

Birmingham's Youth Program Lauded at State Conference

Birmingham was pronounced a leader among Michigan communities because of its planning and action to meet the needs of youth at the Michigan mid-city meeting on children and youth at East Lansing last week.

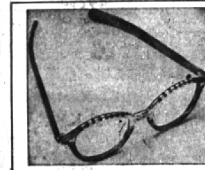
The existence of the Youth Council, under the Community Council sponsorship, placed Birmingham in its unique position.

Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, Community Council representative to the meeting and vice-chairman of the Youth Council, commented on the feeling of pride in her community which she experienced as the arrangement was made by Dr. Karl Zeller, vice-chairman of the Michigan Youth commission.

"When we completed our survey on children in Birmingham, under the guidance of Mrs. John K. Ormond, for the 1950 White House conference last year," Mrs. Greene said, "we learned that only one other community in the country had done so."

Mrs. GREENE, too, that from what she had been able to

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learn, Birmingham is far ahead in the number of communities which have a functioning Community Council.

"Everyone working with the Community Council and our new Youth Council here should have a distinct sense of satisfaction," she said. "We are all pioneers, so to speak, in a field of community welfare."

Mrs. Greene added that the work here was well begun and would have a chance this year, under the leadership of Mrs. Alec Parme, to prove its value.

Dr. Earl Kelley, 250 West Brown, professor of education at Wayne university and former chairman of the local Community Council, spoke on "Michigan Looks to the Future."

HE STRESSED the need for action and stated that Americans spend four and one-half times as much for crime fighting as they do for education in America today.

"Democracy," he said, "operates as a series of pressure groups. Youth cannot act as its own pressure group and therefore youth commissions and youth councils are necessary."

Regional discussion groups agreed that educational programs to inform taxpayers, parents, state and local officials to understand the needs of children are essential. They agreed that new and vitalizing leadership for citizenship and family life education is needed. The latter, they believe, should be extended to include elementary school.

IN ADDITION the conference urged the extension of individual counseling services in schools, along with the development of more and bigger family service

USE OF LIBRARIES as instruments of education were also urged. Aptitude and ability tests, with greater emphasis on vocational training was another suggestion to help these children. It also declared the importance of children taking part, along with their parents, in the planning of the school curriculum.

Mrs. Greene also stated that better mental health training for teachers at the college level was urged. Improved training for staff workers in the physical and mental health fields is another method whereby the lot of the school child can be improved.

The conference recommended a youth division for the now legally neglected 7-21 group. This, they feel, should be set up within the state correction department with specialized service for young men and women in this age bracket.

"IT IS gratifying to us in Birmingham," Mrs. Greene said, "to note the emphasis placed by the Youth Commission upon a close parent-school relationship. Our school administrators have been working toward this for some time. Our local PTA groups are evidence of the interest the Birmingham parents take in their children and schools."

"Although the commission advocated more attention be paid to mental and physical health in most cases, we may again be proud of our community."

"Our elementary school health education program which was inaugurated by Miss Frances Curtin, school nurse, is outstanding."

"I am convinced that we in Birmingham are on the right path. I am proud of our planning and work with the Youth Council. We have come a long way with it, but there is still a long, long way to go," Mrs. Greene concluded.

Nazarene Conference Scheduled Monday

The Rev. Dr. W. M. McGuire, district superintendent for the eastern Michigan district, Church of the Nazarene, will be in Birmingham today for a church conference.

It is expected that about 15 pastors from nearby churches will meet with Dr. McGuire and the local pastor, the Rev. William Ardrey. A survey of the city is being planned to acquaint residents with the work of this church.

More than 74 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the Japanese elections January 1949.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of Edward B. Mason, Deceased.

A notice of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1950.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 4th day of December, 1950, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing, by filing with the Probate Court and the clerk thereof, with this Court and with the clerk of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciaries of the nature and amount of the claim.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate, 2124-29

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 15th day of September, it was declared to be the intention of the Board to improve Melrose Street by grading and lightening from East to West of the Florida St. to Northwestern Highway in accordance with specifications of the Oakland County Road Commission and that that thereof shall be declared by special assessment.

Notice is further given that the Township Board will meet Sept. 26th at 8:00 o'clock a.m. to hear suggestions and objections that may be made by parties interested.

Dated September 15, 1950.

FANNIE ADAMS, Township Clerk

Weekly 'Y' Program For Youngsters Start Saturday

The Saturday morning YMCA program for boys and girls in the lower grades will have its first meeting this Saturday in the First Baptist church gymnasium.

The program for the minkylinks group, now in its third year, includes group games, craftwork, hikes, cook-outs and movies.

This Saturday color pictures entitled "Family Outing," "Giants of the Sea," and "Indian Hunt" will be shown along with Mickey Mouse cartoons.

The session starts from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and is supervised by Shirley Cloutier and Edwin F. Kierker. The "Y" is a member of the Red Feather service through the United Foundation.

Sewer, Water System Installation Given Tentative Approval

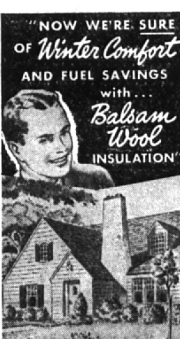
A tentative agreement was given by commissioners Monday on the platting of the property immediately east of Eton road, between the city and west of Eton road.

City Manager Donald C. Ekbert, in his report to the commission, said he could see no harm in John J. Harrison installing sewer and water systems in the area, but at his own expense.

Ekbert pointed out that the work would be done under city supervision to meet Birmingham requirements.

HARRISON was instructed that he must present a final approval can be given.

He was also told that connections on Eton road should be made prior to next December so settlement can take place before the installation of a asphalt concrete surfacing on that street next year.



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Seek Alternative Alley Opening

An alley entering Eton road just south of E. Maple could result in a serious traffic hazard, city commissioners argued Monday evening.

They were considering a request for an east-west alley in the block bounded by Maple, Eton, Yosemite and Columbus.

The hearing was continued for a week to permit the city manager to contact the owner of the south half of the block to see what construction plans are contemplated, if any.

Commissioners suggested a turn-around or entrance off Yosemite might be more advisable rather than permitting alley traffic to enter Eton just below an arterial street.

Graefield Must Pay Installation Cost Of Ornamental Poles

If the Graefield terrace development is to have ornamental, all-metal light poles, they will be required to pay the costs of poles and their installation, city commissioners decided this week.

Tentative approval of a request for these poles was granted with this stipulation.

The city will continue to pay the cost of electricity used in lighting the street after installation is complete, it was explained.

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