negotiate "a way around" cutting 14 Mile Road through from Southfield to Cranbrook (Evergreen).

Bloomfield Hills' Roger Stewart scored five touchdowns in the Barons' 47-6 win over Clarensville Friday. The victory gave the Barons a 2-1 record in league play.

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the Community House Board of Directors. She resigned the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. John S. O'Ryan, whose husband was transferred out of the Birmingham area.

Birmingham area residents jammed Groves High School auditorium Tuesday night for Ferrante and Teicher's Birmingham performance "Ferrante and Teicher Play Their Hits." The noted piano duo opened the Birmingham Lions Club's sixth concert.

Singer Margaret Whiting of California, sister of Mrs. Gail Smith, of Franklin Road, the former Barbara Whiting visited Birmingham. Margaret Whiting made the visit during her engagement at Ford Auditorium for the United Foundation kickoff.

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Seaholm's senior class won the school's annual field day competition. It was the 17th victory for the seniors since the event originated in 1893.

St. James Episcopal Church initiated its new Concert Series Sunday with church organist Kent McDonald playing an opening recital. Other artists planned for the series included Virgil Fox, Claire Cool at Alice Wytton.

Bloomfield Township announced plans of adding a fourth fire station to its fire department. The station, expected to be completed in 1962, will be located on Kendry near Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road.

Issue of Nov. 2
Birmingham Commissioners Monday night approved a civil defense advisory plan directed by City Manager L. R. Gare to study the need for a full-time civil defense director. The approval called for plans for and costs of a fallout shelter for city hall employees.

Some 5,000 Birmingham youths assembled Tuesday night for the city's annual Halloween parade and party. The total attendance of 7,400 children, teenagers and adults exceeded last year's turnout of 6,500.

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church officials laid the cornerstone for the church's new \$100,000 building. The bi-level structure of traditional design, located at 3000 Telegraph, north of W. Long Lake Road, is expected to be completed in December.

The site of Rodney Lockwood's proposed 26-acre multi-million dollar shopping center of "high fashion stores" at Southfield and 12 1/2 Mile Roads was rezoned Monday night. Property was rezoned from residential to regional shopping by the Southfield Commission.

Seaholm harriers qualified for the state cross country meet by placing second in the regional meet. It was the first time since 1954 that the Maples failed to win the regional competition.

Issue of Nov. 9
City Commissioners Monday night gave City Manager L. R. Gare authority to hire a full-time civil defense director on either a volunteer or paid basis. A report by Gare recommended that a director be secured on a paid rather than volunteer basis.

Retirement of Sherrod Skinner, General Motors vice president, triggered the promotion of four Birmingham area executives. Promoted to the following positions were James E. Goodman of Bloomfield Hills, executive vice president; Edward N. Cole of Bloomfield Township, a director and group executive in charge of the car and truck divisions; Simon E. Knudsen of Bingham Farms, vice president and general manager of Chevrolet division; and E. M. Estes of Bloomfield Township, vice president and general manager of the Pontiac division.

Bill Letters, a professional director with Cargill Productions in New York City, arrived in town to direct the Birmingham Junior League's Nov. 15 and 16 rallies. Letters travels throughout the country producing variety type shows.

Strong objection by some 100 residents to Beverly Hills proposed extension of water mains west of 13 Mile Road Monday prompted the village council to adjourn consideration of the main. Further objection led to the postponement of a second hearing on the storm drain project.

Seaholm's football squad finally defeated Royal Oak Dondero for the first time in the last 10 years. The Maples broke the jinx 28-6 Friday.

Issue of Nov. 16
Birmingham school officials called off a planned town meeting on the special Nov. 20 school election issues as only eight residents turned out for the hearing. The board of education considered the weak turnout an indication of the effectiveness of the election information campaign conducted by co-chairmen Bill Hollingshead and George Whitehead.

West Bloomfield Township Board passed an amendment to the township's zoning ordinance which provides for multiple dwellings and rezoning of one area for development.

Brother Rice High School's sophomore basketball team defeated Cranbrook's varsity five 8-41 Tuesday. After compiling a 16-0 record last year against freshman opponents, the freshman-sophomore squad requested to play a varsity team.

columnist, opened a two-day appointment in the town hall series.

Members of Fine Lake Country Club staged a "Talent Night" show Saturday night. Various club members presented skits and musical presentations.

Art Schuster of Groves High School clinched the Oakland County football scoring crown Friday by tallying four touchdowns and six extra points in the Falcons' 55-6 victory over Southgate David. Schuster tallied a total of 128 points during the year to lead all scorers in Oakland County.

Issue of Nov. 22
Birmingham voters approved proposals for an 11-mill operating budget and a \$49,150,000 bonding budget in the community's special school election Monday. Unofficial returns showed decisive victories for both proposals with each receiving about 65 per cent of the votes cast.

Baldwin Public Library of Birmingham initiated its first contract for library services. A percentage of use" cost basis with Beverly Hills. The contract represented the first time a substituting present non-resident fee system with contractual agreements by July 1, 1964.

