

300 Educators Here This Week

An estimated 300 educators were scheduled to attend a three-day pre-school conference which opened Wednesday, according to Supt. of Schools Dwight B. Ireland.

Dr. Allan Griffin of Ohio University, nationally known school public relations counsel, addressed a luncheon meeting of the group Wednesday at Walden Woods, on Building Public Support—A Professional Challenge.

Thursday's program includes a conference at Quanton school for grade level meetings with group leaders.

Friday's program will be devoted to individual meetings with the teachers working with their principals in their respective schools.

Correct Duplicate Ordinance Numbers

Birmingham no longer has two ordinances numbered 423. But for more than two and a half years there were, until this week City Clerk Irene Hanley discovered the error and had the city commission correct it.

Real Ordinance 423 was adopted Dec. 10, 1951 as an amendment to the city building code. Bogus number 423, which should have been and now is number 426, is the Greenwood cemetery ordinance approved Feb. 4, 1952.

Thus commissioners determined to build constructively on their mistake and bury it in the past.

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CUTTING THE RIBBON at the entrance of the 1954 Better Homes and Gardens Five Star model home at 898 Woodlea. Mayor Charles Renfrew is watched closely by his wife and Ivan Frankel of the Frankel Brothers Construction company, builder of the home. The home was opened to the public Saturday morning and will be open daily for inspection. The gleaming model features the latest in home design and is decorated in pink and orange colors. A unique play area at the rear of the home is one of the many attractions of the model. The interior decorating was designed and furnished by the J. L. Hudson company. (Eccentric Photo)

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Cranbrook Gardens Attendance High

Unusually high attendance figures would seem to indicate that the Gardens of Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills, are better than ever this year.

The late August-early September visitor to the Gardens will see a one time kitchen garden now converted into formal plantings of colorful annuals. Called the sunken gardens, this particular plot of the 40-acre estate is bordered by grass, clematis and box trees. Romanesque and Chinese sculptures add further enchantment to this spot which once held parsley hedges and tomato plants.

The Gardens are operated by the alumni of Kingswood and Cranbrook Schools. A small fee is charged all visitors as a contribution to a scholarship fund for deserving students. Open through October, visitors may tour the Gardens on Saturdays from 2 to 5:30 and Sundays from 2 to 6:30.

General Manager Of Research Lab

As part of the realignment of its research activities being undertaken by Ethyl Corporation, R. K. Stiles, 241 Westwood, Bloomfield township, has been appointed general manager of Ethyl's research laboratories. Stiles was formerly director of automotive products research.

R. Bryant Turner, vice president in charge of research and engineering, also announced that Earl Bartholomew, 2221 Yarmouth, of the Detroit Laboratories, has been given a new assignment on the staff as an advisor specializing in the fields of engine, fuel and lubricant relationships.



CHARLES S. KINNISON, 1338 Latham, a Birmingham resident for 25 years, retired Sept. 1 as advertising manager of Hoskins Mfg. Co. of Detroit. He took the job in March 1917 as the result of a "blind" want ad and held it for all those years. He is active in work with Bham boy scouts; a Presbyterian church officer for almost 30 years and Sunday school teacher of high school age boys for 29 years; Bham B of E member for five years in late 30's and president his last year, and a trustee of Florence Crittenton hospital, Detroit, for 18 years. These activities, plus his cabin north of Maa and winters in Florida, still will keep him pretty busy, Kinnison confided.

People's Column

Group to Oppose New Parking Lot Planned by City

To the Editor:

We note with very great interest the accounts appearing in your issues concerning the tentative plans of the Birmingham city government to create a municipal parking lot in the Brown-Pierre-Merrill area.

In view of a proposed public hearing on this matter at the city commission meeting of Sept. 7, it might be of interest that a number of property owners affected by this project have signed for submission to the commission and other city officials, a memorandum opposing the proposed parking lot located in the Brown-Pierre-Merrill area in Birmingham as follows:

1. THE PROPOSED investment of city funds in property not now owned by the city is unwarranted, because the city now owns and can use the block bounded by Henrietta, Merrill, Bates and Martin.
2. Privately owned parking areas are being developed which are not yet fully utilized and privately owned parking areas already developed are not fully utilized.
3. The proposed city owned parking area in the Brown-Pierre-Merrill area will be a blighting influence on the property adjacent.

Similar parking areas in Royal Oak and Ferndale have been in existence five years or more and have not stimulated construction of business facilities on adjacent property. The same is true of the Highland Park municipal lot between Woodward and John R. avenue near Davidson avenue.

IN SPITE OF this fact it is proposed in Birmingham to assess adjacent property for funds to contribute to the cost of this project.

4. We believe the public good vehicles use the streets of Birmingham for parking have contributed funds for many years and are still contributing funds to provide parking facilities for themselves through action by the government, as far as it is justified by the financial ability of the city. We believe the benefits from parking facilities will accrue mainly to those persons driving their cars into Birmingham. We believe property already owned by the city should be used for this experimental project. And, we believe that no benefit can be guaranteed to property adjacent to a public parking lot. We therefore oppose the proposed assessments.

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D. Donald Hoester of 17333 Birchwood, Beverly Hills, has been added to the staff of the field department of The Macabees Life Insurance Society. As a field assistant, Hoester will work under the direct supervision of Field Director Robert O. Shepler. A graduate of the School of Business Administration of the University of Michigan, he has also attended Wayne University and the Detroit Institute of Technology.

Buffer Zone Made Of Two City Lots

Landscaping and planting of trees to make two city lots a buffer between residences and industry was authorized this week by the Birmingham city commission.

The two lots are situated at the northeast corner of Eton and Lincoln. Five city lots immediately to the east are planned for parking in connection with Eton park to the south.

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