

# Students Rule With Vigor In City's Civic Control Day

By BILL DOVE

One of the finest Civic Control days ever staged is history now.

Civic Control day, when Birmingham high school seniors elected to the various city government offices take over the city government, was last Monday.

After being sworn in at the city clerk's office, the officers were taken on a tour to various points of interest by Jack Walker, city administrative assistant.

At the DPW garage on Eton road, the group was shown heavy road equipment and the operation of a water tower.

Bob Kenning, director of public works, explained one of the city's major problems, disposal of garbage on location at the city dump.

Over at the sewage disposal plant Russell Grinnell, sewage plant operator, instructed the group in protesting of city sewage.

BACK AT THE municipal building D. C. Ebert, city manager, talked about the agenda that was to be considered by the six student commissioners.

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## Strouse Named UF Co-Chairman

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Junior Achievement Banquet on May 13

The more than 4,000 persons expected to attend Junior Achievement's "Future Unlimited" banquet at Masonic Temple, Detroit, May 13, will hear James J. Nance, president of Packard Motor Car Company.

L. L. "Tex" Colbert, president of Chrysler Corporation, said Nance would speak on "Achievement for Tomorrow," at the fourth annual "FUB."

Colbert, and Charles T. Fisher, Jr., president of the National Bank of Detroit and vice-chairman for the banquet, announced that 4,000 businessmen, industrialists, educators, civic leaders and Junior Achievers are being invited to participate.

## Little League Nears Last Day of Tryouts

Little League managers have one more chance to look over 8-to-12-year-old boys trying out for uniformed team vacancies before selecting the ones they want.

The final tryouts will be held Saturday morning, May 8. Good weather already has given the managers a better chance to study candidates than in any past year.

The "point auction," at which the managers bid against each other for the outstanding players, will be held Monday night.

It is a critical moment for the more than 500 boys seeking new Little League positions. The results of the auction are kept closely-guarded secret since it is in Little League policy that, in the youngsters' interest, no boy shall know how many points were "paid" for him.

THOSE "BOUGHT" will be notified by the manager and told when to report for squad practices. The others will be assigned to minor league teams.

About 20% of the boys "purchased" will make the majors. The managers of the eight major teams, after working with the new candidates and those players back from last year, must cut their squads to 15 boys by May 27. Not more than five can be 12 years old and at least five must be 10 or under. Play begins June 1.

League officials are considering forming a four-team minor league of 11- and 12-year-olds to give those boys who fail to make a major team a chance to compete against others of their own age. This would leave the other leagues composed of boys 10 and under.

Some oppose this policy in the belief that boys benefit more from the existing farm system. A decision will be made before play begins.

A MINOR LEAGUE organization has been announced by Glenn

and receptionist, Ethel Didier. Sarah Colwell, Carol Klein and Janice Cooper were appointed assistant sanitarians. Jerry Kraus held down the office of constable.

At the mock commission meeting the commissioners made wide decisions in their legislation. Police Chief Dick Thalacker and Fire Chief Larry Girard walked into the meeting wearing policeman's and fireman's hats and puffing on big cigars.

An amendment to rezoned certain residential property to allow the construction of off-street parking lots near Birmingham's business district with maximum protection to neighboring homes was passed by the commission.

PASSED unanimously was an appropriation for the construction of sewers and paving on Bowers street.

A cousin Mary Smith (alias Mabel Harabedian) complained of rats in her basement. After a brief caucus it was decided that the city manager should look into the matter and report on it at a later date.

Further investigation revealed that Mrs. Smith was not a Birmingham resident; and Dave Hamilton, building inspector said her home did not have a two foot rat wall anyway.

Action on a plan, explained very informatively by David Schuh, city engineer, for the construction of sewers on the west side of town was forwarded to the city manager.

Permission was granted to the Wm. E. Hamilton Funeral Home for private paving of an alley to give access to a Bell Chapel parking lot.

AS A SOLUTION to the south Woodward parking problem, it was decided that business establishments along U.S. 10 must construct access drives to stop traffic congestion caused by parked cars.

After a plea by Chief Thalacker for a traffic light at the intersection of Maple and Southfield, the commission decided that the need was not pressing enough for immediate action.

John Campbell, city assessor, reported a rebate of \$822 to a resident for over-assessment.

Gordon Provan, sewage plant operator, proclaimed that the construction and installation of an addition to the plant was on schedule.

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## School Bus Hit By Automobile

A cut finger suffered by a nine-year-old girl was the only casualty when a Greyhound bus carrying Birmingham school children was struck by an auto Friday at the open intersection of Taunton and Penitence.

Earl Swartz, 1822 Melton, was driving his car south on Taunton when he met Kenneth C. Kiser, 631 N. Conn. Royal Oak, driving the bus on Penitence. Swartz' car struck the bus in the side at low speed.

Pamela Loiacano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loiacano, 1709 Mansfield, suffered the cut finger in the resultant confusion on the bus.

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