Some 400 representatives of Birmingham area church youth groups met to discuss church merger possibilities. Concensus of the meeting was that "merging is a good idea if we don't have to give up what we believe in."

A fire and explosion last week caused \$25,000 damage to the home of former newsman Joseph R. Hainline in Bloomfield Township. The blaze, originated in the attached garage near cages of two pet chipmunks. Electric light bulbs, used to keep the animals warm, were believed to have caused the fire.

Issue of Nov. 30
Birmingham School System launched its five-year building program this week with plans for additions to Harlan, Pembroke, Bloomfield Village and Franklin Schools. Plans also set underway for a new \$670,000 Meadow Lake Elementary School at Inlander Hill and a \$2,425,000 Junior High School at 14 Mile and Bellevue.

A Yule Shoppe, sponsored by members and friends of the Child Research Center League, was conducted Friday at Birmingham Showcases. Proceeds from the sale of various handmade items went to the Child Research Center of Michigan for research work in children's diseases.

Resignation of Gordon Getzinger as a member of the Bloomfield Hills Board of Trustees was announced at the board's meeting Monday. He resigned in connection with his position with Chatham Manufacturing Co. of New York City.

Southfield voters passed a \$7,200,000 school bond issue for new construction of a five-mill operating tax Monday. The two proposals were expected to increase taxes by \$4 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

W. Nicholas Kerbawy of Bloomfield Hills, ousted general manager of the Detroit Pistons, brought a \$1/2 million dollar suit against Fred Zollner, owner of the professional basketball team. The suit charged Zollner with libel, slander and conspiracy resulting in damage to Kerbawy's professional reputation and injuring his ability to obtain employment.

Issue of Dec. 7
Despite an all-day rain, Birmingham's 19th annual Men's Night Monday was a success as hundreds of the male populace toured local stores for Christmas gifts. Added attraction this year were demonstrations of the latest dance craze, The Twist, and a buffet supper.

George Ramsey of Bloomfield Hills, president of American Motors and a Con-Con vice president, Saturday announced the possibility of running for governor. His decision is expected by Feb. 10. The day before he participated in a Con-Con forum with other Oakland Constitutional Convention delegates at the Birmingham Community House.

Well-known concert organist Virgil Fox of Riverside Church in New York City performed before a capacity audience of 600 Birmingham area residents in St. James Episcopal Church's new concert series.

Groves recorded its first varsity victory over Seaholm Friday in an overtime thriller. The sport-basketball. The score—45-40.

Issue of Dec. 14
Plans for construction of a \$500,000 eight-store shopping center on Hamilton between Ferrante and Park were announced Thursday by John W. Butler, executive vice president and co-owner of Demery's. The center, except for one store, is expected to be completed by the Hawthorne Electric Co. of Birmingham, is owned by Butler.

A vacancy on the township's board of trustees became official Monday with acceptance of Gordon Getzinger's resignation. He resigned to accept an executive position with Chatham Manufacturing Co. of New York City.

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Lance and His Lady

After months of expectation and anxiety the Querton Lake swans finally got a monicker. Lynn McGuire, winner of the "name-the-swans" contest joined sculptor Marshall

Fredericks in feeding Lance and Lady in October. Observing is Lynn's mother, Mrs. James E. McGuire.



Chairmanship Changes Hands

Chairmanship of the Oakland County Republican Party changed hands in September with a handshake between former chairman, Arthur G. Elliott Jr. (right), of Pleasant Ridge, and new chairman, Charles L. Lyle, of 18890 Hillcrest, Beverly Hills. State legis-

lators, Henry M. Hogan Jr. (right), of the house, and Farrell Roberts (left), of the Senate were among the 13 voting members of the executive committee which selected Lyle.



Tourney Titleholders

Among those who won championships in the Eccentric-Recreation Department community tennis tournament were these five netters. Left to right: Greg Stumpf, junior

boys'; Steve Anderson, senior boys'; Anne Holmes, women's singles'; Steve Smith, men's singles'; and Bob Fiegelar, half of the combination which won the men's doubles.

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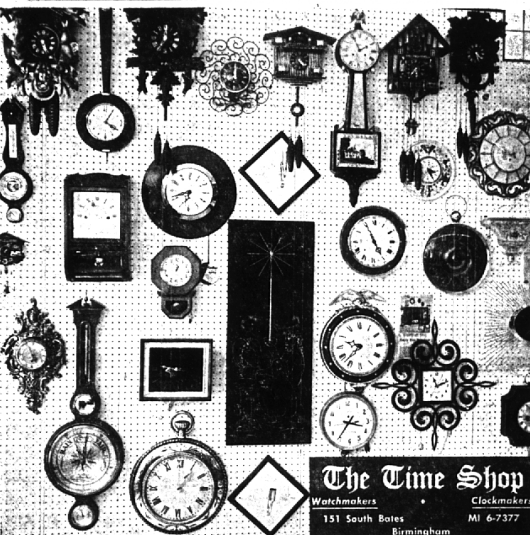
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